



St. Patrick Church
310 Avon St - PO Box 127
Neola, IA 51559

AUGUST 29/30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I Jeremiah 20:7-9

PSALM 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READING II Romans 12:1-2

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27



St. Columbanus Church
22720 Weston Ave
Underwood, IA 51576

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us as his disciples to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. None of these actions is easy. To put God's will before our own, to willingly accept what will make us suffer, and to follow someone who was put to death on the cross, is very difficult. But we will not be alone, for Jesus is with us as we follow him. Also, as he tells us in the Beatitudes, our reward will be great in heaven. Let us realize his real presence as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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From Jeremiah to Peter, we hear today from those who are willing to rebuke God. Jeremiah accuses the LORD of duping him, of making him an object of derision and mockery. Peter demanded that Jesus stop talking about being killed in Jerusalem. Each expected triumph without cost, accomplishment without the accompanying suffering. We may fall into the same way of thinking. Let us look to Paul, who prays that the Romans be able to discern the will of God. Let us pray that we honestly try to do the same.

Who can really blame Peter for saying what he felt? He loves Jesus, has just proclaimed him Christ and Lord, and probably expects him to take the throne of David when they get to Jerusalem, but now is hearing that Jesus is going to be killed when they get there. He will not let that happen! But none of them understand that this is Jesus' mission. They are, as Jesus says, "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23). As we are human beings ourselves, limited by human thinking, we also wish that our own mission was easy and safe. But it is not. It requires denying our desires and carrying our crosses, no matter how difficult or scary. In baptism, we were marked with the sign of the cross. As disciples, we are called to live that out.

Question of the Week

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When have I been reluctant or unable to resist pressure to conform to society's expectations?

ST PATRICK MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5:30 PM (April to September)
and 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 MASS TIMES:

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM

Holidays: As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation by appointment

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WEEKDAY MASSES:

Aug 31- No Mass
Sept 1- St Patrick - Fred Ring 8:30 AM
Sept 2- St Columbanus 6:00 PM
Sept 3- No Mass
Sept 4- St Patrick - Norman Wellman 8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES:

Sept 5- St Patrick - Fred Ring 8:30 AM
Sept 5- St Patrick - Barb Roane 5:30 PM
Sept 6- St Columbanus 8:00 AM
Sept 6- St Patrick - Jean E. Fischer 9:30 AM

Ministry Schedule:

SEPT 5, 2026 - 5:30 PM	SEPT 6, 2026 - 9:30 AM
Lector - RaeShelle Jensen	Lector - Hadyn Ausdemore
Servers - Grace Shively	Servers - Jordan Harder
Charles Williams	Ben Fischer
EMEs - Norm Baker	EMEs - Geri Bjorling
Eric Busch	Kristen Carlson
Roberta Morse	Chad Harder
SEPT 12, 2026 - 5:30 PM	SEPT 13, 2026 - 9:30 AM
Lectors - David Mann	Lectors - Matt Brummett
Servers - Marcy Petersen	Servers - Elena Brummett
Noah Wollenhaupt	Kaden Kozeal
EME - Scott Brooks	EME - Scott Brooks
David Mann	Angie Kozeal
Maureen Mann	Max Kozeal
SEPT 19, 2026 - 5:30 PM	SEPT 20, 2026 - 9:30 AM
Lectors - Ashley Lopez	Lectors - Rhea Gross
Servers - Natalie Scriven	Servers - Case Gross
Charles Williams	Joseph Gerken
EME - Bryan Weidner	EME - Vivian Gross
Bonnie Wredt	Ali Leaders
Norm Baker	Emily Leaders

TITHE COUNTERS

Aug 30 - Roberta Morse, Cecilia Powell, Sue Stenlund
Sept 6 - Peggy Thielen, Dani Baxter, Jim Mahlberg
Sept 13 - Anne Brummett, Roberta Morse, Kevin Nye
Sept 20 - Mark Pogge, Cecilia Powell, Sue Stenlund

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

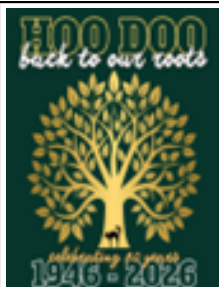
Aug 30 - Jennifer Fischer & Roberta Morse
Sept 6 - Norm Baker & Jennifer Fischer
Sept 13 - Liz Lyons & Samantha Nye
Sept 20 - Roberta Morse & Carolyn McDermott

