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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
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Served from Neola

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

February 21/22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

READING I Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
PSALM 51: Be Merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
READING II Romans 5:12-19
GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

February 28/March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

READING I Genesis 12:1-4a
PSALM 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
READING II 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. We recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on his journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by his Body and Blood while on our holy pilgrimage.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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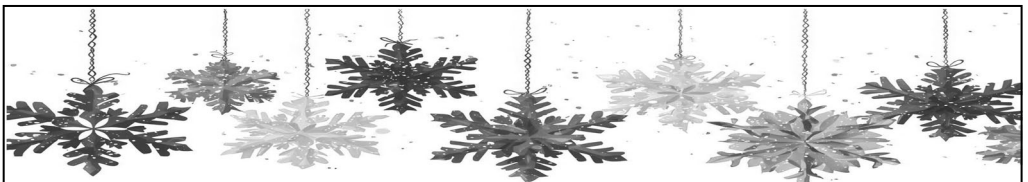
On the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded how easy it is to succumb to temptation. We are faced with it every day and it seems magnified during Lent. Today, we hear how Adam and Eve gave in to temptation while Jesus resisted it. Jesus found strength in the word of God, which he used effectively to outduel the devil in the desert. Let us listen now to God's powerful word, aware that Jesus' use of it to resist temptation enables us to share in his righteousness.

An obvious contrast is made between Adam and Eve's yielding to temptation in the first reading and Jesus' resistance of temptation in the Gospel. But another contrast can be noted: the first reading is set in a garden of plenty while the Gospel is set in a desert. Adam and Eve succumb to temptation even though they already have everything they need. In fact, they had everything they had ever wanted before the serpent put ideas in Eve's head. Jesus, meanwhile, had fasted for forty days and forty nights - recalling lengthy times of trial in the Old Testament - and is surrounded by emptiness. Nevertheless, Adam and Eve act selfishly and disobey God, bringing sin and death to humanity. Jesus, meanwhile acts selflessly and obeys God's will, which will eventually bring redemption and eternal life to humanity.

Question of the Week

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How do I resist temptation? Can I remember to look ahead to the long-term consequences before I choose what to do?



Weekday Masses

Feb 23 - No Mass
 Feb 24 - St Patrick Parish - Lenore Allred 8:30 AM
 Feb 25 - St Columbanus Parish 6:00 PM
 Feb 26 - No Mass
 Feb 27 - St Patrick Parish - Larry Roane 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Feb 28 - St Patrick Parish - Richard Corrin 4:00 PM
 Mar 1 - St Columbanus Parish 8:00 AM
 Mar 1 - St Patrick Parish - Fr. Mike Berner 9:30 AM

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lectors - Mary Fischer
 Servers - None
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Bonnie Wredt
 Roberta Morse

MARCH 1, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Lynette Oberdorfer
 Servers - Weston Bladt & Grace Konz
 EME - Jenny Hall
 Bryan Weidner
 Samantha Nye

MARCH 7, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Ashley Lopez
 Servers - None

MARCH 8, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lector - 3rd Grade Class
 Servers - Jordan Harder
 Maysen Lausen
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Rhea Gross
 Chad Harder

MARCH 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lector - David Mann
 Servers - None
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Bonnie Wredt
 Norm Baker

MARCH 15, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Vivian Gross
 Servers - Kaden Kozeal & Ali Leaders
 EME - Emily Leaders
 Angie Kozeal
 Max Kozeal

TITHE COUNTERS

Feb 22 - Anne Brummett	Roberta Morse	Mark Pogge
Mar 1 - Cecilia Powell	Peggy Thielen	Rita Heinen
Mar 8 - Diane Rodenburg	Dani Baxter	Roger Hall
Mar 15 - Sue Stenlund	Anne Brummett	Jim Mahlberg

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Feb 22 - Norm Baker	Jennifer Fischer
Mar 1 - Jeannie Disalvo	Liz Lyons
Mar 8 - Carolyn McDermott	Samantha Nye
Mar 15 - Roberta Morse	Norm Baker

CRUX THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY will be on Tuesday this week only due to a scheduling conflict.

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.

ST. PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: St. Patrick Catholic Church of Neola, IA scholarship application is now available. Applicants will need to pick up and fill out two forms. Application and Sacrament information sheet must be obtained in person, by the applicant only, from only Father Julius. Forms are not available online and will not be mailed nor emailed out. Forms must be submitted in person, by the applicant only, to only Father Julius. Mailed, emailed, scanned or faxed forms will not be accepted. Forms must be submitted by the end of Mass on April 12, 2026. This scholarship is not associated with any other scholarships.

