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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

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MASS TIMES:

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

March 21/22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent

READING I Ezekiel 37:12-14
PSALM 130: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
READING II Romans 8:8-11
GOSPEL John 11:1-45

March 28/29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESION Matthew 21:1-11
READING I Isaiah 50:4-7
PSALM 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
READING II Philippians 2:6-11
PASSION Matthew 26:14—27:66

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

As we approach Holy Week and the final days of Lent, we hear the well-known story of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, whom Jesus raises from the dead. John's account of this miracle is one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels, save Jesus' own passion, death, and resurrection. We can only imagine the emotions coursing through Martha and Mary and their loved ones when Jesus stands at the tomb and dramatically cries: "Lazarus, come out!" On this final scrutiny Sunday, may we hear Jesus calling out to us as well, to come out of our tombs of sin and death and embrace new life in the resurrection.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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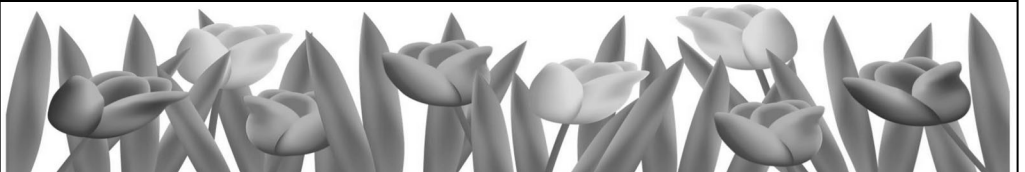
From the first reading to the Gospel, new life is promised for those who believe. Through Ezekiel, God promises the Israelites that one day they will rise from their graves and have God's spirit put in them. Saint Paul proclaims that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb, giving new life to his friend after he had been dead for four days. May God's word affirm and strengthen our faith in the Lord's power to give new life.

Often Jesus requires that those he heals participate in some way in their recovery. Last week, we heard Jesus heal the blind man by applying clay to his eyes. But then he instructed the man, still sightless, to make it to the Pool of Siloam to wash his eyes. Perhaps onlookers were able to guide him there. Today, Lazarus, tied hand and foot with burial bands after being dead for four days, is ordered to walk out of the tomb. He then orders onlookers to untie Lazarus. These miracles are not passive operations. Today, when we encounter those who are blind out of ignorance or self-centeredness, or when we recognize those who are entombed by addiction or hardship, Jesus orders us to help free them from the bands that bind them.

Question of the Week

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What sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God's love and from others? What can I do to free myself from my tomb?



Weekday Masses

Mar 23 - No Mass
 Mar 24 - St Patrick Parish - Mary Baker 8:30 AM
 Mar 25 - St Columbanus Parish 6:00 PM
 Mar 26 - No Mass
 Mar 27 - St Patrick Parish - Leo & Pauline Fischer 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Mar 28 - St Patrick Parish - Richard Corrin 4:00 PM
 Mar 29 - St Columbanus Parish 8:00 AM
 Mar 29 - St Patrick Parish - Mary Alice Wickham 10:00 AM

MARCH 28, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Lectors - Mary Fischer
 Passion - Ashley Lopez
 RaeShelle Jensen
 Servers - Grace Shively
 Charles Williams
 EME - Scott Brooks
 David Mann
 Maureen Mann

MARCH 29, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Lectors - Rita Heinen
 Passion - Corey Hough
 Matt Brummett
 Servers - Ben Fischer
 Henry Fischer
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Eric Busch
 Samantha Nye

APRIL 2, 2026 - HOLY THURSDAY - 7:00 PM (at St Patrick)

Lector - Rhea Gross
 Servers - Case Gross, Noah Wollenhaupt, & Alexandra Nye
 EME - Scott Brooks, Eric Busch, & Max Kozeal

APRIL 3, 2025 - GOOD FRIDAY - 3:00 PM (at St Columbanus)

All Ministers handled by St Columbanus

APRIL 4, 2025 - EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 PM (at St Patrick)

Lector - Mary Fischer, Shannon Nye & RaeShelle Jensen
 Servers - Samantha & Alexandra Nye
 EME - Scott Brooks, David Mann & Maureen Mann

APRIL 5, 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

Lector - Rhea Gross
 Servers - Emma & Thomas Sweeney
 EME - Kristen Carlson, Liz Lyons, & Geri Bjorling

APRIL 11, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Travis Bolte
 Servers - None
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Bryan Weidner
 Bonnie Wredt

APRIL 12, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - 9th Grade Class
 Servers - Emma & Thomas Sweeney
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Kari Kunze
 Kristen Carlson

