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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

May 30/31, 2026 *The Most Holy Trinity*

READING I Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
PSLAM Daniel 3: Glory and praise for ever!
READING II 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
GOSPEL John 3:16-18

June 6/7, 2026 *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

READING I Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
PSLAM 147: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem
READING II 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
GOSPEL John 6:51-58

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

It's one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: how three persons can be united in one divine being. On the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we praise God the Father for sending the Son to save us from our sins and the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. The Holy Spirit draws us together as the body of Christ to receive the Son in the Eucharist and give glory to God the Father, in whose image we have been created. Let us praise and give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the infinite love and mercy we have received.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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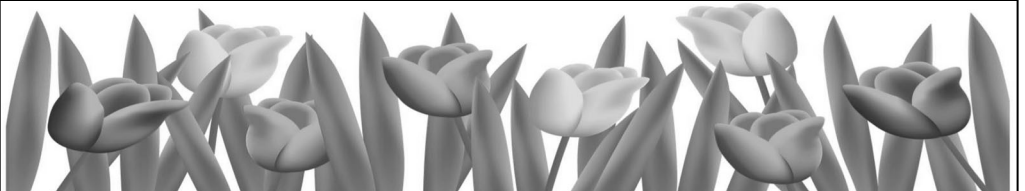
God's love for us comes across vividly in today's readings. God promises Moses to be merciful, gracious, and rich in kindness. Paul tells the Corinthians that the God of love and peace will be with them as they treat each other with love and live in peace. John points out that Christ's sacrifice on the cross is a vivid sign of God's great love for us. Let us listen to God's word with grateful hearts.

"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity," God says to Moses in the first reading (Exodus 34:6). It is interesting that God uses a description that does not include the first words that may come to mind regarding the divine essence: words like all-powerful, all-knowing, infinite, or perfect. These words are true, of course, but God instead chooses to use words that are relational. God cannot be any of these things—merciful or gracious, kind or faithful—without someone else. But the fact that God is three persons means that God is relational from the start. Indeed, Jesus relies on these qualities when he faces his suffering and death. He relies on his faith that the Father is merciful to him, is gracious to him, is faithful to him. He also relies on these qualities when he promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Our God is a relational God, and God's mercy, grace, love, and fidelity to us reflects these qualities among Father, Son, and Spirit.

Question of the Week

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What will I do this week to reflect the qualities of the divine essence?



Weekday Masses

June 1 - No Mass
 June 2 - No Mass
 June 3 - No Mass
 June 4 - No Mass
 June 5 - St Patrick - Leo & Pauline Fischer 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

June 6 - St Patrick - Joan Justice 8:30 AM
 June 6 - St Patrick - Linda Romitti 5:30 PM
 June 7 - St Columbanus - Kenny Young 8:00 AM
 June 7 - St Patrick - Bill & Marilyn Ryan 9:30 AM

JUNE 6, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Ashley Lopez
 Servers - Ben Fischer
 Henry Fischer
 EME - David Mann
 Maureen Mann
 Eric Busch

JUNE 7, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Vivian Gross
 Servers - Jack Murphy
 Natalie Scriven
 EME - Rhea Gross
 Chad Harder
 Liz Lyons

JUNE 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Ashley Lopez
 Servers - None

JUNE 14, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Rita Heinen
 Servers - Ben Fischer
 Henry Fischer
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Angie Kozeal
 Max Kozeal

JUNE 20, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Travis Bolte
 Servers - Charles Williams

JUNE 21, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Shannon Nye
 Servers - Eric Busch
 Daniel Fischer
 EME - Scott Brooks
 Roberta Morse
 Liz Lyons

TITHE COUNTERS

May 31 - Peggy Thielen	Roger Hall	Rita Heinen
June 7 - Anne Brummett	Jim Mahlberg	Sue Stenlund
June 14 - Mark Pogge	Diane Rodenburg	Roberta Morse
June 21 - Kevin Nye	Cecilia Powell	Peggy Thielen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

May 31 - Samantha Nye	Liz Lyons
June 7 - Carolyn McDermott	Roberta Morse
June 14 - Norm Baker	Liz Lyons
June 21 - Samantha Nye	Shannon Nye

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: On the weekend of June 27th & 28th, we will be welcoming Fr. Marcel Gham from the Diocese of Virgin Islands. This effort is to expand our parishioners' awareness of the needs of the Church world-wide and, hopefully, serve as the incentive for a generous response to the need presented. Thank you in advance for welcoming Fr. Marcel and for your donations to this worthy cause.