AUCTION RESULTS: Thank you all again for making this year's Auction a huge success. Here are the financial results:

Total Revenue:	\$	43,033.00
Total Cost:	\$	5,904.60
	\$	37,128.40

Calendar of Events:

Feb 25 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm
 Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
 Feb 27 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
 Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
 Mar 1 - Second Sunday of Lent
 Annual Diocesan Appeal Weekend
 Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, parish hall, after Mass
 Mar 3 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
 Mar 4 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm
 Mar 6 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
 Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
 Mar 7 - Reconciliation, 3:00-3:45 pm
 Mar 7/8 - Land of Peace at all Masses
 Mar 8 - Third Sunday of Lent
 Children's Mass / Daylight Savings Time
 All Family Faith Formation & High School, hall, after Mass
 Mar 11 - Stations of the cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
 Mar 13 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
 Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
 Mar 14 - St Columbanus Mass & Potluck, 6:00 pm
 Mar 14/15 - Catholic Relief Services collection
 Mar 15 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am
 Rooted Families Class, 10:35-11:35 am
 Fundraiser for Brielle & Hazel, parish hall, 11:00 am
 High School Class, 6:30 pm
 Mar 17 - St Patrick Day Mass & Dinner, 5:30 pm
 Mar 18 - Stations of the Cross, St. Columbanus, 5:30 pm
 Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass
 Mar 20 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
 Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
 Mar 22 - Faith Formation Classes, 10:35-11:35 am

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 68,770.78
Ash Wednesday	\$ 384.00	\$ 409.00
Open Offering	\$ 300.00	\$ 6,152.50
Children's Offering	\$ 22.00	\$ 517.11

Memorial Calendar

Feb 23 - Memorial of St. Polycarp
 Feb 27 - Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek



Lent Retreat Awake My Soul

Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead, and

Christ will give you light.

-Ephesian 5:14

February 22, 2026
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Presented by: *Father Emmanuel Offiong*

3:00 pm session in the Faith Formation building
4:30 pm Dinner
5:00-6:00 pm Reconciliation & Adoration in church

Neola Busy Members
4H Breakfast
Saturday March 7th
8AM-12PM
Neola Area Community Center

FREE WILL DONATION

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SUNDAYS: FEBRUARY 1ST TO MARCH 22ND

11:00 AM
PANAMA HALL

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A DIFFERENT RAFFLE ITEM WILL BE FEATURED EACH WEEKEND

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PLEASE NOTE: Free will donation for the cinnamon rolls and coffee. Bingo will start at 11:45am - 2pm.

February Birthdays	Tom Turner	9	Brian Heinen	18	Rick Grote	25	
Jim Cook	1	Ali Fletcher	9	Sheila Pedersen	19	Travis Bolte	25
Bryce Leonard	1	Matt Michels	10	Elena Brummett	19	Jeff Harris	26
Luke Stolz	2	Tyler Dempsey	10	Mary Helen Greiner	20	Carol Garcia	27
Betty Masker	3	Penny Eckmann	10	Sue Ausdemore	20	Kailynn Brecher	27
Fred Grote	3	Jan Reineke	11	Jim Mahlberg	20	Eric Hough	28
William Buckholdt	3	Tom Greiner	12	Diane Osbahr	20	Gavin Baker	28
Rhys Hough	4	Jared Baker	12	Lynette Oberdorfer	20	Steve Jensen	29
Sandi Pauley	5	Scarlett Baragary	13	Vincent Stolz	20		
Jace Zabel	5	Austin Ehlers	14	Georgia Sparks	20	February Anniv	
Donetta Nye	6	Diana Ring	15	Marley Johnsen	21	John & Deb Hurd	5
Cecilia Thomas	6	Deb Hurd	16	Carson Harris	22	Ron & Judy Ring	7
Tuesday Ortman	6	Kari Kunze	16	Cassie Harris	23	Vern & Jackie Bertelsen	8
Cameron Stunkard	6	Michaela Berg	17	Tyler Kozeal	23	Tim & Emily Leaders	9
Casey Baragary	7	Kyla Corrin	17	Sophia Hazen	23	Matt & Jamie Ryba	13
Kaylynn Harris	7	Karis Corrin	17	Cora Hanson	23	Fred & Jennifer Smith	21
James Berg	7	Alex Corrin	17	Dan Disalvo	24	Tom & Terryl Greiner	23
Mary Ann Thomas	9	Case Gross	17	Heather Dempsey	24	Alex & Ashley Lopez	24
		Roger Hall	18	Andrew Schnitker	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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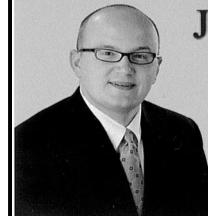
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MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK: We are utilizing Sign-Up Genius this year. If you are able to help at any of the Masses, please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAAAD2AA1F4C25-62346868-holy>

HOLY THURSDAY FEET WASHING: We also need 10 more people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are willing to help with this, please sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius listed above.

