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October 19, 2025

ALWAYS PRAY

&

NEVER
GIVE UP

LUKE 18:1-8

Mass Times & Intentions

TUES. Oct. 21/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Margaret Frasher- Bishop

WED. Oct. 22/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Abby Rosencrans

THURS. Oct. 23/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Stan and Rose Cairy

FRI. Oct. 24/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: The Gogel Family

SAT. Oct. 25/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Bob Neville

SAT. Oct. 25/ 6:30 PM, St. Joseph: Allan Kula

SUN. Oct. 26/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: Mary Nietert

SUN. Oct. 26/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: For the People

Reconciliation: 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick; 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at St. Stephen or by appointment.

For all other Sacraments, please, call or stop in either parish office.

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From Fr. Sean Smith

Dear Friends in Christ,



As a parishioner, a deacon, and a priest, I have had the opportunity to be a part of 14 parishes in my 32 years in Iowa. In my adult life I have been part of a total of 16 parishes, and 18 parishes in my entire life. That's not counting the seven parishes I was part of during my two years of seminary. I've been in city parishes in Chicago, city parishes in Iowa, and rural parishes in Iowa. I've been to Masses in Italy, Germany, Canada, and India, Masses said in English and Latin and German and Italian and Spanish and French and Vietnamese and Portuguese and Polish. What I'm saying here is, I've been around. And you know what I've found in every single place?

Good people. Holy people. Welcoming people. People who love the Lord and center their lives in prayer and participation in the sacraments and practice the works of mercy. People that offered their hand, shared their name, and told me to sit anywhere I liked and to join them for coffee and donuts after Mass. People that made me feel like I was part of the family. Wonderful priests and deacons and religious. Wonderful lay women and men.

What else did I find?

People that looked at me with eyes that communicated, "who are you?" People that looked at me and sometimes said to me, "you're sitting in my seat". People that said, "that's not how we do things here" or "we've always done it that way." People that were quick to point out, "this is the {nationality} parish. The {other nationality} parish is down the street." People that would say, "this is the liberal/conservative parish. The conservative/liberal parish is down the street." People that would say, "I've been here for 67 years; you're not part of this parish."

In short, every parish I have ever been part of is fully Catholic! People striving for holiness and falling short and needing to turn to God for his mercy and grace. People that love God and people that, at times, seem to love their football team more. People that are trying to love their neighbor as themselves, but are not always sure who their neighbor is or what it means to love them. People hungry to be fed by the Word of God and the sacraments and people that struggle to see the great banquet that is available to them. Curmudgeonly priests and deacons and religious. Curmudgeonly lay women and men.

People like you. People like me.

And all of us, all of us different people and different parishes and communities, find ourselves in the same place and time, right now, together on a *Journey in Faith*. It's not just an initiative of the Archdiocese of Dubuque in 2025, but the same journey that every child of God has had to take for 2000 years! We are not alone on this journey. You are not alone on this journey. Let's give each other some grace as we journey together.

+Peace,
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	Oct. 25 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	Oct. 25 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph	Oct. 26 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	Oct. 26 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
Lector	Charlotte Scheckel	Sarah Russell	Monica Carpenter	Bennett Clark
Children Liturgy	N/A	N/A	N/A	Shannon Clark Veronica Groesbeck
Eucharistic Ministers	*Larry Huinker Patty Delagardelle Sherry Engelbart *clean vessels	Jim Thielen Karen Thielen Teresa Uhlenkamp	Don Hatch Dianna Hackman Karrie Hempstead	*Lynn Engelken Steve Engelbart Ruthanne Weighton *clean vessels
Altar Servers	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	Harper Russell Owen Russell	Charlotte Carpenter Liam Cizmadia	Finley Clark McCoy Clark
Greeters	Jolene Huinker Larry Huinker	Jim Thielen Karen Thielen	John McGovern Denise McGovern	Malinda Engelbart Steve Engelbart
Ushers	Ron Althoff Marcia Finn	Jim Thielen Karen Thielen	John McGovern Denise McGovern	Rick Cook Michael Finn
Sacristan	Lori Huff	Gifts: Jason Russell Family	Gifts: Dave and Mary Allen	Geri Conley
Rosary	Rick Delagardelle	N/A	Steve Kueter	Linda Bonifazi-King

St. Patrick News



LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Dale Breon, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Mike Fitzsimmons, Amanda Gardner, Dan Gilmore, Patty Gilmore, Nancy Haefner, George Helle, Bob Holland, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Cheryl Leiferman, Lavonne Ludwig, James McIntyre (grandson of Patty Gilmore), Shannon McManus, Morgan Meyer, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, Barb Rumsey, Edith Schwes, John Secrist, Candy Shada, Cooper Sievers, Samuel Simko, Catherine Skarbek, Robert Skarbek, Caro Thompson, John K. Tigan, Mary Jo Yotty, those homebound and in care centers, those listed in our Prayer Intention Book

Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
Manford (Tony) & Ruth Hinz
 the week of October 26
Christ be our light
shine through the darkness



KC Paper Roses for Life

Congratulations St. Patrick! Donations to the KC Pro-Life paper roses totaled \$342.74. Super!

