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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 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

January 31/February 1, 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
PSALM 146: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
READING II 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus call his first disciples. "Come after me," he calls out to the first two. "Follow me," he says to two more. We are the ones Jesus calls out to now. Today is the Sunday of the Word of God, the day Pope Francis chose to dedicate to the proclamation, the study, and the celebration of the scriptures. The call of the first disciples also reminds us of Jesus' own words. His words invite us to a deeper commitment, to one like Peter and Andrew and James and John made with him. May the word of God inspire us to enter our discipleship more deeply.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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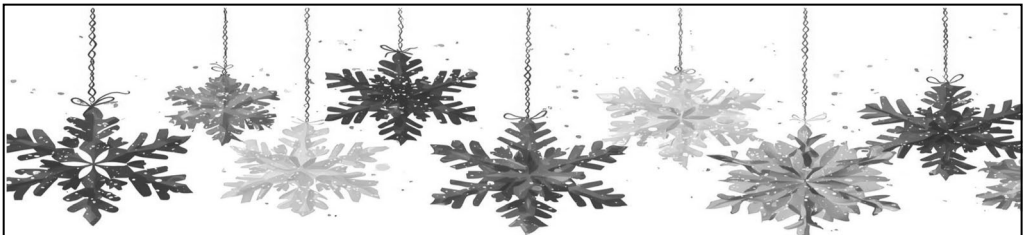
As we begin this final week of January, it does our hearts good to hear that a great light has shone through darkness and gloom. We realize, though, that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord, especially after Matthew writes in the Gospel that Jesus fulfills this passage. He is the light of the world, shining throughout Galilee, preaching repentance, calling disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and healing the sick. We also hear Paul urge the Corinthians to unity. In Christ, we have enlightenment, unity, and salvation. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may God's word light our way.

Interestingly, when Jesus begins his mission and goes out to call disciples, he does not go to Jerusalem, to the temple, or to a synagogue at all. No, he goes down to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. As he told religious authorities later, he came to call sinners, not the righteous. Therefore, he chooses to go down to the sea to walk among sailors and fishers, not up to the synagogue to find those at prayer. When you wonder whether you are being called by the Lord and think yourself to be unworthy, know that you are unworthy. But this is exactly why Jesus is calling you.

Question of the Week

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The first disciples left their old lives behind to follow Jesus. What is Jesus calling me to leave behind?



Weekday Masses

Jan 26 - No Mass
Jan 27 - Leo Masker 8:30 AM
Jan 28 - St. Columbanus Parish 6:00 PM
Jan 29 - No Mass
Jan 30 - No Mass

Weekend Masses

Jan 31 - St. Patrick Parish - Louis Eckrich 4:00 PM
Feb 1 - St. Columbanus Parish - Marj Akers 8:00 AM
Feb 1 - St. Patrick Parish - Fr. Mike Berner 9:30 AM

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

FEBRUARY 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Max Michels
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
Andrea Bolte
Travis Bolte

TITHE COUNTERS

Jan 25 - Roberta Morse
Feb 1 - Cecilia Powell
Feb 8 - Diane Rodenburg
Feb 15 - Peggy Thielen

Kevin Nye
Dani Baxter
Sue Stenlund
Jim Mahlberg

Mark Pogge
Roger Hall
Rita Heinen
Kevin Nye

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Jan 25 - Samantha Nye
Feb 1 - Jeannie Disalvo
Feb 8 - Liz Lyons
Feb 15 - Roberta Morse

Norm Baker
Jennifer Fischer
Carolyn McDermott
Samantha Nye

CRUX LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: We will be hosting the CRUX Lenten bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10am during Lent beginning on Feb 18 (Ash Wednesday) and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning on Feb 19. These will be 90 minutes sessions. You will need to pick up your book the weekend before. If you would like to join us for either of these sessions or just want the book please contact Shannon in the parish office. The order will go in for the books on Wednesday January 28th so I need to know before then. Thank you!

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 weekend's collection serves the people of God in the 23 counties of the Diocese of Des Moines when a need arises and the most local parish or faith community has exhausted resources and abilities to meet the need. Please be generous.

