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MASS TIMES:

Mon: No Mass
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM (April to September)
4:00 PM (October to March)
Sunday Morning: 9:30 AM
Holidays: As announced in the bulletin

**ST. COLUMBANUS
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Weston, IA



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22720 Weston Ave
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Served from Neola

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM
Holidays: As announced in the bulletin
Reconciliation by appointment

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11/12, 2020

READING I Isaiah 55:10-11
READING II Romans 8:18-23
GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18/19, 2020

READING I Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
READING II Romans 8:26-27
GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

**WEEKEND REFLECTION – 15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

There is a great power in the Word of God, a power so amazing and creative beyond our human imagination. The Word of God is alive and active, and it possesses an inherent capacity to achieve what is good. In the story of creation, we see the power of the Word manifested in action. God made all that is in heaven, on earth, and under the earth only by pronouncing His Word. This is awesome!

In several passages of the Gospels, Jesus is manifested as the Word of God made flesh doing great wonders with words. All his healing and miracles were accomplished by the command of his words – “Be healed” and the sick is healed; “Lazarus arise” and he rose; “Be calm” and the sea and violent storm was calm. God is truly present in His Word and the Word of God is God at work. Like the sower in today’s parable, God continues to sow His word in our hearts today. We need to allow it grow in our hearts to bear many fruits in our lives.

Daily Prayer This Week from Online Ministries:

This week, we are invited to place our trust in God as we respond more and more deeply to the invitation of Jesus to be his disciples.

How can we find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives, while reflecting on our discipleship? By letting these precious messages of Jesus to us settle into our hearts. If we really hear them, they will become a part of us this week. It doesn't take much time. It takes a focus. Each day, we can let these words of Jesus interact with what is going on in our daily lives.

All we need to do is to begin each day simply naming these desires that the readings reveal in us. Then, throughout the day, in the in-between times - dressing, driving, walking from one place to another, finding myself alone here or there - I can have brief conversations with the Lord asking for these graces. In particularly difficult times, or in times when my weaknesses reveal themselves to me, I can recognize the desire more deeply and express that to the Lord, growing in gratitude for the intimacy and grace I am experiencing each day.

Weekday Masses

July 13 - NO MASS
 July 14 - Mark Welbourne 8:30 AM
 July 15 - Rob Osbahr 8:30 AM
 July 16 - Special Intention 8:30 AM
 July 17 - Donald Zimmerman 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

July 18 - Jerry Konz 5:30 PM
 July 19 - St. Columbanus - Gene & Carolyn Denning 8:00 AM
 July 19 - St. Patrick's 9:30 AM

Notes for Ministers:

1. Ministers are not allowed over the "at-risk" age of 65 years old. We look forward to your help once the pandemic is over. If you are not in the "at-risk" age group, but still would prefer not to participate at this time, please let us know as soon as possible.
2. Lectors: Must wear a mask in their pew, but ok to take it off when at the ambo reading. The mask may mumble words too much.
3. Altar Servers will not be used at this time per the Diocese guidelines.
4. Eucharistic Ministers: We will only need one minister per Mass. This person will distribute the body from the back of church. You must wear a mask the entire time. Please follow the new communion guidelines when receiving from Father on the altar. Distribution from the chalice is forbidden at this time.
5. Tithing Counters: We are not able to take up a collection at this time, but there are boxes at the entrances of church for people to put their tithes/donations. On your days, please take the money from both boxes and count like normal.
6. Communion to Shut-Ins: This ministry is not allowed at this time.

JULY 18, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Shannon Nye
 EME - David Mann

JULY 19, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Matt Brummett
 EME's - Liz Lyons

JULY 25, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Stacie Denning
 EME's - Andrea Bolte

JULY 26, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Lynette Oberdorfer
 EME's - Chad Harder

AUGUST 1, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Amy Ausdemore
 EME's - Nate Bolte

AUGUST 2, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Sue Welbourne
 EME's - Shannon Nye

TITHING COUNTERS

July 12- Jeannie Disalvo	Terryl Greiner	
July 19 - Teresa Hoffman	Liz Lyons	Sara Pauley
July 26 - Peggy Thielen	Mark Pogge	Dani Baxter
Aug 2 - Anne Brummett	Jeannie Disalvo	Sara Pauley

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU MAY THINK:

Considering a Catholic school for your child but concerned about the cost of tuition? Catholic education is more affordable than you may think. Every year the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) provides tuition assistance to eligible families whose children attend one of the sixteen Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines. The criteria for receiving assistance is based on family size and income. Last year, CTO provided scholarships to nearly 2,000 students throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. **The next deadline to apply for CTO is Friday, July 31, 2020.** Visit www.ctodsmdiocese.org to learn more and apply.

FACEBOOK: Don't forget to check out our Facebook page by searching for "St. Patricks & St. Columbanus Churches". If you haven't already joined the group, please click on the Join Group button and we will get you approved. We post a lot of pictures and notices here, so please check it out.

