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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
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Served from Neola

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

April 25/26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

READING I Acts 2:14a, 36-41
PSLAM 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
READING II 1 Peter 2:20b-25
GOSPEL John 10:1-10

May 2/3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

READING I Acts 6:1-7
PSLAM 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
READING II 1 Peter 2:4-9
GOSPEL John 14:1-12

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

Today we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why he came, he tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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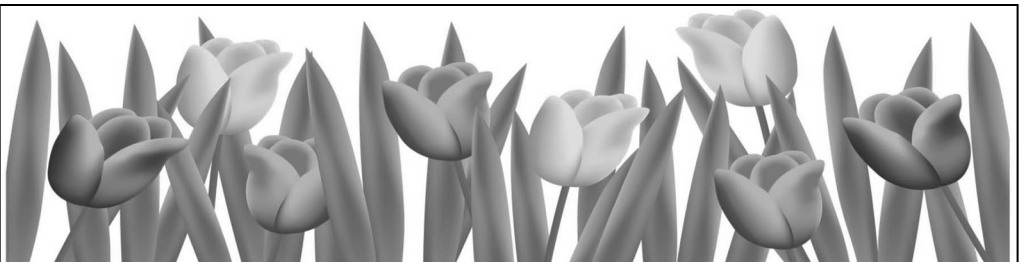
On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear Jesus call himself the gate to the sheepfold. He opens to lead the sheep to verdant pastures and closes to save them from danger. In the first reading, Peter reminds us that repentance acts as a gate as well. Repenting of our sins brings forgiveness and salvation. As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we will recognize the voice of the Lord calling us to repentance and the blessings within.

Though phrases like "verdant pastures" and "restful waters" are figurative more than literal (Psalm 23:2), they suggest that following the Lord as our shepherd brings comfort and peace. However, the psalmist admits that sometimes the "right paths" lead to "dark valleys" (23:3-4). The first letter of Peter echoes this aspect, speaking of suffering when doing the right thing. For an example of coping with this, we need look no further than the Good Shepherd himself, who suffered more than can scarcely be imagined: an innocent man tortured, nailed to a cross, and left to die. From the garden of Gethsemane to the hill on Calvary, Jesus realized that the Father was by his side, giving him the courage to face the darkest of valleys. May we bear our sufferings as he did, knowing that God is always with us.

Question of the Week

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How can I live my life more abundantly? What specific things can I do this week to increase the love and mercy in my life?



Weekday Masses

Apr 27 - No Mass
 Apr 28 - St Patrick - Fred Ring 8:30 AM
 Apr 29 - St Columbanus 5:30 PM
 Apr 30 - No Mass
 May 1 - St Patrick - Jean E. Fischer 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

May 2 - St Patrick - Jean E. Fischer 8:30 AM
 May 2 - St Patrick - Leo & Pauline Fischer 5:30 PM
 May 3 - St Columbanus 8:00 AM
 May 3 - St Patrick - Mary Baker 9:30 AM

MAY 2, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Max Michels
 Servers - Henry Fischer
 Ben Fischer
 EME - Roberta Morse
 Bonnie Wredt
 Eric Busch

MAY 3, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Confirmation Students
 Servers - Samantha Nye
 Emma Sweeney
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Shannon Nye

MAY 9, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - David Mann
 Servers - None
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Travis Bolte
 Andrea Bolte

MAY 10 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Hadynd Ausdemore
 Servers - Kaden Kozeal
 Joseph Gerken
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Angie Kozeal
 Max Kozeal

MAY 16, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Travis Bolte
 Servers - Grace Konz
 Grace Shively
 EME - David Mann
 Maureen Mann
 Norm Baker

MAY 17, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Jenny Hall
 Servers - Ali Leaders
 Weston Blatt
 EME - Jenny Hall
 Geri Bjorling
 Emily Leaders

TITHE COUNTERS

Apr 26 - Mark Pogge	Cecilia Powell	Sue Stenlund
May 3 - Dani Baxter	Anne Brummett	Roberta Morse
May 10 - Rita Heinen	Jim Mahlberg	Roger Hall
May 17 - Kevin Nye	Mark Pogge	Cecilia Powell

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Apr 26 - Samantha Nye	Roberta Morse
May 3 - Samantha Nye	Jennifer Fischer
May 10 - Norm Baker	Liz Lyons
May 17 - Samantha Nye	Carolyn McDermott

Congratulations to Lucas Dempsey who celebrates his First Eucharist on Sunday!



Let us pray in gratitude for Lucas who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time!

LILIES: The lilies have stopped blooming. If you would like to take one or more to have at your home, please do so. They are located in the sacristy.

NCYC: I want to thank everyone for their support in the past. Last year our trip was completely covered due to the families' fundraising and the support you have shown! Thank you! It is time to start planning the 2027 trip. If you have a child who will be in 8-12th grade in November of 2027, they are eligible to join us for the trip in November 2027. If your student will be in 8th grade, a chaperone (parent, grandparent, etc.) must attend with them. There is a lot of walking involved.

Calendar of Events:

Apr 29 - Confirmation Server Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
 Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
 May 2 - Reconciliation, 4:30-5:15 pm
 May 3 - Celebration of Confirmation, 9:30 am Mass
 May 5 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
 May 7 - First Thursday Adoration & Reconciliation, 6:30-7:30 pm
 May 9/10 - Catholic Charities Special Collection
 May 10 - Happy Mother's Day
 Children's Mass
 May 17 - Fr Julius' Birthday, lunch after 9:30 am Mass, parish hall
 May 19 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
 May 20 - Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass
 May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
 Blessing of Graduating Seniors at 9:30 am Mass
 May 25 - Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery, 10:00 am
 May 31 - Altar Server Training, after 9:30 am Mass

Offering Report

Last Weeks Fiscal Year to Date

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 84,223.24
Open Offering	\$ 147.00	\$ 7,982.00
Children's Offering	\$ 18.00	\$ 782.61

Memorial Calendar

Apr 26 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Apr 28 - Memorial of St. Peter Chanel
 Memorial of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
 Apr 29 - Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena
 Apr 30 - Memorial of St. Pius V
 May 1 - Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker
 International Workers' Day
 May 2 - Memorial of St. Athanasius



CONFIRMATION BRUNCH: We are looking for help with our Confirmation brunch on Sunday May 3. Click on the QR Code for the Sign-Up Genius.



