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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



March 8/9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

READING I Deuteronomy 26:4-10
PSALM 91: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
READING II Romans 10:8-13
GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

March 15/16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

READING I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
PSALM 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
READING II Philippians 3:17—4:1
GOSPEL Luke 9:28b-36

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

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

Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil three times during his forty days in the desert. Each time, Jesus resisted the devil, finding strength in God's word. As we embark on these forty days of Lent, we will encounter temptation as well. Our temptations will vary, but each will sound attractive in its own way. This Lent, let us keep in mind Jesus' responses to the devil in the desert and pray for the strength we need to resist temptation and to repent of the times we fail to do so.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

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Today and every Sunday we offer our gifts at the altar of the Lord. Today's first reading narrates the reasons for the Chosen People's gratitude to God, which lead them to offer firstfruits and thanksgiving to the Lord. Saint Paul assures the Romans that all who confess their faith and seek help from the Lord will be saved. Finally, we hear Jesus quote God's words when he resists the devil's temptations in the desert. Let us now listen to the word of God, knowing that in God's word we find salvation.

In the first reading, Moses reminds the people that God rescued them from bondage and led them to a "land flowing with milk and honey" (Deuteronomy 26:9). Left unsaid was any reference to their long, difficult journey across the desert before arriving in the promised land. During that time, the people grumbled that they were better off in slavery than starving to death in the desert. They complained against God and Moses and even built a golden calf and worshipped it. Difficult times and trying circumstances tempt us to give up or give in. Jesus is starving, as the Chosen People had centuries earlier, but he gives us a model for resisting temptation, relying on God to carry him through hardship and suffering.

Question of the Week

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During this Jubilee Year of Hope, what or who sustains me in hope through periods of trial?



Weekday Masses

Mar 10- No Mass
Mar 11 - Fritz & Vel Wellman 8:30 AM
Mar 12 - St Columbanus 6:00 PM
Mar 13 - No Mass
Mar 14 - No Mass

Weekend Masses

Mar 15 - St. Patrick Parish - Pat Peters 4:00 PM
Mar 16 - St. Columbanus Parish 8:00 AM
Mar 16 - St. Patrick Parish -
Edward & Rose Catherine McDonald-Leonard 9:30 AM

MARCH 15, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Stacie Denning
Servers - None
EME - Scott Brooks
David Mann
Maureen Mann

MARCH 16, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Corey Hough
Servers - Haley & Jordan Harder
EME - Jenny Hall
Chad Harder
Kari Kunze

MARCH 22, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Travis Bolte
Servers - None
EME - Scott Brooks
Mary Ann Thomas
Bonnie Wredt

MARCH 23, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Matt Brummett
Servers - Connor & Elena Brummett
EME - Emily Leaders
Angie Kozeal
Kaitlin Kozeal

MARCH 25, 2025 - 6:30 PM - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Lector - Stacie Denning
Servers - None
EME - Scott Brooks, Roberta Morse, Shannon Nye

MARCH 29, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Lector - Ashley Lopez
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks
Travis Bolte
Andrea Bolte

MARCH 30, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Lucy Elsener
Servers - Samantha Nye
Natalie Scriven
EME - Eric Busch
Brittany Busch
Chad Harder

TITHE COUNTERS

Mar 9 - Cecilia Powell	Dani Baxter	Rita Heinen
Mar 16 - Anne Brummett	Roberta Morse	Kevin Nye
Mar 23 - Mark Pogge	Sue Stenlund	Dani Baxter
Mar 30 - Cecilia Powell	Anne Brummett	Roger Hall

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Mar 9 - Jennifer Fischer	Carolyn McDermott
Mar 16 - Jeannie Disalvo	Roberta More
Mar 23 - Jennifer Fischer	Norm Baker
Mar 30 - Stacie denning	Jeannie Disalvo

ST. PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: St. Patrick Catholic Church of Neola, IA scholarship application is now available. Applicants will need to pick up and fill out two forms. Application and Sacrament information sheet must be obtained in person, by the applicant only, from only Father Julius. Forms are not available online and will not be mailed nor emailed out. Forms must be submitted in person, by the applicant only, to only Father Julius. Mailed, emailed, scanned or faxed forms will not be accepted. Forms must be submitted before 3:00 pm CST on April 11, 2025. This scholarship is not associated with any other scholarships.