MEMORIALS: If you'd like to make a donation (perhaps in memory of a loved one) towards the cost of the Lilies that adorn our sanctuary during the Easter season, please put your donation and the name(s) of the person in an envelope and mark it "Lilies". Drop the envelope in the collection basket or deliver it to the parish office. Deadline is Sunday, March 29th.



COMMUNAL PENCE NIGHTS:

- St. Columbanus - March 25 - 5:00 pm
- St. Patrick - March 31 - 7:00 pm - 2 priests will be available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Wednesday evening at 5:30 at St Columbanus Weston and every Friday evening at 5:00 at St Patrick Neola. Here is the schedule of who will be leading the Stations at St Patrick this year:

- February 27 - Wulff family
- March 6 - Sam & Alex Nye
- March 13 - Wollenhaupt family
- March 20 - Norm Baker & Grace Shively
- March 27 - Roger & Jenny Hall



2026 Lent Project

The Parish Pastoral Council voted that for this year's Lenten Project, we assist both Legacy Grove Senior Veterans Apartments and the Fundraising Benefit for Hazel and Brielle.

Monetary donations will be collected from Ash Wednesday (February 18) to Easter Sunday (April 5). Here are the ways to make a donation. Please clearly mark that the donation is for the "Lent Projects".

- Place in the box on the donation table at the front of church marked: "2026 Lent Project" or mail your donation directly to the parish office at P.O. Box 127, Neola IA 51559.
- Please make all checks payable to St. Patrick's Church.
- All monetary donations will be split evenly between the two unless otherwise noted.

Tough Like BRIELLE & HAZEL

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Hazel's Story (Age 5)

On November 10, 2025, little miss Hazel was admitted to Children's Hospital in Omaha and began the fight of her life. She was diagnosed with Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS), an extremely rare (1-2 cases per million people per year), life-threatening genetic disease. Hazel was placed in an induced coma for several days and spent nearly six weeks in the hospital. She received blood transfusions, plasma, platelets, kidney dialysis, and the life-saving medication Soliris. Today, Hazel continues outpatient Soliris infusions every two weeks and will rely on this medication indefinitely. This diagnosis is lifelong, and Hazel will face challenges related to aHUS for the rest of her life.

Brielle's Story (Age 15)

On December 18, just one day after Hazel was released from the hospital, her big sister Brielle attended an appointment at Children's because she had been experiencing persistent pain while running cross-country. Within an hour of her appointment, Brielle and her family received devastating news. Imaging revealed a massive tumor in her pelvis, spine, and left femur. She was admitted immediately for pain management and a biopsy, which confirmed a diagnosis of Chondroblastic Osteosarcoma. This type of cancer is often resistant to chemotherapy and difficult to surgically remove due to the tumor's location. Brielle has begun chemotherapy with the hope of shrinking the tumor ahead of a hemipelvectomy surgery scheduled in April at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Despite the pain she had been experiencing for months, Brielle continued to compete at an extraordinary level. She qualified for the Iowa Girls State Cross Country Meet in November, placing 76th, showing remarkable strength and determination. She also pushed through rodeo season, competing in barrel racing and pole bending with her horse, Lanl. **Tough Like Brielle** - she is here to prove that the comeback is always stronger than the setback.



New Visions Homeless Services is incredibly proud to share that we have been working tirelessly this year to confront the growing crisis of homelessness, because we know in our hearts and through our work that the only true solution to homelessness is housing. We are honored and deeply moved about our newest project, Legacy Grove Senior Veteran Housing, a 46-unit permanent supportive housing community for senior veterans in Omaha.

This project represents hope, dignity, and gratitude in action. We have already secured the land, raised more than half of the funds needed to bring Legacy Grove to life, and will begin ground infrastructure work this year, turning vision into reality.