Calendar of Events:

Sept 3 - 1st 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 - Clergy Formation Appeal (Seminar Collection)
Sept 13 - Children's Mass
Back to Class Parents Mtg, in church, after Mass
Sept 15 - Finance Council Mtg, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
Sept 16 - Pastoral/Finance Mtg, St Columbanus, after Mass
Sept 20 - Catechetical Sunday
Sept 27 - Priesthood Sunday Breakfast (see flyer)
Sept 28-Oct 1 - No Masses as Father is at the Priest Workshop
Oct 3 - Saturday Masses change to 4:00 pm for the winter Reconciliation, 3:00-3:45 pm
Oct 4 - First Faith Formation Session, 10:35-11:45 am
St. Columbanus Speaker after 11:00 am Mass
Picnic in the Park Youth Event, 5:00 pm (see flyer)

Offering Report

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 15,930.96
Open Offering	\$ 107.00	\$ 1,236.00
Children's Offering	\$ 13.00	\$ 110.00



HOO DOO PARADE FLOAT:

1. Decorating: Saturday, September 5, 8:30 am: Fr. Julius' Ordination Anniversary Mass followed by coffee & rolls then decorate the float
2. Riders: Please let us know if you'd like to ride on the float
3. Candy: We need candy or treats to throw from the float. If you'd like to donate anything please let us know by September 1.

FAITH FORMATION: Things to know...

1. The 26-27 Calendars, blank registration forms, & the back to class letters can be found on our website at: https://stpatricksneola.com/faith_formation. Registration forms can be dropped in the collection basket, sent to the parish office or brought the first day of classes.
2. We need help from parents to sit at the front desk during Faith Formation Sessions to help direct students and parents to appropriate classrooms and to monitor students leaving. If you can help, please sign up the QR Code: 
3. September 13th: Parents Meeting in church after 9:30 am Mass
4. September 20th: Catechetical Sunday Catechist Blessing at 9:30 Mass
5. October 4th: First Day of Faith Formation
6. October 4th: We will be hosting an All Faith Youth Gathering at 5:00 pm in the Neola Ballpark for all students grades 7-12. This will be the first High School class for the year.
7. October 7th: First Class for 2nd graders preparing for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist; 6:30 pm
8. October 14th: First Confirmation Class at 7:00 pm (Parents must attend)
9. Questions? Contact Shannon at 712-485-2754; dre@stpatricksneola.com

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 27
after 9:30 am Mass

Please join us on September 27th to celebrate Fr. Julius. To sign up to bring a food item, please use this QR Code:



DEACON SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 11
after 9:30 am Mass

Please join us on October 11th to celebrate Deacon Scott. To sign up to bring a food item, please use this QR Code:



Memorial Calendar

Aug 30 - International Bereaved Father's Day
Aug 31 - International Day for People of African Descent
Sept 1 - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Sept 3 - Memorial of St. Gregory the Great
Sept 5 - Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
International Day of Charity



This Week on Formed

Week of August 30, 2026



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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Special Evening of Worship and Reflection

with Colombia Missionary Sister Servants of the Divine Spirit

Experience the touch of the Holy Spirit in your life!

HEALING OF THE HEART and CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Friday,
September 11**

in SPANISH

**Tuesday,
September 15**

in ENGLISH

 Each evening begins with **6:00 Mass**

 followed by Sister's Reflection on the above themes,

 a time of Eucharistic Adoration,

 Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the Church,

 concluding with Benediction.



Corpus Christi Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Neola Area Community Center

Sunday, September 6th
8am - Noon

Free Will Donation to Hoo Doo

Serving

Pancakes	Orange Juice
Sausage	Milk
Biscuits & Gravy	Coffee
Scrambled Eggs	Applesauce

Sponsored By: **Neola Lions Club**

You are Invited!

WHAT: Fall Festival Chicken Dinner
WHERE: St Patrick Church, Hwy 30,
 Dunlap, Iowa
WHEN: Sunday, September 13th,
 11:00am to 1:30pm
ENJOY: Staley's famous chicken
 dinner, Children's games,
 Homemade Country store items
 for purchase, Cash drawings for
 up to \$5,000.

