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March 8, 2026



Mass Times & Intentions

TUES. Mar. 10/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Holy Souls in Purgatory

WED. Mar. 11/ 8:30 AM, St. Patrick: Leo/ Ruby Wuebker

THURS. Mar. 12/ 8:30 AM, St. Stephen: Darlene Fleming

FRI. Mar. 13/ 6:00 AM, St. Patrick: Margaret Bishop

SAT. Mar. 14/ 4:00 PM, St. Patrick: Leroy & Betty Gronbach

SAT. Mar. 14/ 6:30 PM, St. Joseph: Allan Kula

SUN. Mar. 15/ 8:00 AM, St. Stephen: For the People

SUN. Mar. 15/ 10:30 AM, St. Patrick: Dave & Wanda Eilers

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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Hours

Tues. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
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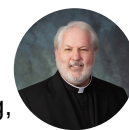
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From Father Sean

Dear Friends in Christ,



I've been asking some pretty heavy questions in my bulletin articles recently, so I'm going to take a little break from that this week and talk a bit about *Journey in Faith*. It may seem like things are pretty quiet from where you are sitting, but for me and the staff at St. Patrick and the Cluster, there is a lot going on!

One thing I want to emphasize, again, regardless of what you are hearing at the coffee shop or in the church parking lot or online—**there are no churches being closed or parishes being merged during this next year!** This year is about the coming together of parishes into a pastorate, with new priest assignments and a new Mass schedule, and working together to develop a plan for the pastorate moving forward. That is the immediate experience of parishioners beginning on July 14, 2026 (although we'll know the makeup of the pastorates in April). But there will be a lot taking place during the year to build community and collaboration and plan for the future!

We've had nine weeks so far of the Prep Series information I shared about a few months ago. Every week we receive a little more information and are asked to collect a little more information. We've been asked to pull together parish rosters, the rosters of Councils, Commissions, and Committees, the rosters of liturgical ministers, e.g., Lectors, Servers. We've been asked to pull together all the financial information, such as banks and credit/debit cards. We've been asked to survey our priest's living quarters. Many people don't realize everything it takes to run a parish, but we're being asked to gather all that information and make sure we have it easily accessible.

Our most recent Prep Series session was about the structure of Councils, Commissions, and Standing Committees moving forward. The coming together of the parishes into a Pastorate is new this year, with new Constitutions for the Councils and Commissions. I will be reaching out in the next week to all the current members of these groups with more details about the new structure being put in place for the transition year of 2026-2027. One thing for everyone to know is that there will not be elections for these groups this next year; the Pastor will work with individuals about how they may want to participate in the leadership structure moving forward.

That's it. That's all I know at this time, but things are definitely getting more real. Priests will likely be getting called soon and being asked to accept the assignment from the Archbishop to whatever Pastorate is being created. At this point, I'm just watching and waiting like everyone else. But as we read over and over in the Bible, "Be not afraid!"

+Peace,
Fr. Sean

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	March 14 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick	March 14 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph	March 15 8:00 a.m. St. Stephen	March 15 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick
Lector	Charlotte Scheckel	Sarah Russell	Mary Allen	Charlotte Niederhauser
Children Liturgy	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBD
Eucharistic Ministers	*Judy Dietiker Lynn Engelken Jayson Wagner *clean vessels	Jim Thielen Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Ruthanne Weighton Bob Matus Kris Matus	*Julie Corpstein Ellen Dehner Michael Dehner *clean vessels
Altar Servers	Isaac Sievert Jonah Wagner	Harper Russell Owen Russell	Nevaeh Klima Hazel Ward	Cooper Sievers Carl Steinlage
Greeters	TBD	Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Dianna Hackman Cheryl Hagerman	Rick Cook
Ushers	Thomas Swisher Gary Teymer	Don Reichenauer LaRae Reichenauer	Dianna Hackman Cheryl Hagerman	Keith Doyle Rick Sievers
Sacristan	Charlene Knutsen	Gifts: The Russell Family	Gifts: Dianna Hackman and Cheryl Hagerman	Carol Husmann Greg Husmann
Rosary	Greg Pospisil	N/A	Craig Pilcher	Paul Johnson

St. Patrick News



LET US PRAY FOR...