Weekday Lectors Needed!

We're looking for a few volunteers to help serve as lectors for our weekday Masses. If you're comfortable reading and would like to share God's Word with our parish community, we'd love to have you!

Please contact the parish office if you're interested.

LADIES, PREPARE YOUR HEART TO BE PURSUED BY THE LORD IN A WAY THAT DEEPENS YOUR LOVE FOR HIM, INVITES YOUR SOUL TO HEAL, AND FORTIFIES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

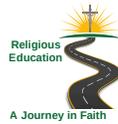


Next session is on Sunday, October 19 at 8:30 A.M.

Willis Dady Homeless Shelter is asking for donations of winter gear for clients in preparation for the cold months ahead. They are in need of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, and hand/foot warmers. Items may be placed in the black bin in the elevator entrance marked "Willis Dady". Please have items to the church by Sunday, November 16th.

A Most Important Meeting! Journey in Faith for St. Patrick Parish October 19 at 3:30 pm

Please make certain to attend the St. Patrick parish meeting to study and discuss the Journey in Faith process and models for the future of Anamosa St. Patrick parish and the surrounding parishes. Your questions are important and your feedback on the path forward is essential.



St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation Classes

Wed., Oct. 15th --Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm
Wed., Oct 22nd--Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm
Wed., Nov. 5th--Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm

Wow! If you missed the last TMIY session you missed a lot! Peter Kreeft analyzed the current cultural crisis for symptoms and causes AND then detailed a Catholic man's response, especially in protecting our families. Catholic men don't just standby as the culture and society draw our children away from us. Don't miss the next session of "That Man Is YOU!" Join us on Saturday at 6:00 am in the parish hall.



Session 8, October 25 The Kingdom of Comfort

The type of men we need to build the Kingdom
 The hidden and holy life of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz
 Confronting the kingdom of comfort
 A radical embrace of the Gospel Message to follow Christ
 Sacrifice, prayer, and untiring service
 A superabundant fruitfulness



Sandwich-to-Go is Back

Your favorite grilled meat sandwich shop is at it again. Anamosa Knights of Columbus are serving our famous hot grilled pork tenderloins for SANDWICH-to-GO on October 25 and 26 after Mass. All proceeds will go to support moms in need through Birthright and Bridgehaven. Please help the KCs to protect life and to assist moms.

Baby Donations

St. Patrick is sponsoring a "Bassinet for Babies" for the entire month of October, which is Pro-Life month. Your donations for new mothers with typically baby needs for newborn to 1 year can be placed in the bassinet near the elevator and will be taken to Bridgehaven in Cedar Rapids at the end of October. If you know of local mothers who could use some support with new babies, simply take what is needed from the bassinet.



A big thank you to all of you who helped make our St. Patrick Fall Festival a huge success! Financials will be posted at a later date. Congratulations to the raffle winners for 2025!



\$500--Gary Teymer
 \$300--Andrew Nielsen
 \$250--William Hanlon
 \$200--Jean Neville
 \$150--Mary Lou Eldred





St. John, Coggon | St. Joseph, Prairieburg | St. Stephen, Central City

LET US PRAY FOR...

Don Beranek, Anita Besler, Pat Cameron, Ruby Drexler, Karen Dunlap, Lauren Foss, Glenda Grant, Jean Greif, Barb Heller, Diane Korte, Steve Kueter, Cheryl LloydRyan, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Zora Ronan, Steve Walker, Sam Weller, James Weighton, Kenneth Zieser,

Living Rosary October 22, 2025

**Please join our youth on
Wednesday, October 22nd, for a
living version of the rosary
starting at 7PM**



**ROSARY WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE IN THE LOWER
PARKING LOT IF THE WEATHER ALLOWS. PLEASE
DRESS ACCORDINGLY. IF IT IS WET OUT WE WILL MEET
UPSTAIRS IN CHURCH.**

NLCC Youth Faith Formation



- October 22- Class- Living Rosary at 7pm
- October 29- - Family Night
- November 2- Confirmation

3rd Sunday, Social Justice Loose Change Collection will benefit Central City's own Senior Dining Program, providing meals for seniors in our area. Meals are served daily in the Falcon Center as well as delivered daily by volunteers to the homebound.



Stephen's Prayer Chain

If you wish to participate in the chain or have a prayer request, call or message 319-438-1170. Names and details are not required, a request will be sent to volunteers and prayer will be offered for that intention.




Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of
Richard Fleming
who passed away on this past week.