WEBSITES: The church website also has lots of information. Please visit our website at www.stpatricksneola.com. You can also find lots of cemetery information at www.neolaiowacemetery.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13-17- At Home Vacation Bible School (see info below)
 July 18/19- Priest from Missionary Fraternity of Mary celebrating Masses
 July 31 - MOHM's Place Meal
 Sept 7 - Labor Day

Memorial Calendar:

July 13 - Memorial of St. Henry
 July 14 - Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 July 15 - Memorial of St. Bonaventure
 July 16 - Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 July 18 - Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis
 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Tithing Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,165.00	\$ 2,165.00
Plate	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Children's Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Vacation Bible School is this week (July 13-17)!!! Keep an eye out on Facebook for Daily Challenges and enjoy the take home packets filled with activities and great prizes. Please consider filling out an At-Home VBS Evaluation to let us know your thoughts. The VBS packet and Evaluation Form can be found on our website at http://stpatricksneola.com/vacation_bible_school

BAPTISM ACCOUNCEMENTS: Through the Holy waters of Baptism, Josephine Alvina Syvertsen, daughter of Taylor Syvertsen and Leanna Ortman, AND Clementine Marie Ortman, daughter of Chas & Tuesday (Dom) Ortman, were baptized into the Catholic Faith and this parish community. We welcome them to our parish family with great joy. May the Spirit of God be their guide.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Thank you to the families who have made a pledge to this year's ADA. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your gift can make a real difference. Pledge cards are available in the church entrances & can be sent to the parish office.

Your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes an impact!

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST
ministries that bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all

- 1,761 new members of the faith through baptism
- 17 Catholic Schools with spiritual growth opportunities and events
- 1,533 couples united with the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 35,000 households receive the Good News in the Catholic Home

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK
the people of God

- 11,000 Catholic members of the faith
- 400 engaged couples undergoing marriage preparation
- 36 parishes with 52 priests
- 19 parishes with 112 altar servers
- 15 parishes with 15 altar servers

THIS IS YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED
ministries that open the door for people to receive God's mercy

- 4 Catholic hospitals offering health, community and assistance of care
- 175 missions reached in 11 countries of the Holy Spirit

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF FAITH
supporting parishes/organizations

- \$115,000 in local flood relief grants
- 25,000 dollars raised by Catholic churches
- 21,000 employees and military undergo screening and training to ensure a safe environment for our children
- 1,765 employees with managed benefit plans
- 40,000 programs Catholic with outreach and ministry needs
- 80 parishes with military and administrative service

OUR PARISH GOAL:
 St. Patrick's: \$43,104
 St. Columbanus: \$4,724

Visit dndiocece.org/giving for more information on the ADA and charitable giving.

WELCOME FATHER SYLVESTER OKOH



Fr. Sylvester Okoh (left) is welcomed to St. Patrick's in Neola and St. Columbanus in Weston by outgoing pastor Fr. Daniel A. Danso.

Fr. Sylvester is from Nigeria. He was educated at Hope Waddell Training Institute in Nigeria and the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. He did his post-graduate work in Communications at Cross River University of Technology in Nigeria. After ordination in November 2008, he worked as a High School Principal and Instructor at the State College of Education. He had to leave after being enlisted by his Bishop to work in the Caribbean Island of Grenada in West Indies. From there he moved to the United States where he has been engaged in hospital ministry since 2019. Father Okoh came to the Des Moines Diocese in February where he served as a chaplain at CHI Health-Mercy in Council Bluffs.

Fr. Danso is leaving us after 5 years and going to St. Mary's, Guthrie Center; St. Patrick's, Bayard; and St. Cecilia, Panora. We will miss him and wish him the best. If you would like to send a card or letter to Fr. Danso, here is his address: St. Mary's Catholic Church, 603 Main St, Guthrie Center IA 50115. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you!

We welcome you into God's family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please pick up a registration form at one of the entrances of the church, stop by the parish office, or call Father Sylvester for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: To have your child baptized you must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least three months before requesting a baptismal date. Baptismal requests must be made at least one month before the desired date. A baptismal class is required for first time parents and other parents who have not had a formal baptismal class. The class is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING): Anointing is available upon request. It is available: in serious illness, before surgery & in emergency at anytime. Please call the parish office.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS: Please call the parish office when a parishioner is admitted to any of the hospitals or care centers. Hospitals no longer alert us to that information due to a confidentiality law. If a homebound parishioner would like a pastoral visit, or to receive the Eucharist, call the parish office. The Eucharist is taken to the homebound on Sundays by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): By appointment only at this time.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The process of becoming a Catholic or completing the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation for adults or children is celebrated in the parish. Please call the parish office for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE): To be married at the parish, you or your intended spouse or your parents must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least six months before a date can be requested, with a minimum of six months for marriage preparation. The couple therefore needs to talk with a priest or deacon six months before the anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for reception before seeing & meeting with a priest or deacon AND before your wedding is placed in the parish calendar. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice may be necessary. Please plan accordingly.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Fridays: Mass 8:30 a.m. followed by Exposition till 10:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Suspended until further notice.

UPDATE OF PARISH ROSTER: A constant effort of the parish office is updating our current registered parishioners. If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. If you are moving to a new location, or if parishioners know of someone who has moved, please call the parish office.

PRAYER CHAIN: To request prayers, call Bonnie Turner at 712-485-2570 or 402-672-3756 and she will start the process to get the 30+ individuals on the chain praying for your intention. There is also a prayer intention book at the entrance of church in which you can offer/write your prayer intention/request.

NEOLA CEMETERY: Please contact the Parish Office at 712-485-2124 or visit our website at neolaiowacemetery.com for all cemetery inquiries.

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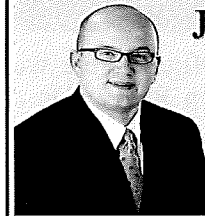
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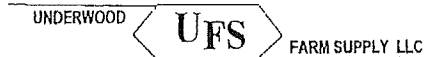
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