Your Are Invited To Join Us For A

**Picnic
In The
Park**
ALL FAITH YOUTH GATHERING

Hotdogs, chips and cookies
 Water bottles with flavor packets
 Volleyball, Kickball and more

**Oct 4, 2026
5:00 pm**

Youth: Grades 7-12

Neola Ball Park

Please RSVP to
dre@stpatricksneola.com
 so we have enough food.



September Birthdays

Amy Ryan - 1	Andrew Morse - 10
Brett Lausen - 1	Connor Brummett - 10
CJ Reid - 1	Blake Lausen - 10
Jody Kennedy - 3	Andrea Mahlberg - 11
Misty Weidner - 3	Ainsley Lockey - 11
River Tigges - 3	Pat Wulff - 12
Dean Schnitker - 4	Andy Andersen - 12
Brian Fischer - 4	Billy Lucke - 13
Tim Leaders - 5	Mark Bjorling - 13
Anna Hundtofte - 5	Jim Fischer - 13
Shannon Martens - 7	Jeff Boots - 13
Lori Tiarks - 7	Kayle Price - 13
Mark Hazen - 9	Bella Bolgar - 13
Abigail Ausdemore - 9	Amy Andersen - 14
Cauy Konz - 9	Jim Kuehn - 15
Teresa Hough - 10	Cheryl Schwery - 16
	Diane Brooks - 16
	Brock Scherer - 16
	Collins Hough - 16

Preston Grobe - 17
Chad Harder - 18
Ben Wellman - 19
Harrison Venteicher - 19
Clinton Paul Reid - 20
Gretchen Pogge - 21
Tom Ring - 21
Deb Masker - 21
Bradyn Leonard - 21
Emma Sweeney - 21
Don Whannell - 22
Wendy Lausen - 22
Tiffany Lockman - 24
Jennifer Spiker - 25
Josh Probst - 25
Haley Stangl - 25
Jennifer Fletcher - 26
Jerry Michels - 27
Dan Pedersen - 27

Carol Busch - 28
Mary Fischer - 28
Jeannie Disalvo - 28
Joyce Martens - 29
Dan Lyons - 29
Dee Dollen - 29
Tony Alfors - 29
Josey Masker - 29
Liz Lyons - 30
Tim Spiker - 30

September Anniversaries

Rob & Traci Huebner - 4
Chuck & Lois Waters - 7
Jason & Hannah Cook - 8
Mathew & Jocelyn Vermeersch - 8

Pat & Brenda Winship - 8
Mike & Kim Greiner - 10
Max & Erin Johnsen - 10
Kyle & Courtney Clark - 10
Jacob & Allison Reid - 10
John & Kris Schnitker - 12
Charlie & Donna Ring - 12
Kurt & Jolene Hulsing - 13
Ben & Dee Fischer - 14
Chad & Cecilia Thomas - 21
Zach & Emily Baxter - 22
Scott & Diane Brooks - 25
Matt & Anne Brummett - 25
David & Tracy Wellman - 26
Mitch & Penny Anderson - 28
Laura & Dennis Ausdemore - 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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September 2026

St. Patrick's Church, Neola and St. Columbanus Church, Weston

Rev. Julius Itamid, Administrator

One Minute Meditations

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Born in 11th-century Germany to a noble family, St. Hildegard of Bingen experienced mystical visions from childhood, which she eventually embraced as a call to serve God and the Church. A Benedictine nun and later abbess, she became an influential spiritual leader, composer, writer, and scholar of the natural world. Popes, clergy, and political leaders sought her counsel. Recognized for the enduring depth of her theological writings, she is one of four women named Doctors of the Church.

Stay anchored in the storm

A change of seasons often brings new routines, shifting schedules, and unexpected demands. When plans change before lunch, an urgent project lands on your desk, or your to-do list grows faster than you can manage, pause. Remember that our lives, our future, our peace, and our hope rest securely in the hands of the One who calmed the storm.

"God is the friend of silence...The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Living the Faith, sharing the Light

Jesus tells us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-15). These images show two aspects of living our faith: preserving the distinctiveness of our faith and making that faith visible in our actions. Both communicate God's love.

Keep the flavor: In the ancient world, salt preserved what was valuable and gave food its flavor. Jesus warns that salt can lose its distinctiveness. Our faith can, too, when distraction, compromise, or indifference weakens our relationship with Him. Prayer is not another obligation to complete. It is time invested in the relationship that gives everything else its meaning.