Knights of Columbus Annual French Toast BREAKFAST

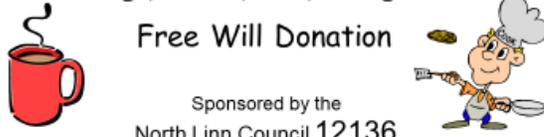
Sunday, 26 Oct 2025
7:30 – 10:00 a.m.
St. Stephen's Church
Central City



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Sausage, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice

Free Will Donation



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PARISH MEETING DATES	ST. STEPHEN'S	ST. JOHN	ST. JOSEPH
	Meeting #3- November 16 th at 3PM	Meeting #3 November 11 th at 6pm	Meeting #3- November 10 th at 6:30pm

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

One in 4 pregnancies will end in pregnancy loss, infant loss, or a stillborn birth. Please take a moment to pray this month for all the little ones in heaven that we hold in our hearts. See the "vine" in the gathering space at St. Stephen's and add a pumpkin to honor a little one in heaven.



Angel baby

All Parish News

Weekly Offerings--10/13

St. Patrick--\$2,293.00
 St. Joseph--\$271.00
 St. John--\$ 25.00
 St. Stephen--\$1,198.00
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$50.00
 St. Joseph Cemetery \$50.00

Weekly offerings can be made through automatic ACH withdrawals. Forms can be found on the parish websites. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off or put in the collection basket at Mass.

Scripture For The Week: Oct. 20 - Oct 26

Mon. 10/20	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 12:13-21
Tues. 10/21	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Luke 12:35-38
Wed. 10/22	Romans 6:12-18	Luke 12:39-48
Thurs. 10/23	Romans 6:19-23	Luke 12:49-53
Fri. 10/24	Romans 7:18-25a	Luke 12:54-59
Sat. 10/25	Romans 8:1-11	Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 26 Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Patrick Church
Thursday, October 23
5:00 PM

Our Call to Share – Fall Collection

Over the next few weeks, we'll collect gifts for the *Fall Our Call to Share* collection. You may have even received your mailing already.

In this 4-in-1 collection, donations are collected for international ministries, meaning the focus of their work is outside of our national borders. This collection is being taken up in the weeks surrounding *World Mission Sunday* (October 19th), which is not only a beneficiary of Our Call to Share, but also calls attention to the role we're all called to play in the global Church.

Supporting the Church abroad, in addition to supporting our local church is what makes the Catholic Church universal. This weekend, we are highlighting two of the collections in the *Fall Our Call to Share* collection.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection - Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people across the globe. Gifts to this collection reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

World Missions - Participating in World Mission Sunday (October 19, 2025) allows Catholics globally to live out the Great Commission, bringing the message of Christ to the ends of the earth and answering Christ's call to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo, is inspired by the Jubilee of Hope: "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples." It is an invitation to bring Christ's light and hope to the world, especially to communities where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share the love of Christ! For more information about how these funds are used, visit:

<https://pro.tpms.cloud.sitefinity.com/what-we-do/annual-report-transparency>

The Week Ahead

Sun. 10/19	3:30 p.m.	Journey In Faith Meeting: SP
Tue. 10/21	8:30 a.m.	Rosary: SP
Wed. 10/22	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Club: G & G
Sat. 10/25	6:00 a.m.	TMIY: SP
Sun. 10/26	8:30 a.m.	SHE: SP
	7:30 a.m.	KC Breakfast: SS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Today's gospel reminds us of the power of persistence. Do you and your spouse need to persist in something: praying as a family, saving for the home, looking for work? Encourage each other.

The best way to make sure your voice is included in the Journey in Faith process is by attending your local parish's session 2 and 3, where all input will be officially recorded and parishioners can engage in discussion and hear the feedback of others.

The online feedback form is available until November 21st. Family members and neighbors are encouraged to assist parishioners who do not have access to a computer or mobile device so their feedback can be shared if they are unable to attend a session 2 and/or 3. Those who prefer not to use technology may also mail written feedback to Pastoral Planning, 1229 Mount Loretta Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Pibrac, France 1589

Reprinted from Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

<http://www.miracolieuucaristici.org/en/Listelist.html>

The Eucharistic miracle of Pibrac is about Saint Germaine Cousin (1579-1601). In order for St. Germaine Cousin to participate in the Holy Celebration of the Mass, she had to cross through a violent stream with extremely high waters; the waters divided in two and let her pass undisturbed.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. The overturning of Roe v Wade reminds us that we are all called to do what is necessary to end the injustice of abortion.

You can join more than one million volunteers from around the world by praying in front of your local abortion facility, during the Sept. 24 - Nov. 2, "40 Days for Life" campaign. For more information go to 40daysforlife.com or contact Rick Delagardelle at 319-210-9374.

Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>



Couples Date Night Event

Married and engaged couples are invited to a Couples Date Night Event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque, on Friday, November 14th from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Join us to enrich your relationship through an evening that will include dinner, a talk by internationally recognized marriage speakers Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret, and time for conversation with each other and other couples. Learn more and register at

<https://dbqarch.org/couples-event>



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