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MASS TIMES:
Weekdays: See page 2 for schedule
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
Reconciliation: First Saturday evening before Mass

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weston, IA



St. Columbanus Catholic Church
22720 Weston Ave
Underwood, IA 51576-3920
Served from Neola

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

January 17/18, 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
PSALM 40: Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.
READING II 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
GOSPEL John 1:29-34

January 24/25, 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I Isaiah 8:23—9:3
PSALM 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
READING II 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Taken from "Pastoral Patterns" by GIA Publications, Inc.

Ever since Christmas we have heard how Jesus was revealed over time to the wider world. He was made manifest to the nearby shepherds on the night of his birth. The magi followed the star from distant lands to the east. Last week we heard that the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, revealing Jesus at his baptism. Today we hear John the Baptist see Jesus and testify, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." We say the same words at each Eucharist. May they resonate with us today and always.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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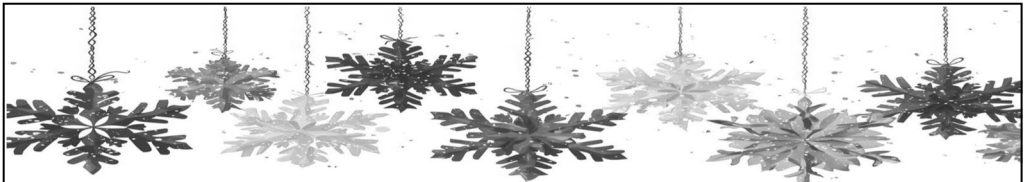
Today, we are reminded to listen for Jesus' call to follow him. Isaiah realized God's call of service, referring to himself as God's servant, commissioned to proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul recognized that God willed him to be an apostle and today we hear him tell the members of the church in Corinth that God calls them to be holy. John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God and Son of God, the one to follow instead of him. May we listen for his call so that we may respond, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Today's Gospel begins with John the Baptist's bold proclamation: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). But John goes on to confess - twice - that at first he did not know him. Even though the whole reason he called on people to repent and be baptized was to prepare for the Lord's arrival, he himself did not recognize Jesus until he saw the Holy Spirit come down upon him like a dove. We all likely visualize Jesus somewhat differently. We may picture him the way renaissance artists portrayed him, or from an image used on a holy card, or an image we've seen developed by forensic anthropologists or even one recently created by AI. But no matter which image we're picturing, we too would probably not recognize him in a crowd. We know him from what he does. As John testified, he "takes away the sin of the world."

Question of the Week

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How will I witness to my faith, to Jesus, this week?



Weekday Masses

Jan 19 - No Mass
 Jan 20 - No Mass
 Jan 21 - St. Columbanus Parish 6:00 PM
 Jan 22 - No Mass
 Jan 23 - St. Patrick Parish - Eileen Denning 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Jan 24 - St. Patrick Parish - Joe Wellman 4:00 PM
 Jan 25 - St. Columbanus Parish 8:00 AM
 Jan 25 - St. Patrick Parish - Irmgard Vaiskunas 9:30 AM

JANUARY 24, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Lucy Elsener
 Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
 Travis Bolte
 Andrea Bolte

JANUARY 31, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Ashley Lopez
 Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
 Eric Busch
 Maureen Mann

FEBRUARY 7, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lectors - David Mann
 Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
 Norm Baker
 Kari Kunze

TITHE COUNTERS

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| Jan 18 - Roger Hall | Rita Heinen | Jim Mahlberg |
| Jan 25 - Roberta Morse | Kevin Nye | Mark Pogge |
| Feb 1 - Cecilia Powell | Dani Baxter | Roger Hall |
| Feb 8 - Diane Rodenburg | Sue Stenlund | Rita Heinen |

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Jan 18 - Carolyn McDermott | Roberta Morse |
| Jan 25 - Samantha Nye | Norm Baker |
| Feb 1 - Jeannie Disalvo | Jennifer Fischer |
| Feb 8 - Liz Lyons | Carolyn McDermott |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Did you know that the Neola Chapter #1115 of the KOC was started back on April 29, 1906? That means it will be 120 years old this year. The Chapter went dormant not long before Covid hit, but we would like to get it back up and active. We will be having a meeting on March 1st in the parish hall after 9:30 am Mass. This meeting is for any current members as well as anyone that would like to join and is open for men from both St Patrick and St Columbanus. We hope you can attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 712-485-2750.

PALMS: If you have old Palms that you would like burnt and used for Ash Wednesday, they can be left in the basket in the sacristy until February 8th. And mark your calendars for Lent to begin on February 18 with Ash Wednesday.

DIOCESAN SOLIDARITY FUND: This fund serves the people of God in the 23 counties of the Diocese of Des Moines when a need arises and the most local parish of faith community has exhausted resources and abilities to meet the need. We will take up a second collection for the Diocesan Solidarity Fund next weekend, January 24th & 25th. Please be generous.