HOO DOO PARADE FLOAT: Exciting news! St. Patrick will be submitting a float in the parade this year. We are looking for help from our kids in the parish to help us decorate the float on Saturday, August 30th. In order to schedule a time that works for most, we have created a Doodle to find the time that suits the most people. Please go to <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/aOLnBlpb> and select a time. You do not have to have an account to vote. It is important to let people of Neola know we support them and are here as well! If you have any questions, please call Shannon. We also would like to know who will be able to walk in the parade with us as well! Please email me at dre@stpatricksneola or call 712-485-2754 and let me know if you do not have access to fill out the doodle.

Calendar of Events:

Mar 11 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick, 7:00 pm
Mar 12 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm,
followed by Mass
First Reconciliation/Eucharist Class, 6:30 pm
Mar 14 - Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
Mar 16 - Faith Formation Sessions, 10:45-11:45 am
Mar 17 - St. Patrick Day Mass, 6:30 pm
Mar 18 - Finance Council Meeting, St Patrick, 6:00 pm
Mar 19 - Confirmation Class, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm,
followed by Mass & Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting
Mar 21 - Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
Mar 22 - St. Columbanus Mass, 6:00, followed by parish potluck
Mar 23 - Faith Formation Sessions, 10:45-11:45 am
Lenten Retreat with Fr. Mike Nolte, 3-7 pm, ends with dinner
(High School Required)
Mar 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord Mass, St Patrick, 6:30 pm
Mar 26 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm,
followed by Mass
Mar 28 - Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
Mar 29/30 - Catholic Relief Services Collection
Mar 30 - Faith Formation Sessions, 10:45-11:45 am
Reconciliation, 3-8th grades, 11:00 am
April 2 - Stations of the Cross, St Columbanus, 5:30 pm,
followed by Mass
First Reconciliation/Eucharist Class, 6:30 pm
April 3 - First Thursday Reconciliation & Adoration, 6:30-7:30 pm
April 4 - Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm
Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
April 5 - First Saturday Mass, 8:30 am
Reconciliation, 4:30-5:15 pm
Saturday Mass changes to 5:30 pm for the summer
April 6 - Faith Formation Sessions, 10:45-11:45 am

Offering Report

Last Week

Fiscal Year to Date

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 76,914.00
Open Offering	\$ 117.75	\$ 7,027.94
Children's Offering	\$ 16.00	\$ 721.11

Memorial Calendar

Mar 12 - Girl Scouts' Birthday

SPECIAL REQUEST from the Diocese for young adults who have been Confirmed, but have not yet graduated; parents of children who have been Confirmed, but have not yet graduated; and for young adults who have been Confirmed and have graduated. I have sent you each an email through the address we have on file through Flocknote. Possibly check your spam folder if you have not already received it or if your email address has changed, please call me at 712-485-2754 to let me know your updated email. This is a crucial step in the decisions the Diocese is making in regards to possible changes in the future. I appreciate your help in this matter.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each and every person's gift brings us closer to our goal. If you'd still like to make a donation, please fill out a contribution card that are located in the church entrances and drop it in the collection basket. Gifts can also be made online at dmidiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the ADA.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Dinner

Saturday March 15th

HOSTED BY NEOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dinner 4 pm - 7 pm Free Will Donation
Corn beef, cabbage, roast beef & all the trimmings

At Fire Hall 401 Front St Neola

DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS Parish Mission

Sunday, March 30
5pm (Pizza Party)
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SESSION
Living a Eucharistic Faith: The Big Deal About Mass & Why it Matters

Monday, March 31
6pm-7:30pm
Meeting Jesus in the Beauty & Truth of the Catholic Faith

Tuesday, April 1
12pm-1pm (light lunch)
The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith

Tuesday, April 1
6pm-7:30pm
Apologetics 101: Seven Truths of the Church You Must know to Defend Your Faith

Join us in the church basement after Monday/Tuesday evening talks for a soup supper.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him.

He is an internationally renowned speaker, author, and preacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Theological Studies Degree from the University of Dallas. He has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic radio and television programs and is the host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN. Deacon Harold is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, and the award-winning author of six books including *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality and Building a Civilization of Love: A Catholic Response to Racism.*

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Questions:
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Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Dan Kirby & Father Mike Mahoney October 20-29, 2025

Assisi * St. Clare * Papal Audience * Basilica of St. Francis * Orvieto * The Vatican * Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter * St Paul Outside the Wall * The Colosseum * Rome * St. Mary Major * Sistine Chapel * Pantheon * Jubilee Year 2025 * Basilica of St. John Lateran * San Clemente * Siena * Catacombs of St. Priscilla