FINDING GOD: This summer, don't take a vacation from Mass. Wherever you are, you can find the nearest church and Mass by going to MassTimes.org.

— 26TH ANNUAL —

 JULY 31 – AUG 2, 2026 | WICHITA, KS

"Be Still and Know I Am God." Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference July 31- August 2, in Wichita, KS. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily Mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 30. Registration is available on-site, but online registration after June 30 will still save you money! Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org

Calendar of Events:

June 1-4 - No morning Mass, Father at Priest Retreat
 June 2 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
 June 6/7 - Catholic Communications Campaign
 June 6 - Reconciliation, 4:30 to 5:15 pm
 June 7 - Eucharistic Minister Training, after 9:30 am Mass
 Presentation of Scholarships at 9:30 am Mass
 June 9 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
 June 14 - Children's Mass
 New Eucharistic Minister Commissioning at 9:30 am Mass
 Parish Picnic, parish hall, after 9:30 am Mass
 June 15-19- Vacation Bible School
 June 20/21- Peter's Pence Collection
 June 25-27- NCYC Garage Sale
 June 27/28- Missionary Cooperative with St Thomas Virgin Islands

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,930.98	\$ 93,934.22
Open Offering	\$ 347.90	\$ 9,230.90
Children's Offering	\$ 2.00	\$ 861.61

Memorial Calendar

June 1 - Memorial of St. Justin
 June 2 - Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus & Peter
 June 3 - Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
 June 5 - Memorial of St. Boniface
 World Environment Day
 National Gun Violence Awareness Day
 June 6 - Memorial of St. Norbert
 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Next weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Des Moines to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the gospel message! Please be generous.

NEW PARISHIONERS: St. Patrick's would like to welcome the following families to our parish family:

1. Sam, T.Jo, and Tana Flowers
2. Ryan, Jaymie, Jaylin & Nolan Larrison

Please give them all a warm welcome when you see them at Mass.

EME TRAINING: We will have training for anyone that would like to become a Eucharistic Minister after Mass on June 7th. These individuals will then be commissioned during 9:30 am Mass on June 14th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

OUTREACH MINISTRY: Don't forget that our parish still has the Outreach Ministry. This group can help with rides to appointments, minor help at home, etc. If you need any assistance, please contact Shannon Nye at 712-485-2754 or dre@stpatricksneola.com.

Reminder for the Annual Diocesan Appeal:

- St. Patrick's Parish goal this year is \$27,663. Their current shortfall amount is \$16,203.
- St. Columbanus' Parish goal this year is \$6,571. Their current shortfall amount is \$2,371.
- Pledge Cards are available in the church entrances & can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.
- Thank you for considering a donation! Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.

Presbyterian Women present

HIGH TEA



Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 10:00 am
First Presbyterian Church
 400 2nd Street, Neola, IA 51550

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If you like, you may bring a photo of your teapot for making your favorite brew.

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SOCIAL/MUSIC 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM

You're invited to a delightful evening featuring delicious cuisine, entertaining music, and a flower raffle, along with a brief MissionCare presentation. All proceeds will go toward the goals of MissionCare.

CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH TO BUY TICKETS OR CALL/TEXT
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Iowa Western Band

June Birthdays

Jason Pierce	1	Reed Petersen	9
Josh Ravlin	2	Neva Johnsen	9
Patrick Grote	2	Hadley Harrold	10
Alizabeh Jacobsen	2	Weston Blatt	10
Joanne Grote	3	Kenzlie Payne	11
Annette Grote	3	Natalie Scriven	11
Jacob Price	3	Tom Bolgar	12
Trent Kozeal	3	Brad Grote	12
Erin Johnsen	4	Denise Parish	13
Logan Jensen	4	Lauryn Ausdemore	15
Annabelle Wells	4	Geri Bjorling	16
Emily Baxter	5	Kimberlee Denning	16
Carol Masker	6	Kelly Casson	17
Mike Reineke	6	Evelyn Johnson	17
Sarah Buckholdt	7	Joan Gubbels	19
Heidi Hough	8	Sandy Larson	19
John Schnitker	8	Diane Huddle	20
Brittany Busch	8	Kyle Kunze	20
Donna Denning	9	Melinda Reineke	21
Tom Sweeney	9	Myla Lopez	21
Nolan Baker	9	Henry Fischer	22
		Braxton Larsen	23