Mary Barnes, Dale Breon, Matthew Corpstein, Jordan Darrow, Mike Fitzsimmons, Amanda Gardner, Connie Gogel, Nancy Haefner, Audrey Harwell, Russell Harwell, George Helle, Bob Holland, Loretta Holzinger, Allen Hudson, Esther Hudson, Jennifer Jeffrey, Matthew Jennings, Alvin Johnson, Cheryl Leiferman, Lavonne Ludwig, Shannon McManus, Morgan Meyer, Dennis Moss, Sharon Nakielski, Ember O'Donnell, Angie Osterkamp, Deb Paustian, John Secrist, Candy Shada, Cooper Sievers, Sarah Simko, 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
Dearborn Family
the week of March 8
Christ be our light
shine through the darkness

Rosary Prayed Before Daily Masses

At most daily Masses at St. Patrick, there will now be a rosary prayed beginning 1/2 hour before Mass begins. This is a great opportunity to begin a routine of praying a daily rosary as well as communal prayer. The rosary will typically be finished in time for private prayer before Mass begins.



This Sunday! Ladies, You're Invited!

She Shall Be Called Woman: Come grow in faith, prayer, and sisterhood as we allow Christ's light to renew our hearts and lives.

Sundays, at 8:30 a.m.

Location: St. Patrick Church Parish Hall
All women are welcome!



Meal-to-Go for Catholic Heart Workcamp



Support our St. Patrick and North Linn youth attending **Catholic Heart Workcamp** this summer by grabbing a Meal-to-Go on **March 7 and 8!** Enjoy a delicious **1/4 lb all-beef hot dog** and help our older youth prepare for their mission trip.

We'll also have **Two Scoop Pint Ice Cream cards** available for purchase—perfect to pair with your meal and a great way to further support our teens in their service to others.



St. Patrick Youth Faith Formation Classes

Wed., Mar. 11th -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm

Wed., Mar. 18th -- No Class- Spring Break

Wed., Mar. 25th -- Grades 1-11 class at 6:15 pm

Sat. Mar. 28th -- First Communion Retreat 9:00 am



Calling All Men! TMIY Is For You!!



Do you spend each day aligning your will with the pursuit of heaven through your daily choices that reject sin and embrace God's grace? Last Saturday the men of TMIY found how important this is in our path to heaven. **TMIY is a great way to meet some men you may not know well.** This Saturday would be a **GREAT** Saturday to attend. Join us at 6:00 am for really bad coffee and really good conversation about making our Faith real.

Don't miss the next session.



St. Patrick's Potato Bar Celebration

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

12:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Church Hall

Lunch featuring a baked potato bar

AND.....

Card games to follow..

Sponsored by Parish Life

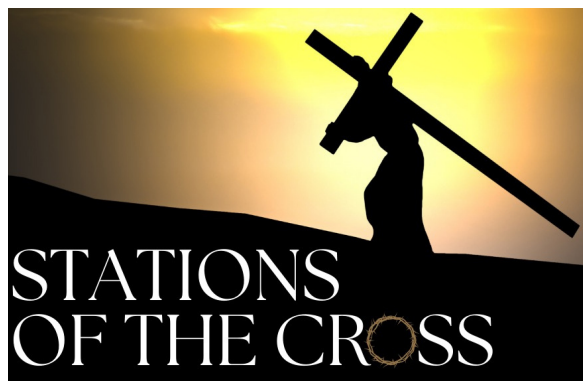


Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Olga McNamara

who passed away this past week.

May God's perpetual light shine upon her and bring comfort to her family.



St. Patrick Catholic Church

Fridays at 5:30 PM



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, Jean Greif, Barb Heller, Diane Korte, Stan Lawrence, Larry and Sharon Lebeda, Cheryl LloydRyan, Skip Powers, Dan Reiter, Sharon Reiter, Zora Ronan, Steve Walker, Sam Weller, James Weighton, those homebound and in care centers, those listed in our Prayer Intention Book

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Glenda Grant
who passed away this past week.
May God's perpetual light shine upon her
and bring comfort to her family.



