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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**

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Served from Neola

**MASS TIMES:**

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM

Holidays: As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation by appointment

## August 8/9, 2026 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

PSALM 85: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READING II Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

## August 15/16, 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING I Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

PSALM 67: O God, let all the nations praise you!

READING II Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks toward them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us whenever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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The divine presence may be heralded by loud and violent natural phenomena, but God is often found in quiet and gentle gestures. Amid fire and earthquakes, Elijah finds the LORD in a tiny whisper. During a raging storm, Peter hears Jesus tenderly inviting him to come to him. May today's readings remind us that we may have to strain to hear God's voice and we may even doubt the words we hear, but we should remain aware that at any time the Lord may be calling us.

Storms, fires, and earthquakes were often thought of as divine manifestations; even today we may refer to a natural disaster as an act of God. Therefore, it's hard to imagine that Elijah did not venture to the opening of the cave to look for God in the heavy wind, the earthquake, or the fire, especially after he had been told, "Go outside . . . the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:11). But he waited patiently until he heard a tiny whispering sound. Standing at the entrance of the cave, he then hears the LORD's voice. (This occurs immediately after the end of today's first reading.) May the wisdom of the prophet provide a lesson for us as well. We may wait in vain for a big event to hear God's voice, expecting to recognize it during the trauma of the moment. But like the compassionate souls reaching out to rescue and aid a storm's survivors, our God can often be found in the quiet moments and days as we recover from life's storms.

### Question of the Week

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

When has my faith helped me to cope with my fears or overcome them?



### Weekday Masses

Aug 10 - St Patrick - Joe & Grace Quinn . . . . . 8:30 AM  
Aug 11 - No Mass  
Aug 12 - St Columbanus . . . . . 6:00 PM  
Aug 13 - No Mass  
Aug 14 - St Patrick - Jean E. Fischer . . . . . 8:30 AM

### Weekend Masses

Aug 15 - St Patrick - Larry Roane . . . . . 8:30 AM  
Aug 15 - St Patrick - Fred Ring . . . . . 5:30 PM  
Aug 16 - St Columbanus . . . . . 8:00 AM  
Aug 16 - St Patrick - Richard Corrin . . . . . 9:30 AM

#### 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 - Lynette Oberdorfer  
Servers - Emma Sweeney  
Thomas Sweeney  
EME - Shannon Nye  
Samantha Nye  
Rhea Gross

#### AUGUST 22, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - Max Michels  
Servers - Joseph Gerken  
Charles Williams  
EME - Bonnie Wredt  
Travis Bolte  
Andrea Bolte

#### AUGUST 23, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Matt Brummett  
Servers - Elena Brummett  
Jordan Harder  
EME - Chad Harder  
Kristen Carlson  
Eric Busch

#### AUGUST 29, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Lectors - RaeShelle Jensen  
Servers - Weston Bladt  
Grace Shively  
EME - Norm Baker  
David Mann  
Maureen Mann

#### AUGUST 30, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Lectors - Vivian Gross  
Servers - Case Gross  
Jack Murphy  
EME - Rhea Gross  
Angie Kozeal  
Max Kozeal

### TITHE COUNTERS

|                        |                 |              |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Aug 9 - Cecilia Powell | Sue Stenlund    | Dani Baxter  |
| Aug 16 - Kevin Nye     | Diane Rodenburg | Rita Heinen  |
| Aug 23 - Anne Brummett | Jim Mahlberg    | Mark Pogge   |
| Aug 30 - Roberta Morse | Cecilia Powell  | Sue Stenlund |

### COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Aug 8 - Liz Lyons          | Carolyn McDermott |
| Aug 16 - Carolyn McDermott | Norm Baker        |
| Aug 23 - Carolyn McDermott | Shannon Nye       |
| Aug 30 - Jennifer Fischer  | Roberta Morse     |

**BAPTISM:** Through the holy waters of Baptism, Catherine Elizabeth Fischer, daughter of Daniel & Anne (Bowen) Fischer, was baptized into the Catholic Faith and this parish communities. We welcome her to our family with great joy! May the Spirit of God be her guide.

**CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION:** Next weekend, August 15th & 16th, we will take up the second collection for the Church in Africa. The rapidly-growing Church in Africa is young and vibrant but faces challenges in building and maintaining structures and ministries previously funded by missionary orders. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelizing, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Please see the enclosed letter from Bishop Joensen with more information and please be generous.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS** will be Saturday, August 15th at 8:30 am. This Mass is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it lands on a Saturday.

**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.

Online Giving:



Venmo:



### **Calendar of Events:**

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 - Children's Mass  
Back to Class Parents Meeting, in church, after Mass  
Sept 15 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm  
Sept 16 - Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting, St Columbanus, after Mass  
Sept 20 - Catechetical Sunday

### **Offering Report**

|                      | <b>Last Weeks</b> | <b>Fiscal Year to Date</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes     | \$ 2,884.98       | \$ 11,270.96               |
| Open Offering        | \$ 143.00         | \$ 805.00                  |
| Children's Offering  | \$ 15.00          | \$ 57.00                   |
| Venezuela Earthquake | \$ 693.65         | \$ 693.65                  |

### **Memorial Calendar**

Aug 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples  
Nagasaki Memorial Day  
Aug 10 - Feast of St. Lawrence  
Aug 11 - Memorial of St. Clare  
Aug 12 - Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantel  
International Youth Day  
Aug 13 - Memorial of Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus  
Aug 14 - Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Aug 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**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!

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**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. 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'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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** Both churches are still short of their ADA goal this year. Please help us reach these goals. Contribution cards are located in the church entrances or use the QR code on the next page.

For information about Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Pastoral Visitations, Reconciliation, RCIA, Marriage, Adoration, or the Prayer Chain, please visit our website at <https://stpatriicksneola.com/> or contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750.

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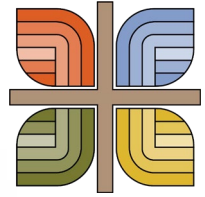
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July 28, 2026

Dear Co-Workers in the Vineyard,

On the weekend of August 15-16, parishes in our Des Moines Diocese are asked to participate in the annual collection designated for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

We are inspired by the dramatic growth of the African Church, but too often there are insufficient local pastoral resources to support people in living their faith. When we contribute to this collection, we help our sisters and brothers across the African continent grow closer to Christ and to the Church. We also support projects that build on evangelization efforts and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent sometimes marked by division and rancor. In his African pilgrimage this past April, Pope Leo commented, "True justice seeks not so much to punish as to help rebuild the lives of victims, offenders and communities wounded by evil."

Our Diocese has been abundantly blessed by religious sisters and many priests from the African continent, including the countries of Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Sudan. This collection allows us to manifest both support and gratitude for these priests and sisters who provide such selfless ministry among us.

Your generous hearts have consistently responded to similar appeals. Once again, I ask you to join me by taking part in this worthy cause, confident that our contributions express both tangible and spiritual solidarity with our African sisters and brothers in the household of faith. Thank you!

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.  
Bishop of Des Moines