HOLY ROSARY

for the city of Des Moines



WHAT: Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hosted by Catholic DMPD Officers- for the citizens of Des Moines and metro area, State of Iowa and city leaders, Police Officers, Firefighters/EMS, Medical Personnel, DSM Clergy

WHEN: Saturday, June 13th, 2026, at 1:30 pm
 June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

WHERE: Des Moines Police Department
 25 E. 1st Street
 Des Moines, IA 50309

WHO: All members of the Community



Note: Please gather at the West side of the building near the memorial. Lawn chairs are welcome and encouraged.



GOLF SCRAMBLE



July 11, 2026 | Dodge Riverside Golf Course
 \$400 - Foursome

All proceeds from our upcoming golf tournament will be directed towards scholarships at Saint Albert Catholic

Register at:
<https://givebutter.com/KofCgolf26>
 or scan the QR code
 Registration closes Sunday, July 5th



Questions please contact Kate Gaul at gaulk@saintalbertschools.org

June Anniversaries

Darrel & Margie Petersen	1	Jeff & Cassie Harris	4
Brandon & Amanda Scherer	1	Jeremy & Jennifer McDermott	6
John & Heather Lessard	3	Eric & Mary Jensen	7
		Jim & Jonette Fischer	9
		Kyle & Kari Kunze	9
		Kyle & Linda Scott	9
		Lawrence & Joan Gubbels	10
		Ted & Stacie Denning	10
		Tim & Cheryl Schwery	15
		Patrick & Amy Andersen	15
		Eldon & Teresa Hough	18
		Casey & Anna Baragary	20
		Thomas & Denise Shipp	22
		Bryan & Sarah Buckholdt	22
		Fred & Mary Ann Thomas	23
		Kurt & Kathy Wollenhaupt	23
		Travis & Andrea Bolte	24
		Beau & Trudie Jacobsen	24
		Larry & Luana Ring	25
		James & Melanie Berg	25
		Connor & Anna Fox	29
		John & Kim Wollenhaupt	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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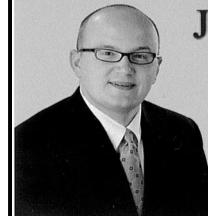
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June 2026

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One Minute Meditations

St. Paulinus of Nola

St. Paulinus came from a wealthy Roman family, was a well-educated, renowned lawyer, and married into Spanish nobility. Everything changed with the death of his newborn son. St. Paulinus asked for Baptism then he and his wife sold their property and moved to Nola, Italy, where they devoted themselves to austerity and charitable works. St. Paulinus (by popular demand) became Bishop of Nola, governing wisely and generously. He died in 431, leaving behind many treatises, letters, and poems.

The love of the Sacred Heart

"The tender heart of God thought upon [you], loved [you], and procured for [you] a thousand means of salvation, as though there had been no other soul in the world... As the sun shines upon one place of the earth and enlightens it no less than if it shined on no other, so too has our Lord thought of and cared for all his dear children, as though his attention were wholly and entirely focused upon each of them." St. Francis de Sales

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatian 2:20).

The Beatitudes: Christ's vision for the human heart

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus revealed the attitudes, priorities, and way of loving that shaped His life. These became the Beatitudes: interior dispositions that open our hearts to His grace. As we cooperate with that grace, our hearts are transformed to become more like His.

Poor in spirit: The poor in spirit recognize that heavenly treasures — peace, grace, love, friendship, and eternal life — matter far more than worldly success or possessions.

Mourning: Rather than distracting ourselves from pain, loneliness, or disappointment, we bring our wounded hearts honestly to God. Healing begins when we allow Him to comfort us.

Meek: Meekness is not weakness, but strength rooted in self-control and trust in God. When our security rests in God, we are less ruled by fear, anger, or the need to control everything around us.

Hungry and thirsty for righteousness: This is a deep longing to live in

friendship with God and to grow in holiness each day.

Merciful: God loves us with tender, generous, and selfless love, and He calls us to extend that same mercy to others.

Pure in heart: Purity of heart means

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another" (Colossians 3:12)

valuing what is true, holy, and good, while striving to live with sincerity and integrity.

Peacemaking: Peacemakers bring calm, clarity, and reconciliation to difficult situations. True peace comes when God is placed first.