ANDREWS DINNER: Any men high school aged to 25 years old who may be discerning a call to the priesthood are invited to the Andrews Dinner on January 31st from 4:15 to 7:30 at St. Albert. 4:30 Evening Prayer - 5:00 Mass with Bishop - 6:00 Dinner

Calendar of Events:

Jan 21 - Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass
 Jan 24/25 - Diocesan Solidarity Fund Collection
 Jan 25 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
 Coffee & Rolls, after 9:30 am Mass
 Jan 28 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
 Jan 29 - Auction Setup, 6:00 pm
 Jan 31 - Parish Auction (see next page)
 Feb 1 - No Faith Formation Classes
 Feb 2 - Presentation of the Lord Mass, St Patrick, 8:30 am
 Feb 3 - St Blaise Mass, St Patrick, 6:30 pm
 Feb 5 - First Thursday Adoration & Reconciliation, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Feb 7 - Reconciliation, 3:00-3:45 pm
 Feb 8 - Children's Mass
 Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
 Rooted Families Class, after 9:30 am Mass
 Coffee & Rolls, after 9:30 am Mass
 Feb 10 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
 Feb 11 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
 Feb 15 - All Family Faith Formation & High School, hall, after Mass

Offering Report

| | Last Weeks | Fiscal Year to Date |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 2,065.98 | \$ 59,469.82 |
| Open Offering | \$ 139.00 | \$ 5,302.50 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 24.00 | \$ 430.35 |

Memorial Calendar

Jan 18 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Jan 19 - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Jan 20 - Memorial of St. Fabian
 Memorial of St. Sebastian
 Jan 21 - Memorial of St. Agnes
 Jan 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
 of Unborn Children
 Jan 23 - Memorial of St. Vincent
 Memorial of St. Marianne Cope
 Jan 24 - Memorial of St. Francis de Sales



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, CLARINDA **51st ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Sunday, January 25, 2026 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
 J. Bruner's, 117 N 15th, Clarinda
 Free will offering - Carry out available

 **Chili & Pie Contest Benefit** 
For Sister Parish
in Colombia
Saturday, January 24, 2026, 5:00PM- 6:30PM
Corpus Christi Great Hall, 3304 4th Ave,
Council Bluffs
Chili-Soup-Pie-Desserts-Beverages
All for a Free-Will Donation!

To enter contest, register your homemade chili and/or pie after Masses on January 10/11 or January 16/17 ... or call the parish office (712-323-2916) by January 21

Drop off your Chili and/or Pie at the Great Hall between 3:00 and 4:30 on Saturday, January 24

Chili Prizes*: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$25
Pie Prizes:** 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$25, 3rd: \$15

*Judged by attendees
 **Judged by selected panel

Event will also include Silent Auction and Raffle Items!!

Invite all your family to come, eat and vote for your favorite chili!



St Patrick Neola Parish Auction

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

Mass 4:00 pm
Dinner 4:30 pm
Auction 6:00 pm

PARISH HALL
309 3RD ST, NEOLA
\$15 PER PERSON
8 & UNDER \$5

Staley's Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw,
Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert

For Questions or Donations, please contact the
parish office at 712-485-2750

Please no TVs, Entertainment Centers, or Exercise Equipment

All donations must be received by noon on
January 31st to be listed in the program.

PARISH AUCTION

1. Donation Items Needed: The parish hall will be unlocked for two weeks prior to the auction from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday thru Friday for anyone wishing to drop off auction items. Please put the items on the stage. Please put your name on items donated so we can get them listed in the catalog. If these hours do not work for you, please call the parish office at 712.485.2750 and we will make other arrangements for you.
2. Food and homemade items are also wonderful donations for the auction. For example: cinnamon rolls, enchiladas, pies, cookies, bars, etc. And don't forget those homemade jelly's, butters, and bread.
3. Monetary Donations: If you are unsure what to donate to the auction, monetary donations are always accepted. We'd be happy to do the shopping for you.
4. Liquor License Rules: Alcohol purchased at the auction can NOT be opened on the premises. The items will be kept by the auction committee, and you can have the item when you have paid for your purchases and are leaving.
5. Donating Alcoholic Items: If you donate any alcoholic items to be auctioned off, we must have a copy of the receipt for our files. This is required by the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division. The receipts can be taped to the alcohol or given to any auction committee member.
6. Help Needed: Please consider volunteering your time at this year's auction (high school helpers also needed). We need lots of help.
 - Thursday, January 29th (6:00 pm): hall-set-up
 - Friday, January 30th (1:00 pm): food preparation & decorating
 - Saturday, January 31st, kitchen & auction help:
 - Shift #1: 3:00 to 5:30
 - Shift #2: 5:30 to 7:30
 - Shift #3: 6:30 to 8:30 (kitchen cleanup)
 - Shift #4: 10:30ish (auction cleanup)
7. Desserts Needed: Please consider making a dessert for the auction. Bars and cookies are preferred just for the ease of serving. Please have bars & cookies to the parish hall by 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 31st.