For more information, visit: <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-italy-jubilee-year-with-father-dan-kirby>



March Birthdays							
Julie Klein	1	Andrew Baxter	8	Kathleen Roane	16	Kaylee Lopez	26
Lisa Pape	1	Claire Schoening	8	Eugene Johnson	16	Evan Reineke	27
Anna Baragary	1	Kelly Alfors	9	Lexi Powell	16	Chris Corrin	28
Nancy Ryan	2	Audrey Haverkamp	10	Heath Rodenburg	17	Lori Eckrich	29
Kelly Dollen	2	Dani Baxter	10	Walter Ausdemore	17	Angie Rodenburg	29
Morgan Lausen	2	Chyane Sparks	10	Mary Beth Bladt	18	Jack Murphy	29
Adam Goeser	3	Vince Wilson	11	Pearl Huddle	18	Adam Ring	30
Melinda Bruck	3	Ashley Lopez	11	Dan McDermott	19	Isabella Buckholdt	30
Rob Larsen	4	Kurt Hulsing	12	Ellie Wollenhaupt	19	Michael Denning	31
Rachel Hundtofte	5	Joan Justice	12	Bill Busch	20		
Patrick Andersen	5	Sheila Heilman	12	Michael Ring	20		
Mike Greiner	6	Vern Bertelsen	12	Marilyn Alfors	21		
Pat Ausdemore	6	Tyler Weidner	12	Jackie Bertelsen	21		
Matt Fletcher	6	Andrew Morse	13	Jean Hofmaster	21		
Nikki Scriven	6	Pat Fischer	14	Nancy Rohatsch	22		
Darrel Petersen	7	Patricia Skretta	14	David Kramer	23		
Trenton Huebner	7	Tim Slobodnik	15	Luke Hundtofte	24		
		Sam Hulsing	16	Ben Fischer	24		

March Anniversaries	
Ryan & Lori Tiarks	1
Tony & Trisha Alfors	6
Mike & Melinda Reineke	6
Mark & Karla Pogge	9

*Please contact the parish office if we missed anyone.

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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Living LENT

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK: Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church or contact the parish office. Thank you!

MEMORIALS: If you'd like to make a donation (perhaps in memory of a loved one) towards the cost of the Lilies that adorn our sanctuary during the Easter season, please put your donation and the name(s) of the person in an envelope and mark it "Lilies". Drop the envelope in the collection basket or deliver it to the parish office. Deadline is Sunday, April 13th.



COMMUNAL Penance NIGHTS:

- St. Columbanus - April 9th - 5:00 pm
- St. Patrick - April 15th - 7:00 pm - 2 priests will be available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm at St Columbanus Weston and every Friday evening at 5:00 pm at St Patrick Neola. We thank everyone that has signed up to lead the Stations this year. Here is the schedule for St Patrick Neola:

- March 14 - Wollenhaupt Family
- March 21 - Samantha & Alexandra Nye
- March 28 - Wulff Family
- April 4 - Roger & Jenny Hall
- April 11 - Norm Baker & Grace Shively



St Patrick's Hall, Neola IA

When: Friday, March 7 Friday, March 28
 Friday, March 14 Friday, April 4
 Friday, March 21 Friday, April 11

Serving Time: 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Adults: \$15.00 - Children (5-10 Yrs.): \$5.00 - Children Under 5: Free

Dinner includes: Fried Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Orsi's Bread, Cole Slaw, Relishes, & Dessert!

(May substitute grilled cheese sandwich for fish)

**For Questions, contact the Parish Office at 712.485.2750
 For Carry Out's call 712.485.2433**

2025 Lent Project

The Parish Pastoral Council at their meeting on February 12th reached out to Father Julius and voted that for this year's Lent Project, we assist both the area Food Pantry and Father Julius' home parish of St Benedict Church, Nyaje in the Archdiocese of Calabar Nigeria. Here is how you can help:

Monetary donations:

- Place in the box on the donation table at the front of church marked: "2025 Lent Project" or mail your donation directly to the parish office at P.O. Box 127, Neola IA 51559.
- Please make all checks payable to St. Patrick's Church.
- All monetary donations will be split evenly between the two organizations unless otherwise noted.

Food Drive: We will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products. These can be placed on the donation table at the front of church. Needed items include cereal, soups, sugar, canned fruit, tuna & chicken, but any donation is appreciated.

Donations will be collected from Ash Wednesday (March 5th) through Easter Sunday (April 20th).