FAITH FORMATION: Three teaching positions have opened up for the 26/27 school year. We need help from both parishes to fill these positions, obtain substitute teachers, and help with VBS. If interested or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon at 712-485-2754

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Have you ever watched the Altar Server during Mass? They put on those white robes and stand on the altar with pride as they become part of the Mass. Have you ever thought of becoming just like the servers you watch each week? Well, this is your chance! We will be having training on Sunday, May 31st after 9:30 AM Mass in the church. We'd like all current servers and anyone interested in serving to stay after Mass on May 31st.

LENT PROJECT: We were able to raise \$1,010 for the Kramer Family and \$1,180 for the Legacy Grove Senior Veterans Apartments. Thank you to everyone that donated to these wonderful causes.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be at the Neola Cemetery on Monday, May 26th at 10:00 am. Please bring your lawn chairs or you will have to stand. If it rains, Mass will be in church.

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You Are Invited To

Fr Julius' Birthday Lunch

Sunday, May 17, 2026
after 9:30 am Mass

St Patrick Neola, Parish Hall

Parish Directory

St Patrick & St Columbanus Parishes are putting together a new Parish Directory

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS

Family Photos can be emailed to the parish office at office@stpatricksneola.com or Cecilia Thomas has agreed to take photos at the Parish Picnic on June 14th. Please click on the QR Code below to indicate how your photos will be submitted. Please include your current address & phone number with your submission. All photos need be received by June 30, 2026.

You Are Invited To

VACATION Bible School

June 15-19 | 2026

9:00 am to Noon

St Patrick Parish Hall
309 3rd St
Neola, IA 51559

More info: call Shannon
712-485-2754

NCYC

Garage Sale

Come and find furniture, clothes, toys, kitchen finds, books, décor & more!

June 25-27

THURSDAY: 5 TO 8 PM
FRIDAY: 8 AM TO 8 PM
SATURDAY: 8 AM TO NOON

St Patrick Parish Hall, 309 3rd St, Neola

To donate, please contact Shannon at 712-485-2754
Please no large furniture, tv's, mattresses, or underwear.

May Birthdays							
Hadyn Ausdemore	1	Cael Jensen	10	Trent Wollenhaupt	20	Madeline Pierce	30
Braxton Leonard	1	Corrine Minahan	11	Lynn Stenlund	22	Ty Ungrad	31
Kyle Clark	2	Jennifer Kuehn	11	Angeline Oberdorfer	22	David Wellman	31
Bernadette Koch	3	Gavin Dempsey	11	Madison Leaders	22	Dean Grote	31
Kylynn Tigges	3	Mary Rowe	12	Clementine Ortman	22	Lucas Dempsey	31
Craig Corrin	4	Bryan Weidner	12	Joyce Zimmerman	23		
Tabitha Kuehn	4	Clay McGargill	12	Avery Reed	23	May Anniversaries	
Norm Baker	5	Lynette Grobe	13	James Jensen	24	Mark & Stacy Hazen	3
Denise Ring	5	Jared Ausdemore	13	Shiloh Corrin	24	Tom & Deb Minahan	4
Stephanie Blum	5	Brenna Rodenburg	13	Andrew Greiner	24	Austin & Allison Ehlers	4
Carsyn Ausdemore	5	Aaron Daniel	13	Thomas Shipp	25	Fred & Annette Grote	8
Lois Flemming	6	Jeanette Masker	14	Eric Jensen	25	Eric & Mary Rowe	9
Dan Schnitker	6	Larry Ring	14	Jennifer McDermott	25	Mike & Heather Dempsey	10
Heather Russell-Schroeder	6	Peter Scriven	14	Beatrice Williams	26	David & Linda Minahan	10
Brad Payne	6	Chuck Esser	15	Andrew Scriven	26	Dan & Rita Schnitker	14
Clinton Parish	7	David Ausdemore	15	Blake Scherer	27	Heath & Angie Rodenburg	15
Ava Scherer	7	Michelle Ferguson	15	Mark Haverkamp	28	Tom & Michelle Bolgar	15
Gary Ausdemore	8	Brady Huebner	16	Grace Denning	28	Mike & Corrine Minahan	16
Mary Jo Ring	9	Conor Carlson	16	Vivian Gross	28	Tim & Marsha Slobodnik	16
Jennifer Smith	9	Roger Pearson	17	John Ungrad	28	Jeff & Jane Whannell	16
Shirley Masker	10	Curt Wellman	17	Jody Cook	29	Kevin & Shannon Nye	17
Jeff Lefebber	10	Brock McDonough	17	Kaitlin Kozeal	29	Jim & Jody Cook	18
Jack Killpack	10	Brenda Anderson	18	John Fischer	30	Curt & Rhea Gross	23
Charles Ortman	10	Kaden McDermott	19	David Casson	30	Mike & Kristen Bladt	25
		Greg Fischer	20	Ella Pierce	30	Lynn & Sue Stenlund	27
						Jim & Dani Petersen	31

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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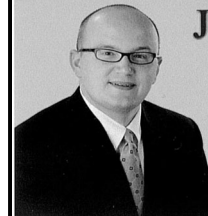
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