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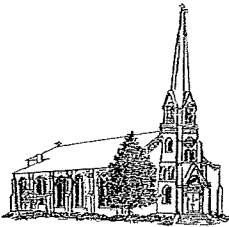
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MASS TIMES:

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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weston, IA



St. Columbanus Catholic Church
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

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25/26, 2020

READING I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

READING II Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKEND REFLECTION – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sometimes it worries us that evil people tend to do well in life. They prosper and become rich and famous while upright people seem to find life hard and almost unbearable. It surprises us the more when in our presence, evil people hatch their evil plans against innocent people, perfectly execute them and get away free. At such moments we wonder if God really sees what is going on, and we tend to doubt His justice and sovereignty. We question why God does not strike the evil one dead instantly before evil plans are executed. The point is there are many good seeds in the world and in each one of us. God is aware that there are “weeds” – evil people but he wants us to concentrate on the positive side of goodness and grow around those who are the “wheat” – good people. We are to learn from Him to be patient with others and to realize that **POWER** and **JUSTICE** should not be divorced from **MERCY** and **LENIENCY**. While we do this, we should not allow the weeds or evil that prop up from time to time to overshadow the wheat or goodness in us.

Daily Prayer This Week from Online Ministries:

"Comparisons are odious," is a well known piece of wisdom. It is helpful be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciples is not about comparing ourselves with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other. It is about being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in my life and for the grace to be servant as Jesus is servant.

Weekday Masses

July 20 - NO MASS
 July 21 - Leo Masker 8:30 AM
 July 22 - Jerry O'Connor 8:30 AM
 July 23 - Jack Moffatt 8:30 AM
 July 24 - Denny Kay 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

July 25 - Steve Divin 5:30 PM
 July 26 - St. Columbanus 8:00 AM
 July 26 - 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 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

AUGUST 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Lector - Travis Bolte
 EME - Andrea Bolte

AUGUST 9, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Matt Brummett
 EME's - Rhea Gross

TITHE COUNTERS

July 19 - Teresa Hoffman	Liz Lyons	Sara Pauley
July 26 - Peggy Thielen	Mark Pogge	Dani Baxter
Aug 2 - Anne Brummett	Jeannie Disalvo	Sara Pauley
Aug 9 - Terryl Greiner	Rita Heinen	Mark Pogge

CONFESSIONS: Father Sylvester will be in the confessional to hear confessions from 5:00 to 5:25 on Saturday evenings before Mass. Confessions must be over by 5:25, so Father can get ready for Mass. If this time does not work for you, please contact the parish office at 712.485.2124 and we can schedule another time.

PARISH OFFICES: The parish offices will be moved to the Faith Formation building on Saturday, July 25th, starting at 9:00 am. There is a lot to be moved, so we could use quite a bit of manpower and womanpower. If you are able to help, please be at the rectory by 9:00 am on the 25th. Thanks!

"In this life, there is nothing more important or fulfilling than developing a friendship with God."

MATTHEW KELLY
 I Heard God Laugh



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31 - MOHM's Place Meal
 Aug 1/2 - Catholic Charities Collection (see below)
 Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug 22/23 - Collection for the Church in Africa
 Sept 7 - Labor Day

Memorial Calendar:

July 20 - Memorial of St. Apollinaris
 July 21 - Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 July 22 - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
 July 23 - Memorial of St. Bridget
 July 24 - Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf
 July 25 - Feast of St. James



Tithing Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,665.00
Plate	\$ 37.00	\$ 67.00
Children's Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you for participating and leading this year's At-Home Vacation Bible School! We are grateful for your support and engagement and hope you had a great week! We would love to hear your feedback of the week. Please fill out the evaluation that can be found at http://stpatricksneola.com/vacation_bible_school at the bottom of the page. Or, consider calling or emailing Alyssa with any feedback.

BAPTISM ACCOUNCEMENTS: Through the Holy waters of Baptism, Kypson Scott Pape and Krue Walter Paper, twin sons of Brandon & Lisa (Minahan) Pape, 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.

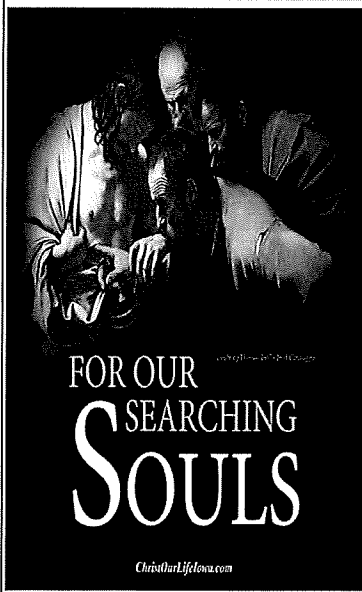
CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: From Bishop Joensen:

"Each summer, Catholic Charities of Des Moines invites our parishes to participate in the Second Collection that is specifically focused on the programs and services offered through Catholic Charities to empower individuals and strengthen families within our Des Moines Diocese.

While our world continues to change in unprecedented ways, the needs for the most essential services to our neighbors have only increased. Through its array of programs Catholic Charities provides: family counseling, as well as school-based counseling located within many of our Catholic schools; two family shelters in Des Moines and Council Bluffs respectively; a food pantry, refugee resettlement; and programming in a nine-county area in southwest Iowa focused on domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. During the present COVID-19 pandemic, these programs have continued to maintain uninterrupted services to our diocesan communities while annually serving more than 25,000 individuals and families.

Most recently, through generous donors, Catholic Charities is in the process of distributing \$250 pre-paid VISA cards for basic necessities to over 280 current and former clients as part of a COVID-19 Relief Fund. I encourage you to make a gift to Catholic Charities through the Second Collection. Founded 95 years ago, the social ministry of Catholic Charities continues to "labor in the streets inviting and serving those who have been left out" (excerpt from the Catholic Charities USA prayer)."

Donations can be placed in the baskets located at the main entrances of church.



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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.

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): Saturday 5:00 - 5:25 pm; or any other time by appointment.

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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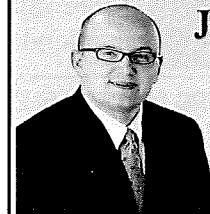
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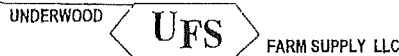
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