TITHE COUNTERS

Mar 22 - Roberta Morse	Cecilia Powell	Peggy Thielen
Mar 29 - Kevin Nye	Diane Rodenburg	Dani Baxter
Apr 5 - Mark Pogge	Sue Stenlund	Roger Hall
Apr 12 - Anne Brummett	Rita Heinen	Roberta Morse

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Mar 22 - Jeannie Disalvo	Liz Lyons
Mar 29 - Jennifer Fischer	Samantha Nye
Apr 5 - Jeannie Disalvo	Roberta Morse
Apr 12 - Norm Baker	Jeannie Disalvo

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.

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, April 19th, Kathy Graeve will celebrate her 75th birthday one day early. She is inviting anyone who wants to attend a 12:30 pm rosary and 1:00 pm Mass at St Patrick Neola to please let her know by April 6th. A meal will follow in the parish hall followed by a presentation by Mary Mutti from MI. You may also just come at 2:00 to the hall, but please RSVP to Kathy at 402.680.4370.

Calendar of Events:

Mar 24 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
 Mar 25 - Communal Penance, St Columbanus, 5:00 pm
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
 Mar 26 - Foundation Meeting, 6:00 pm
 Mar 27 - Stations of the Cross, St Patrick, 5:00 pm
 Fish Fry, St Patrick, 5-7 pm
 Chrism Mass, St Ambrose Cathedral Des Moines, 5:00 pm
 Mar 29 - Palm Sunday Mass Time Changes
 St Columbanus, 8:00 am & St Patrick, 10:00 am
 No Faith Formation Classes
 Mar 29-31 - Holy Week Bible Study with Deacon Scott, 6-7 pm
 Mar 31 - Communal Penance, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
 Apr 2 - **Holy Thursday:** 7:00 pm, our two parishes join together at St Patrick Neola to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet and Procession of the Eucharist followed by Exposition until 9:30 pm.
 Apr 3 - **Good Friday:** 3:00 pm, our two parishes join together at St Columbanus Weston to celebrate the Lord's Passion: The Solemn Liturgical Service with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion. Mass is not celebrated on this day. (Collection for the Holy Land.) - Stations of the Cross begins at 2:30 pm.
 Apr 4 - **Holy Saturday:** 8:00 pm, our two parishes join together at St Patrick Neola to celebrate the Easter Vigil Service with blessing of the new fire, Baptismal water and the Easter Candle.
 Apr 5 - **Easter Sunday:** (Note Mass times)
 8:00 am Mass at St. Columbanus
 10:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's
 No Faith Formation Sessions
 Apr 6-10 - No Weekday Masses
 Apr 8 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 75,847.26
Open Offering	\$ 111.75	\$ 6,883.00
Children's Offering	\$ 70.75	\$ 666.86
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 321.00	\$ 321.00

Memorial Calendar

Mar 23 - Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
 Mar 24 - International Day for the Right to the Truth
 Concerning Gross Human Rights
 Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
 Mar 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Divine Mercy Sunday - Day of Mercy Program **Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 2:00 to 3:30 pm** **St Patrick Church, Neola IA**

Opening Prayer, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, & Benediction



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just drop your donation into the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

GHANA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 8 to 11:30 am
St. Mary's Parish Hall in Panama

Please bring gently used medical equipment (Wheelchairs, Walkers, Cains, etc.) to send to Fr. Michael Antoh's hometown in Ghana You can bring items to the breakfast or contact Meg Dunlop at 712-579-2270 or Lynn Schmitz 712-579-1907 to make other arrangements. Free Will Donation will go to shipping!

40 HOURS DEVOTION

We need your help manning the 40 Hours Devotion beginning at 4:00 pm on Palm Sunday (March 29th) and ending at 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 31st, followed by Mass at 8:30 am. We need at least one person for every hour & would really like to have two for the hours over night. If you would like to sign up, please scan the QR Code below or contact the parish office.

The 40 Hours Devotion is a solemn Catholic devotion involving 40 continuous hours of intense prayer and Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, usually held over three days. It represents the time Jesus spent in the tomb, honoring His sacrifice & offering reparation for sins.

Purpose: To deepen the faithful's relationship with Jesus, foster adoration, and offer prayers for the community, conversion of sinners, and specific intentions.

Origin: Originated in Milan, Italy, around 1530 to promote prayer, and was later popularized in the U.S. by St. John Neumann in the 1850s.

Symbolism: The number 40 signifies a significant period of preparation or penance, reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert or 40 hours in the tomb.