January Birthdays

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| Jocelyn Vermeersch | 2 | Morgan Michels | 8 | Susan McCall | 21 | John Slobodnik | 28 |
| Scott Brooks | 3 | Bristol Ehlers | 9 | Mark Pogge | 21 | Ben Ausdemore | 28 |
| Lucy Elsener | 3 | Jan Divin | 12 | Jeff Anderson | 21 | Bentley Harman | 28 |
| Debra Minahan | 4 | Charles Williams | 12 | Dylan Reineke | 21 | Saralee Ring | 30 |
| Willy Corrin | 4 | Rachel Stolz | 13 | Hayden Thomas | 21 | Chris McCollough | 30 |
| Carol Shudak | 5 | Cole Stunkard | 13 | Deacon Bladt | 22 | Joseph Williams | 30 |
| Drew Ferguson | 5 | August Jacobsen | 13 | Ronald Ring | 23 | Dean Fischer | 31 |
| Johnathan Lessard | 6 | Nicole Ausdemore | 15 | Austin Winship | 24 | Steve Dollen | 31 |
| Alex Ausdemore | 6 | Timothy Spiker | 15 | Margaret Fischer | 25 | | |
| Owen Fletcher | 6 | Sue Stenlund | 16 | Leo Casson | 25 | | |
| Jan Craft | 7 | Jade Daughenbaugh | 16 | Carol Reid | 26 | | |
| Kurt Wollenhaupt | 7 | Nolan Kunze | 16 | Jane Barnes | 26 | | |
| Eric Busch | 7 | Lawrence Gubbels | 17 | Deb Neukirch | 26 | | |
| Abram Goeser | 7 | Heather Lessard | 17 | Grace Pierce | 26 | | |
| Gary Kennedy | 8 | Ava Konz | 17 | Joe Masker | 27 | | |
| Edward Hough | 8 | Ethan Reineke | 17 | Matt McDonough | 27 | | |
| | | Tony Ausdemore | 19 | Nathan Harman | 27 | | |
| | | Wyatt Buckholdt | 20 | Brenda Winship | 28 | | |

January Anniversaries

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| Gary/Sandy Larson | 2 |
| Mark/Geri Bjorling | 6 |
| Dean/Pat Fischer | 9 |
| Fred/Diane Rodenburg | 17 |
| Jim/Tracy Masker | 20 |
| Nathan/Kaitlin Harman | 28 |
| Dennis/Pat Wulff | 29 |
| Gene/Connie Meyerring | 30 |

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 Julius for an appointment.

For information about Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Pastoral Visitations, Reconciliation, RCIA, Marriage, Adoration, or the Prayer Chain, please visit our website at <https://stpatricksneola.com/> or contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750.

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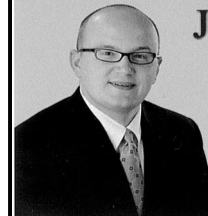
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- ✓ Learn about ESA's & Tuition @ 2pm
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CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

| 2026 |

**SUNDAY
JAN 25**

CELEBRATE YOUR PARISH

- Saint Albert families, faculty, and coaches will be volunteering at parishes in Council Bluffs
- Annual Open House 1:00PM - 3:00PM

**MONDAY
JAN 26**

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

- Pancake Man | Daycare, 6th,7th, & 8th Grade
- Service Activity with Local First Responders 9:00AM

**TUESDAY
JAN 27**

CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS

- Pancake Man | PreK, 9th,10th,11th, & 12th Grade
- Seniors visit elementary classrooms
- Religion Bee
- Students/Staff Out-of-Uniform (Green & Gold Themed)



**WEDNESDAY
JAN 28**

CELEBRATE THE NATION

- Pancake Man | Kindergarten, 1st grade, & 2nd Grade
- Students/Staff - Out of Uniform (USA Themed Out-of-Uniform)
- StuCO Luncheon with board members and community leaders

**THURSDAY
JAN 29**

CELEBRATE TEACHERS, STAFF, & VOLUNTEERS

- Pancake Man | 3rd,4th, & 5th grade
- Staff Only Jeans Day
- Staff Breakfast
- Teacher Wish List
- Powder-Puff Volleyball | 2:15pm

**FRIDAY
JAN 30**

CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

- All-School Mass with Bishop Joensen | 9:30am
- MS/HS Ice Cream Social | 11:30am
- Elementary Ice Cream Social | 1:30pm