Willing to suffer for Christ: Following Christ will sometimes bring opposition. Yet Jesus promises that those who persevere with courage and trust "will have a great reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why does the Church need cardinals?

Cardinals are part of the governing structure of the Church and are best known for electing a new Pope during a conclave. They are bishops specially chosen — or "created" — by the Pope for this important role. Traditionally, cardinals were selected only from the clergy of Rome. Today, because the Church is worldwide, cardinals are

chosen from dioceses across the globe. To preserve their historic connection to Rome, each cardinal is still assigned a titular Roman church. Cardinals wear scarlet vestments, including the red skullcap and biretta, symbolizing their willingness to defend and spread the Faith, even to the shedding of their blood.

Hope changes everything

Hope helps us desire Heaven and trust in God’s promises. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that hope “responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man” (CCC, 1818). It strengthens us to persevere through difficulties and keeps our hearts fixed on God. Here are three ways to renew and strengthen hope:

Shift your focus: Do not allow past regrets, future fears, or present worries to dominate your thoughts. Read the daily Gospel before the news. When you catch yourself worrying or dwelling on negativity, intentionally redirect your mind toward God’s promises. Keep encouraging Scripture verses

— such as Romans 8:37 — visible on your phone, mirror, or coffee maker as reminders of hope throughout the day.

Fight temptation with the opposite virtue: In the spiritual life, virtues overcome vices. Counter doubt with acts of faith, complaints with gratitude, and comparison with encouragement and appreciation for others.

Become a source of hope: Build others up rather than focusing on faults. Frequently ask, “What can I do to improve this situation?” Christian hope is not blind optimism, but confidence in Christ, the One who is “*Faithful and True*” (Revelation 19:11).

from Scripture

Matthew 10:37-42, The priorities of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks clearly about the demands of discipleship. At its heart is the question of priorities. For the early Christians, following Christ often meant risking imprisonment, persecution, or even death. To belong to Jesus required complete trust and surrender because only God is worthy of first place in our hearts and lives.

Faithful Catholic life still carries challenges today. Much of what Christ and His Church ask of us runs counter to the values of secular culture. Even apart from worldly pressures, each of us carries personal crosses —

struggles, sacrifices, disappointments, and suffering. Yet Jesus never asks us to carry them alone. He invites us to follow Him and to walk beside Him through them.

The good news is that Jesus has already gone before us — from suffering to glory, from death to eternal life, and from sorrow to joy. Because of Him, our crosses are no longer meaningless. With His grace, we can choose each day to remain faithful, keep His commandments, and abide in His love. One day, in Heaven, we will see clearly that every sacrifice made for Christ was worth it.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Clerics Regular Minor with Venerable John Augustine Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

June 7 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 12 – Solemnity of the Sacred

Heart (1856). St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus, who urged her to spread public devotion to the Sacred Heart. The image of Jesus’ Heart, pierced and enthroned in unquenchable flames, reminds us of His intense and eternal love for us.

June 15 – St. Germain of Pibrac (1601). Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine had a deformed hand, suffered from sores on her neck, and was sickly from neglect and abuse. Despite her sufferings, she found comfort in God’s presence. She was generous with the poor despite her own poverty. She forgave her stepmother who badly mistreated her. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdesses.

Q & A Why do we honor Mary’s Immaculate Heart?

In the month of June, the Church honors the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of her unique relationship with Jesus and her faithful cooperation in God’s plan of salvation.

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord” (Luke 1:38). At the Annunciation, Mary freely consented to become the Mother of God’s Son. From the moment “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14) in her womb, her Immaculate Heart was united completely to the Heart of Jesus in love, trust, and obedience.

“A sword will pierce your own soul” (Luke 2:35). Although Mary was free from sin, she was not spared suffering. Simeon’s prophecy points to the deep sorrow she endured as she accompanied Jesus through His Passion and crucifixion. Mary teaches us how to trust God even in suffering and uncertainty.

“My Immaculate Heart will triumph.” These words, associated with Our Lady of Fatima, echo God’s promise of victory over evil. As Mother and Queen, Mary shares uniquely in her Son’s triumph. When we, too, say “yes” to God’s grace, Christ’s victory becomes our own.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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.



ST PATRICK INVITES YOU TO A:

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JUNE 14

AFTER 9:30 AM MASS

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June | 15-19 | 2026

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June 25-27

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