NLCC Youth Faith Formation

- March 11th – K-9 Class and Stations of the Cross Independent and Interactive
- March 18th- No Classes because of Spring Break
- March 25th- K-9 Class and Stations of the Cross Independent/Interactive
- March 28th- First communion Retreat 1-3 PM
- March 29th- Confirmation Mass and Class



This Month's Third Sunday Loose Change Collection will be going to the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

The money donated will help support its retired priests by providing stipends and healthcare. Our Retired priests remain active, assisting with Masses, retreats, and community events- at times helping cover Masses for our working priests when they are sick.



Please be generous in your donations to our retired priests.

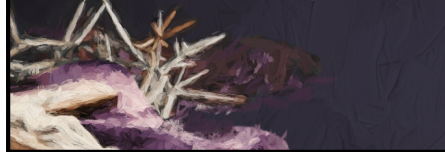
The North Linn Mass intention books (St. John, St. Joseph, and St. Stephen) are currently full up to July 2026.



Once the Journey in Faith process has been finalized an announcement of when the books will open again will be posted.

Individual Lenten Confession

Thursday, March 5th at St. Joseph, 6-8 PM
Thursday, March 12th at St. Patrick, 6-8 PM
Tuesday, March 24th at St. John, 6-8PM
Thursday, March 26th at St. Stephen, 6-8PM



St 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.



A big Thank You to those who donated to Mount Olivet Cemetery in memory of Kenneth Zieser.



Our Faith formation families are taking part in Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl this Lent.
If you are interested in participating, materials can be found in the gathering space at St. Stephen's.

All Parish News

Third Week of Lent

Wed. March 11	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Interactive/ Independent Stations : St. Stephen
Thurs. March 12	5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration: St. John
	6-8:00 PM	Individual Confessions: St. Patrick
Fri. March 13	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross: St. Patrick

All Parish News

Weekly Offerings—3/2

St. Patrick—\$8,741.00
 St. Joseph—\$340.00
 St. John—\$25.00
 St. Stephen—\$2,977.00
 Mt. Olivet Cemetery \$
 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: March 9- March 15

Mon. 3/9	2 Kings 5:1-15ab	Luke 4:24-30
Tues. 3/10	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. 3/11	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs. 3/12	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri. 3/13	Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Sat. 3/14	Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 15 Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Catholic Church
Thursday March 12
5:00 PM



Friday Mass Change St. Patrick Church

Mass on Fridays during Lent will be celebrated at 6:00 AM.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day 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 Feb. 18 - Mar. 29, "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>

The Week Ahead

Tue. 3/10	8:30 a.m.	Rosary: SP
	1:00 p.m.	Pray Group: SP
Wed. 3/11	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Club: G & G
Thurs. 3/12	6:00 p.m.	Individual Confession: SP
Fri. 3/13	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross: SP

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference

EPIC for High School teens - Saturday, March 21, 2026, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

ICYC for Middle School youth - Sunday, March 22, 2025, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Both events are held at St. Ludmila Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and feature Scally Brothers!.



To register, visit:

<https://dbqarch.org/icyc-family-registration>

As our parish continues our Journey in Faith, we are called to be thoughtful stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Electronic giving through ACH/EFT helps ensure your offertory gift is received accurately and consistently at your parish, and allows your support to continue with intention, regardless of where you attend Mass. Call or stop in the parish office during business hours to learn more or set up your giving schedule.



Journey in Faith: Hope for Renewal

During Lent, we are called to conversion of heart and renewal in Christ. The Journey in Faith process continues to guide our Archdiocese toward that same renewal — strengthening parishes for mission and vitality. Each step of this journey is grounded in prayer and collaboration, ensuring that our Church remains alive in faith and responsive to the needs of today and tomorrow. We ask you to keep this process in your Lenten prayers and to stay connected at dbqjourneyinfaith.org, where you'll find updates and resources for reflection. Together, may we walk in hope toward the renewal God desires for His Church.

Eucharistic Miracle of Guadalupe, Spain 1420

Reprinted from the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
<http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

During the celebration of the Mass, a priest saw numerous drops of Blood fall from the consecrated Host. The miracle contributed to strengthening the belief of the priest and many of the faithful, among whom was also the King of Castile. There are numerous documents that testify to the miracle. The relics of the marvel had been exhibited for the veneration of the faithful during the Eucharistic Congress of Toledo in 1926 and even today are the objects of deep devotion to the whole of the Spanish people.



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