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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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Weston, IA



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MASS TIMES:

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM

Holidays: As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation by appointment

July 25/26, 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

PSLAM 119: Lord, I love your commands.

READING II Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

August 1/2, 2026 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I 1 Isaiah 55:1-3

PSLAM 145: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

READING II Romans 8:35, 37-39

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

Each Sunday when we come together to worship God, we are nourished first by God's word in the readings, psalm, and Gospel and then by Christ's own body in the Eucharist. We may take both for granted, because each is available to us every Sunday, but these are gifts that are meant to be treasured. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a great treasure buried in a field, bought by a person lucky enough to have found it. But we have our treasure right here and right now, given to us by a God of infinite generosity. May we be blessed with the wisdom to see the treasures we have in the Word and Eucharist.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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Today's readings engage us on a search for treasure. Given a chance to ask for anything from God, Solomon does not ask for riches, good health, or a long life, but for an understanding heart so that he can rule his people wisely. God gives him the treasure of unparalleled wisdom. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field or a pearl of great price, each of which leads a person to sell all that they have in order to acquire it. Let us pray for the wisdom to see the treasure we have in our faith and the reward we long for in the kingdom of heaven.

Given the chance to ask one thing of God for ourselves, what would we choose? Before we answer, we would be wise to look back at other things we've wished for, even longed for, and have received. Have they brought us the joy we thought they would? Or did our satisfaction fade over time? Remember, God is infinitely good, the source of all goodness, constant goodness, whether that is love, peace, or happiness. Solomon asked for an understanding heart so that he could exercise wise judgment. With this, he could judge among many good things and discern what truly would bring him joy. But we don't need this. Jesus has revealed the greatest treasure to us - the kingdom - and it will bring us true joy. May we trust in him and pursue the kingdom over all other good things.

Question of the Week

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What sacrifices am I willing to make and what hardships am I willing to endure in order to gain the kingdom of heaven?



Weekday Masses

July 27 - No Mass
July 28 - St Patrick - Joe Wellman 8:30 AM
July 29 - St Columbanus 8:30 AM
July 30 - No Mass
July 31 - St Patrick - Louis & Charlotte Ring family 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Aug 1 - St Patrick - Joan Justice 8:30 AM
Aug 1 - St Patrick - Dan McDermott 5:30 PM
Aug 2 - St Columbanus 8:00 AM
Aug 2 - St Patrick - Joan Justice 9:30 AM

AUGUST 1, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Max Michels
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
Norm Baker
David Mann

AUGUST 2, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Shannon Nye
Servers - Samantha Nye
Alexandra Nye

EME - Scott Brooks
Rhea Gross
Eric Busch

AUGUST 8, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Ashley Lopez
Servers - None

EME - Andrea Bolte
Travis Bolte
Maureen Mann

AUGUST 9, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Lynette Oberdorfer
Servers - Joseph Gerken
Kaden Kozeal

EME - Geri Bjorling
Angie Kozeal
Max Kozeal

AUGUST 15, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Mary Fischer
Servers - Grace Shively
Noah Wollenhaupt

EME - Norm Baker
Roberta Morse
Eric Busch

AUGUST 16, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Corey Hough
Servers - Emma Sweeney
Thomas Sweeney

EME - Shannon Nye
Samantha Nye
Rhea Gross

TITHE COUNTERS

July 26 - Anne Brummett	Jim Mahlberg	Roberta Morse
Aug 2 - Kevin Nye	Mark Pogge	Peggy Thielen
Aug 9 - Cecilia Powell	Sue Stenlund	Dani Baxter
Aug 16 - Kevin Nye	Diane Rodenburg	Rita Heinen

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

July 26 - Norm Baker	Carolyn McDermott
Aug 2 - Samantha Nye	Shannon Nye
Aug 8 - Liz Lyons	Carolyn McDermott
Aug 16 - Samantha Nye	Shannon Nye

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: Starting Saturday, August 1st, after the First Saturday 8:30 am Masses, you are invited to a devotion to our blessed mother.

VENEZUELAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS COLLECTION: Next weekend, August 1st & 2nd, we will take up a special collection for the victims of the recent Venezuelan earthquake. Please see the enclosed letter from Fr. David Fleming, the Diocesan Vicar General.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico began an international tour with a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe as part of the preparation for the 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to St. Juan Diego. The goal is for the Pilgrim Mother to visit every Diocese in the United States before 2031. She will be in our Diocese from July 15 through Sept. 11. She will be in the following parishes for prayer, veneration, and as an opportunity to encounter Christ and deepen our relationship with him through her.

Our Lady of the Americas: July 25-Aug. 4, 1271 E 9th St., DM
Our Lady's Immaculate Heart: Aug 6- 13, 510 E. 1st St., Ankeny
St Boniface in Waukee: Aug. 15-21, 1200 S. Warrior Lane, Waukee
St. Bernard in Osceola: Aug. 23 – Sept. 2, 222 E. Pearl St., Osceola
Corpus Christi in CB: Sept. 4–11, 3304 4th Ave., Council Bluffs

Calendar of Events:

Aug 1 - Reconciliation, 4:30-5:15 pm
Aug 2 - Children's Mass
Aug 4 - Deacon Scott's Ordination Anniversary
Aug 6 - First Thursday Reconciliation & Adoration, 6:30-7:30 pm
Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, 8:30 am
Aug 15/16 - Collection for the Church in Africa
Aug 23 - Back to School Blessing for students & teachers
Aug 24-28 - No Masses as Father will be on Vacation
Aug 30 - Catechist back to class meeting, after 9:30 am Mass
Sept 3 - First Thursday Reconciliation & Adoration, 6:30-7:30 pm
Sept 5 - Fr. Julius' 17th Ordination Anniversary
Mass at 8:30, followed by coffee & rolls & then
Decorate Hoo Doo Float
Reconciliation, 4:30-5:15 PM
Sept 7 - Labor Day / Hoo Doo Days - 8:30 am Mass
Sept 8 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
Sept 12/13 - Seminarian Special Collection
Sept 13 - Back to Class Parents Meeting, in church, after Mass

Offering Report

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 5,765.98
Open Offering	\$ 165.00	\$ 459.00
Children's Offering	\$ 27.00	\$ 34.00

Memorial Calendar

July 26 - World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
July 29 - Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
July 30 - Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus
International Day of Friendship
July 31 - Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Aug 1 - Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori



HOO DOO PARADE FLOAT: Exciting news! St. Patrick will be submitting a float in the parade again this year. We are looking for help to decorate the float on Saturday, September 5th. We will begin with Mass at 8:30, then celebrate Father Julius' 17th ordination anniversary with coffee & rolls in the parish hall, then decorate the float. And we need people to ride the float or walk along side the float. If you are able to help, please contact Shannon at 712-485-2754 or dre@stpatricksneola.com. It is important to let people of Neola know we support them & are here for them!

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: The annual diocesan Eucharistic procession will begin with 9:00 am Mass on August 15th at St. Joseph Church in Earling. After Mass will be a procession, adoration & Benediction.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITS: If you or someone you know would like to have a priest visit them in the hospital or a nursing home within the Council Bluffs Metro Area, please call Fr. Emmanuel Offiong at 712-406-0094. To have Fr Julius visit at your home, hospital or nursing home, please contact the parish office at 712-485-2750.

FISH FRY RESULTS:

Gross Income: \$ 30,136.00
Expenses: \$ 11,732.58
Net Income: \$ 18,403.42

Sorry for this information being so late. Thank you to the many parishioners who helped work the Lenten Fish Fries. It was a true parish effort and we appreciate everyone's dedication and service. Thank you all again!

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.