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BIBLE STUDY

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Explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveal what it all means and why it all matters.

Join the study and learn more about Mass. Take part in a five-week Bible study exploring the biblical foundations of the Catholic Mass through video teachings, guided reflection on Scripture, and meaningful group conversation that deepens understanding of the faith and the richness of the liturgy.

STUDY DETAILS:

- 5 Week Course
- Beginning on April 7th
- Meets Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Meeting at St. Patrick Social Hall
- Cost is \$30 for materials

MORE INFORMATION

Each participant will receive *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* book and workbook by Dr. Edward Sri. Please plan to arrive by 6:15 PM for the first session to pick up your study materials. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible each week as we grow in understanding of the Mass. All are invited to register.

This engaging study offers a deeper look at the meaning behind the Mass, helping renew faith and foster a greater love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

REGISTER AT

STPATRICKCB.ORG

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE BY MARCH 25TH

You may also visit the Parish Office to register. Financial assistance is available to help with cost. Event is organized by the Shepherd's Call ministry. Have questions? Contact Sarah at sarah.madsen@raymondjames.com

Gabriel's Corner Pregnancy Center 20th Anniversary Celebration of Life Dinner

Friday, April 10, 2026
Corpus Christi Parish Hall 3304 4th Avenue
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

Keynote Speaker: Alicia Kowalski is a Catholic speaker, mother of three and founder of "His Grace Ministries." Drawing from her own personal journey and testimony of brokenness, redemption, surrender and healing, she speaks with honesty and compassion about God's grace, mercy and forgiveness, and the hope she found in Christ, even in suffering.



She invites hearts to encounter the transforming love of Jesus by trusting Him through difficult seasons.

Entertainment by *Friends of Gabriel's Corner*
Master of Ceremonies is *Jen Brown*
Wine & Cheese Social begins at 5:30 PM
Dinner by *Staley's Chicken* served at 6:30 PM
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Corn, Coleslaw and Macaroni Salad
Assorted cupcakes by *Debbie Fleming*
Speaker: Alicia Marie will talk at 7:30 PM
Dress Theme: **The Roaring 20's**
Call or text Kathy Plourde by March 13, 2026
for your reservations 402-690-1561

April 11, 2026 **DES MOINES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

9 to 2:30
Doors open 8:30
SS Peter & Paul
Parish Center
Atlantic, Iowa

97th ANNUAL Spring Conference

Coming from a diverse background: modeling to pageants, corporate America to stay-at-home mom, our key speaker, Kati, will deliver an encounter filled with laughter, encouragement, inspiration, and Godly insight for women of all ages.

Kali Schneiders

Mass with Bishop Joensen at 11:00 AM followed by lunch

Pre-register using the link or QR Code:
<https://ticketstripe.com/DCCWSpringConference>

Cost: \$30
Deadline: April 1st

Questions:
emailDesMoinesCCW@gmail.com

March Birthdays

Julie Klein	1	Julie Ravlin	7	Sam Hulsing	16	Evan Reineke	27
Lisa Pape	1	Trenton Huebner	7	Kathleen Roane	16	Adam McDermott	27
Anna Baragary	1	Andrew Baxter	8	Eugene Johnson	16	Chris Corrin	28
Helen Lewis	2	Kelly Alfors	9	Lexi Powell	16	Lori Eckrich	29
Nancy Ryan	2	Audrey Haverkamp	10	Heath Rodenburg	17	Angie Rodenburg	29
Kelly Dollen	2	Dani Baxter	10	Walter Ausdemore	17	Jack Murphy	29
Morgan Lausen	2	Chyane Sparks	10	Mary Beth Bladt	18	Adam Ring	30
Adam Goeser	3	Vince Wilson	11	Ellie Wollenhaupt	19	Isabella Buckholdt	30
Rob Larsen	4	Ashley Lopez	11	Bill Busch	20	Michael Denning	31
Rachel Hundtofte	5	Chuck Waters	12	Michael Ring	20		
Patrick Andersen	5	Kurt Hulsing	12	Marilyn Alfors	21	March Anniversaries	
Mike Greiner	6	Sheila Heilman	12	Jackie Bertelsen	21	Scott/Gina Huebner	1
Pat Ausdemore	6	Vern Bertelsen	12	Jean Hofmaster	21	Ryan/Lori Tiarks	1
Matt Fletcher	6	Tyler Weidner	12	Baylon Harman	21	Darrold/Joyce Martens	2
Nikki Scriven	6	Andrew Morse	13	Nancy Rohatsch	22	Tony/Trisha Alfors	6
Darrel Petersen	7	Pat Fischer	14	David Kramer	23	Mike/Melinda Reineke	6
		Tim Slobodnik	15	Ben Fischer	24	Mark/Karla Pogge	9
		Matt Ryba	15	Kaylee Lopez	26	Bryan/Misty Weidner	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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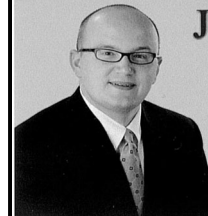
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COMMUNAL PENANCE NIGHTS:

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

HOLY WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Deacon Scott will be having a 3-night Bible Study about Holy Week. This will be held in the Faith Formation Building on March 29th, 30th, & 31st at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Free to attend.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop William Joensen will bless oils and Sacred Chrism at the Chrism Mass at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 27 at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Everyone is invited to this special Mass. The oil and Chrism will be used for sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: All Palm Sunday Masses will begin in the Parish Hall. Please note the time change for the Sunday Masses:
St. Columbanus Weston: 8:00 am
St. Patrick Neola: 10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY: The following individuals have volunteered to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday:

Max Kozeal	Vivian Gross	Kristen Carlson
Luanna Ring	Marsha Slobodnik	Tim Slobodnik
Deb Hurd	Fani Barajas	Gerl Bjorling
Jenny Hall	Roger Hall	Diane Rodenburg

GOOD FRIDAY:

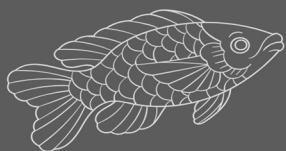
- Reminder that Good Friday is a fast day for all Catholics ages 18-59, which means 1 regular meal, 2 snacks not equal to a meal, and no meat.
- This year the Good Friday Service will be at St Columbanus Weston.
- Stations of the Cross will be at 2:30 pm, followed by Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Please note the time changes:

- St. Columbanus Weston: 8:00 am
- St. Patrick Neola: 10:00 am

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Fish Fry FRIDAYS



St. Patrick Parish Hall, Neola IA

When:

February 20	February 27
March 6	March 13
March 20	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>

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

2026 Lent Project

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

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.





LENT

Faith Conversations

Week of March 22-28

SUNDAY READINGS: Ezekiel 37: 12-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8: 8-11, John 11: 1-45

ADULT REFLECTION

This Sunday's readings center on the theme of resurrection as we near the end of Lent. Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves and put his own spirit in them. Paul reminds the Romans that the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in them and "will give life to your mortal bodies also," and in the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead.

"Resurrection" may roll off our tongues but it should knock us over! Let yourself be rocked by these readings, especially the Gospel. A man dies and is buried. Four days later, Jesus does the impossible. He calls Lazarus from his grave. Back to life!

Here's another powerful detail. "And Jesus wept." Jesus—almighty God, capable of giving life back to Lazarus—was so moved at the pain of his friends, he cried. Where else do we see such power paired with such compassion? Unlike world leaders, God doesn't need to protect his power to keep it. His tender heart is accessible to all. His power flows from his life-giving love.

And so, the Father sends the Holy Spirit to us at Baptism. The same Spirit that powerfully raised Jesus from the dead. We have been invited to enter into the tender heart of God—to share in God's own life.

Reflection Questions:

- *Sharing in God's life doesn't make us gods or "pieces of God," nor shield us from experiencing our humanity — including our own death. So what does it mean to share in God's life? How does Jesus help you live life in abundance, fully?*

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

Have you heard of someone having a near-death-experience? Such people talk about it changing how they see their lives. Why do you think that is? Have you ever had an experience that changed your perspective on life in a lasting way?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Even saints die, so what is Jesus talking about? He could be talking about our souls going to heaven, or our bodies rejoining our souls one day. Hope of heaven is a game-changer. But could Jesus be talking about another difference he can make in life here and now — with all its ups and downs? "I am the life." "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). How is Jesus our life?



PRAYER

Jesus, there is so much sickness, sadness, and dying in our world. It can make us heavy-hearted. Call to us, like you did to Lazarus! Invite us to new life in you. Help us bring your compassion to others, that they, too, may believe in you. Amen.



FASTING

Set aside your normal TV show to watch an episode of The Chosen this week. Reflect on the difference Jesus makes in the lives of the people he touches.



ALMSGIVING

Reach out in love to someone near death (either close to death themselves, or someone who has recently lost a loved one) with a visit, a hot meal, a listening ear, or offering to prayer together.



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