OCIA: St. Patrick's would like to thank Travis and Andrea Bolte for serving on our OCIA (formerly RCIA) team for so many years. They are asking to step back at this time and we are in need of people to fill these spots alongside Mary Fischer and myself. We will be beginning classes soon, so if you or someone you know are interested in learning about or becoming Catholic, please reach out to me in the office. Thank you! Shannon Nye

Calendar of Events:

Jan 28 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
Jan 29 - Auction Setup, 6:00 pm
Jan 31 - Parish Auction (see bulletin insert)
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
Feb 17 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Mass, St Patrick, 6:30 pm
Feb 20 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
Feb 22 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
Lent Retreat with Fr Seth Owusu, St Patrick hall, 3:00 pm

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,900.98	\$ 61,370.80
Open Offering	\$ 109.00	\$ 5,411.50
Children's Offering	\$ 16.00	\$ 446.35

Memorial Calendar

Jan 25 - Catholic Schools Week begins
Jan 26 - Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus
Jan 27 - Memorial of St. Angela Merici
International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Jan 28 - Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas
Jan 31 - Memorial of St. John Bosco



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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: January 25-31 is Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Students at all 16 schools in our diocese spend each day in a faith-focused environment, learning to be Ambassadors for Christ. This mission would not be possible without you, our parish family. Your prayers, talent, and generosity is an investment in the future of our students and the Catholic Church. We are truly grateful for the wisdom and support you so graciously share. We invite all parishioners to see our mission in action. If you have a school-age child, we encourage you to discover the difference of a faith-filled education. Please contact St Albert Schools to schedule a personal tour. Enrollment for the upcoming school year is open, and we would be honored to welcome your family into our school community.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed out this past week. Contact the parish office with any questions.

DONATIONS/TITHES can be sent to the parish office, placed in the collection baskets or by online giving (use one of the QR Codes). Thanks for your support.

Online Giving:



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Sunday, January 25th 2026

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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- ✔ Pre-K Roundup @ 1:00pm
- ✔ Kindergarten Roundup @ 1:30pm
- ✔ Learn about ESA's & Tuition @ 2pm
- ✔ Tour the School
- ✔ Meet Teachers and Coaches

For more info: Contact Sara Dew
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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 Jaensen | 9:30am
- MS/HS Ice Cream Social | 11:30am
- Elementary Ice Cream Social | 1:30pm

A Special Workshop: Surviving Divorce
Helping You Find
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Surviving Divorce

was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families.

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

For Men and Women Seeking Healing from Divorce

12 Session Workshop

Meeting weekly on Sundays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Hospitality Room
4 Valley View Drive
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Cost for materials is \$30 with financial assistance available

First Session is February 22nd

Register by February 17th
by emailing patrick.tinley@yahoo.com

Have questions? Contact Pat Tinley at 402-980-9722
More Details: stpatrickcb.org

February Birthdays

Jim Cook	1	Tom Turner	9	Brian Heinen	18	Rick Grote	25
Bryce Leonard	1	Ali Fletcher	9	Sheila Pedersen	19	Travis Bolte	25
Luke Stolz	2	Matt Michels	10	Elena Brummett	19	Jeff Harris	26
Betty Masker	3	Tyler Dempsey	10	Mary Helen Greiner	20	Carol Garcia	27
Fred Grote	3	Penny Eckmann	10	Sue Ausdemore	20	Kailynn Brecher	27
William Buckholdt	3	Jan Reineke	11	Jim Mahlberg	20	Eric Hough	28
Rhys Hough	4	Tom Greiner	12	Diane Osbahr	20	Gavin Baker	28
Sandi Pauley	5	Jared Baker	12	Lynette Oberdorfer	20	Steve Jensen	29
Jace Zabel	5	Scarlett Baragary	13	Vincent Stolz	20		
Donetta Nye	6	Austin Ehlers	14	Georgia Sparks	20		
Cecilia Thomas	6	Diana Ring	15	Marley Johnsen	21		
Tuesday Ortman	6	Deb Hurd	16	Carson Harris	22		
Cameron Stunkard	6	Kari Kunze	16	Cassie Harris	23		
Casey Baragary	7	Michaela Berg	17	Tyler Kozeal	23		
Kaylynn Harris	7	Kyla Corrin	17	Sophia Hazen	23		
James Berg	7	Karis Corrin	17	Cora Hanson	23		
Mary Ann Thomas	9	Alex Corrin	17	Dan Disalvo	24		
		Case Gross	17	Heather Dempsey	24		
		Roger Hall	18	Andrew Schnitker	24		

February Anniv

John & Deb Hurd	5
Ron & Judy Ring	7
Vern & Jackie Bertelsen	8
Tim & Emily Leaders	9
Matt & Jamie Ryba	13
Fred & Jennifer Smith	21
Tom & Terryl Greiner	23
Alex & Ashley Lopez	24

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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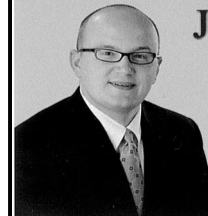
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Dinner 4:30 pm
Auction 6:00 pm

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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 (men included)
 - 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.