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- Beginning July 26th, you can make an appointment with Shannon to help you get signed up. Please contact her at 712-485-2754 or dre@stpatriksneola.com

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



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August Birthdays

Russ Eckmann	1
Andrew Oberdorfer	1
Daniel Fischer	1
Addison Hough	1
Alyssa McDermott	1
Mary Lee Ravlin	3
Linda Scott	3
Ryan Fletcher	3
John Hurd	4
Samantha Nye	4
Rob Huebner	5
Jean Casson	6
David Mann	6
Reese Johnsen	6
Andree Smith	7
James Taylor	7
Robert Pauley	7
Michelle Bolgar	8
Becky Baker	8
Greg Ring	9
Jesus Barajas	9

Gary Larson	10
Corey Hough	10
Julie McDonough	12
Michael Bladt	12
Kaitlin Harman	12
Ted Denning	14
Meya Wingert	14
Bonnie Wredt	16
Allison Andersen	17
Cassandra Probst	17
Cailey Watson	17
Nancy Casson	18
Mitchell Anderson	18
Tracy Wellman	18
Curt Gross	19
Ashton McDermott	19
Sutton Baragary	19
Trisha Alfars	20
Merridy Larsen	20
Ryan Tiarks	21
James Schroeder	21
Ross Schroeder	21
Donna Ausdemore	22

Presley Pogge	22
Peyton Pogge	22
John Fischer	22
Clinton Reid	23
Deb Schierbrock	24
Tyler Hazen	24
Maureen Mann	25
James Katzer	26
Pat Winship	26
Brock Gross	26
Kristen Bladt	27
Erin Venteicher	27
Joyce Gray	28
Randy Schroeder	28
Kevin Ring	29
Brian Safarik	29
Jeremy McDermott	29
Jozie Payne	29
Zohie Payne	29
John Masker	30
Diane Wellman	30
Kaden Kozeal	30
Evan Zabel	31

August Anniversaries

Randy & Heather Schroeder	2
Rob & Sandi Pauley	3
Samuel & Theresa Flowers	4
Brad & LeAnne Payne	7
Joseph & Renee Williams	8
Scott & Jaime Konz	9
Wayne & Mary Beth Bladt	12
Joe & Crissy Masker	12
Eric & Amy Wingert	13
Francisco & Fani Barajas	14
David & Donna Ausdemore	16
Joe & Bonnie Wredt	18
Rob & Merridy Larsen	19
Andrew & Michaela Berg	20
Jason & Diane Pierce	21
Dean & Kelly Alfars	22
David & Maureen Mann	22
Marion & Bonnie Ausdemore	26
Tony & Heather Ausdemore	29
Brian & Terri Safarik	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://stpatriksneola.com/> or contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750.

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July 20, 2026

Dear Pastors and Parochial Administrators,

In a message from the Archbishop of Caracas, Venezuela sent within days of the strongest earthquakes to hit that country in more than a century, Archbishop Castillo wrote seeking financial support from the people of our Diocese. Although the pictures of the devastation on the news tell the story of damage to churches (including the Cathedral), schools, many public buildings and homes, they do not begin to capture the impact on all of the people living in that area.

Archbishop Castillo has reached out to us seeking financial support asking us to “show that faith translates into fraternal love during this traumatic incident”. It is in that spirit that Bishop Joensen has asked me to reach out to each of our parishes to gather a special collection for the Venezuelan earthquake victims. The Bishop has directed that the collection can be taken on any of the following three weekends: **July 26-27, August 1-2, or August 8-9**. I would recommend that you select one of the two earlier weekends because we have a special diocesan collection for the Church in Africa scheduled for August 15-16.

The structural losses associated with the earthquakes are nearly unimaginable. But the loss of more than 1700 lives and injuries to thousands of victims are even more devastating to the individuals remaining.

Please urge your parishioners to respond generously in support of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Caracas and throughout Venezuela.

Sincerely in Christ,



Very Rev. David Fleming
Vicar General
Diocese of Des Moines