Light the lamp: Faith is meant to illuminate, offering direction, warmth, and hope. But like a lamp, faith needs fuel. Through the Mass and the sacraments, we are continually renewed in Christ and strengthened by His grace. Nourished by Him, we are called to carry His light beyond the church and into our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities through lives of

compassion, courage, and service.

Share your gifts: God gives each of us different strengths. It can be tempting to keep these gifts to ourselves, yet true humility isn't hiding our gifts but using them to glorify God and serve the Church.

Serve in mercy: The Works of Mercy make our faith concrete. When we are attentively present to those lonely

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

("hungry") for love, support our parish's charitable outreach, or choose goodness over retaliation, we reflect God's love in personal, immediate, and practical ways.

Remember your first love: God calls us to live in His love, and to share it with others. Living in God's love is the secret to preserving the faith and living it well. Our starting and ending point is always God's love for us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Confiteor is a prayer of repentance we offer at the beginning of Mass to acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy. The word Confiteor means "I confess," reflecting the prayer's opening words: "I confess to almighty God." As we say "through my fault," we strike

What is the Confiteor?

our breasts as a physical expression of sorrow and responsibility for our sins. This gesture reminds us that we worship God with both body and soul and helps prepare our hearts to participate more fully in the Eucharist.

Look closely; God is at work

We often expect God to work through dramatic signs or unmistakable miracles. Yet His providence frequently unfolds quietly and gradually. Pope Leo points to Jesus' parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:24-43) as an answer to an enduring question: Where is God, and how is He at work?

God's providence is constant, even when hidden: When events do not unfold as we hoped, we can assume God is absent or inactive. Jesus' parables invite us to trust that He is always at work, especially when His purposes are not immediately visible.

God works through what is small and ordinary: "God favors smallness, a sign of his discreet love, by which he

leaves us free to accept or reject him." For Pope Leo, wheat growing among weeds, yeast leavening dough, and a tiny mustard seed reveal a Kingdom that often advances quietly, patiently, and steadily.

We are called to imitate God: "God's way with us must also become the way in which we live." Building the Kingdom rarely requires extraordinary gestures. It begins with patience in difficulty, resisting rash judgment, fulfilling our responsibilities faithfully, and choosing love when it costs us. These ordinary acts become seeds through which God's Kingdom takes root and grows.

from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, The "yes" that matters

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first refuses but later repents and goes; the second readily agrees but fails to act. Jesus' point is clear: doing the Father's will matters more than merely professing obedience.

The parable challenges the religious complacency of the Pharisees, whose outward observance did not always reflect a heart open to God. By contrast, tax collectors and public sinners, though once far from God, responded to His mercy with repentance and conversion. Their former "no" became a genuine "yes," demonstrated not simply in words

but in a changed way of life.

This distinction remains essential for Christian discipleship. Faith cannot be reduced to appearances, good intentions, or religious language. A sincere "yes" to God takes concrete form through obedience, charity, repentance, and fidelity to our responsibilities. The parable is therefore both a warning against empty profession and a message of profound hope: our past does not determine our future. Whenever we turn back to God, He receives us with the joy of the shepherd who recovers the lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7).

sufferings with the same steadfast love.

September 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist (1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). Working for the Romans would have made him unpopular but very rich. Yet St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew, addressed to Jewish converts to Christianity.

September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith. Even in heaven, they continued to care for the sick and poor, as healing miracles were attributed to their prayerful intercession.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings would be a sword piercing her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Today, we can look to her to accompany us in our

Q & A How can I go to Confession after a long time away?

The Church encourages regular Confession (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1458), but travel and changing routines can make good spiritual habits easy to neglect. If it has been a while, come home to Reconciliation. Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God waits to welcome, forgive, and restore us.

Prepare your heart: An examination of conscience is more than listing failures. Consider where you have fallen short in loving God and your neighbor. Recognizing what sin has damaged helps begin the work of repair.

The priest will help: Feeling nervous is normal. The priest can guide you through the Sacrament, offer counsel, and help you receive God's mercy with confidence.

Penance begins healing: Penance helps repair the harm caused by our sin and directs us toward conversion and renewed faithfulness.

Grace offers a new beginning: Confession does more than forgive the past. Through absolution, we are reconciled with God and strengthened by grace to resist sin, grow in virtue, and begin again with greater freedom and hope.

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