This work is urgent! Of the 16 million veterans in the United States, more than half are over the age of 65, and senior veterans are now the largest group of veterans experiencing homelessness for the first time. These are men and women who served our country, raised families, built communities, and sacrificed so much, yet far too many are being left without a safe place to call home in their later years. That is not acceptable to our organization, and we know it is not acceptable to our community. Legacy Grove is our commitment to saying "no more" and to ensuring that those who once protected us are protected in return. We invite you to stand with us, support this project, and help us honor our senior veterans with the housing, respect, and stability they so deeply deserve. For more information or to get involved message this page our email wallar@newvisionshs.org

St Patrick Catholic Church Neola

Fish Fry

FRIDAYS



St. Patrick Parish Hall, Neola IA

When:

February 20
March 6
March 20

February 27
March 13
March 27

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

Adults: \$15.00 - Children (5-10 Yrs.): \$5.00
- Children Under 5: Free

Dinner includes: Fried & Baked Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Orsi's Bread, Cole Slaw, Relishes, & Dessert!
(May substitute grilled cheese for fish)

For Questions, contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750
For Carry Out's call 712.485.2433

Sign-Up Genius for help needed:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAAAD2AA1F4C25-62160283-fish>

FISH FRY SIGN-UP GENIUS: We are using Sign-Up Genius this year to insure we have enough help at each Fish Fry. If you are able to help at any of the Fish Fry's, please sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAAAD2AA1F4C25-62160283-fish> or call the parish office at 712-485-2750.

February 27 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	7 – Teresa Hoffman 8 – Rhea Gross 9 – Diane Rodenburg	10 – Shannon Nye 11 – Sandi Pauley 12 – Roberta Morse
March 6 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	13 – Kari Kunze 14 – Peggy Thielen 15 – Misty Weidner	16 – Rita Heinen 17 – Hannah Cook 18 – Liz Lyons
March 13 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	1 – Terryl Greiner 2 – Carol Masker 3 – Jan Craft	4 – Rita Schnitker 5 – Julie McDonough 6 – Cecilia Powell
March 20 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	7 – Teresa Hoffman 8 – Rhea Gross 9 – Diane Rodenburg	10 – Shannon Nye 11 – Sandi Pauley 12 – Roberta Morse
March 27 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	13 – Kari Kunze 14 – Peggy Thielen 15 – Misty Weidner	16 – Rita Heinen 17 – Hannah Cook 18 – Liz Lyons

Circle heads: please call your people on your assigned dates.
Men and Women are needed. (High School helpers always appreciated!)
Each circle is responsible for getting bars/desserts and workers.

Friday help is needed:

Fish Preparation: 7:00 am
Food Preparation & Set Up: 9:00 am
Fish Fryers, Kitchen Help, Serving, Cashiers, & Clean-up: 4:00 pm

Coordinators: Shannon Nye, 712.309.1436 or RaeShelle Jensen, 402.676.1980



LENT

Faith Conversations

Week of February 22 - 28

SUNDAY READINGS: *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

ADULT REFLECTION

In the first reading we hear a symbolic account of humanity's original sin. The second reading tells how Jesus, the reverse of Adam, brought life to all humanity by his faithfulness to the Father. The Gospel shows Jesus standing up to the devil's temptations in the desert, remaining faithful.

Sin is a dirty little word we don't necessarily like to hear. Over-emphasized in certain Christian circles, de-emphasized by the rest of the world; the fact remains that there is something in all of us that is broken. That the instinct toward "self" can become distorted, ferocious, even. That there is something—on our own—that we're missing.

Lent puts the reality of sin before us each year. Not to weigh us down, but to remind us that sin steals our freedom, and Jesus offers us freedom. By his cross and resurrection, he can heal what is broken in us. He wants to stand with us in the midst of temptation, modeling and sharing love strong enough to overcome selfishness. He wants to fill our emptiness with himself. Awareness of our own sin can become an opening to divine love.

Reflection Questions:

- *In what ways am I broken, empty, or bound?*
- *Have I thought about these "weak points" as openings to God?*
- *Have I allowed Jesus to be a real difference-maker in my day-to-day life?*

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

Lent always begins with the story of Jesus fasting and praying in the desert for 40 days, and afterwards being tempted by the devil. Why do you think the Church gives us this story now?

To be tempted means to feel like you want to do something you shouldn't. We all experience temptations throughout the day. Let's share some that we often face. What were the three temptations Jesus faced? How could we summarize them?

What was Jesus' response? It's interesting that he answered each with a truth he'd memorized from Scripture. They were truths he could hold on to even if he may have felt differently at the moment. What truths help us when tempted?



PRAYER

Be with us, Jesus, as we enter our 40-day journey this Lent. Help us become aware of our own weaknesses so we can experience the joy of leaning on you. Strengthen our hearts in your Word that we may help others on their journey, too. Amen.



FASTING

Give up one evening of TV, or whatever your usual entertainment, to spend some quiet time prayerfully creating your family's plan for this Lent.



ALMSGIVING

Jesus went to the desert to prepare for his mission. This week, spend some time considering as a family how God is inviting you to participate in Jesus' mission to the marginalized this Lent.



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