St Benedict Church, Nyaje in the Archdiocese of Calabar Nigeria: St. Benedict is a small Rural Village Community which is Father Julius' hometown. They are in need of a new roof on their church. Any funds raised will go to help pay for the new roof.



The **Food Pantry** was in Neola for over 20 years. It started in the old Senior Citizen's Building until it was torn down. Then it was moved to the Legion until it was sold. It was then moved to the basement of the old Neola City Hall and now is located at the Minden United Church of Christ. The Food Pantry serves families in the communities of Neola, Persia, Underwood, Minden, Avoca, & Harlan.

Hours: Saturday morning's from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Contacts: Mark Bjorling at 402-968-5357 or Geri Bjorling 402-215-4637

FISH FRY CIRCLE SCHEDULE:

March 14 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	7 – Teresa Hoffman 8 – Rhea Gross 9 – Diane Rodenburg	10 – Shannon Nye 11 – Sandi Pauley 12 – Roberta Morse
March 21 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	13 – Jody Cook 14 – Peggy Thielen 15 – Joan Justice	16 – Mary Baker 17 – Hannah Cook 18 – Liz Lyons
March 28 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	1 – Terryl Greiner 2 – Carol Masker 3 – Jan Craft	4 – Rita Schnitker 5 – Julie McDonough 6 – Cecilia Powell
April 4 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	7 – Teresa Hoffman 8 – Rhea Gross 9 – Diane Rodenburg	10 – Shannon Nye 11 – Sandi Pauley 12 – Roberta Morse
April 11 – Fish Fry Hosted by circles:	13 – Jody Cook 14 – Peggy Thielen 15 – Joan Justice	16 – Mary Baker 17 – Hannah Cook 18 – Liz Lyons

Circle heads: please call your people on your assigned dates. Men and Women are needed. (High School helpers always appreciated!) Each circle is responsible for getting bars/desserts and workers.

Friday help is needed:

**Fish Preparation: 7:00 am
 Food Preparation & Set Up: 9:00 am
 Fish Fryers, Kitchen Help, Serving, Cashiers, & Clean-up: 4:00 pm**

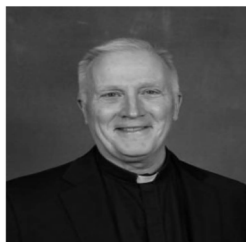
Coordinators: Shannon Nye, 712.309.1436 or RaeShelle Jensen, 402.676.1980

The Healing Power of Forgiveness Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

3:00 pm: Session begins in the Hall
 4:00-4:30 pm: In the Church
 Adoration and Examination of Conscience
 4:30 to 5:30 pm: Confession
 5:30: Dinner in the Hall



Fr. Mark Nolte

Everyone is Invited!



LENT

Faith Conversations

Week of March 9 - 15

SUNDAY READINGS: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10, Psalm 91, Romans 10: 8-13, Luke 4: 1-13

ADULT REFLECTION

In the first reading we hear of the Jewish custom of offering their first fruits of farming to God. This act recognizes that the very land that sustains them is a gift from God. The Gospel tells of Jesus, before starting his public ministry, going first to the desert to fast and pray for forty days.

These two readings highlight what we hear in the sung verse before the Gospel is proclaimed: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." God has beautifully made us, body-and-soul. According to the Creator's natural order, our spirit is to guide and be expressed in and through our body. To sustain and lead our spirits, God gives us Jesus. Jesus is for us both the Word-made-Flesh and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, our Food-for-the-Journey.

Daily life can be so busy it can feel like caring for our spiritual self is a luxury we don't have time for. Kids need to be driven here and there, work has deadlines, and daily to-do lists rarely get all done. Does our spirit lead us through all of this with a certain presence of mind? Lent is a great time for taking stock of who we are, how we live, and who we want to be

Reflection Questions:

- Does your spirituality impact your broader life?
- How do you feed your spirit? (Prayerful reading of the Bible, God's Word; a walk in nature, uplifting music, a good book, a playful hobby, a heart to heart conversation, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist?)

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

Let's make a list of what we need (rather than want) to be healthy and whole people. What items on our list take care of our bodies? What items take care of our deeper self which transcends our bodies? Is there an order of importance?

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4). What do you think this means? How does what God has to say help us be more fully alive? How can we hear him? Might Jesus be encouraging us to take quiet time each day to hear (or feed on) his Word? What does it mean that Jesus is sometimes called the Word of God?

How can we, as a family and as individuals, be more attentive to hearing God and being sure our full selves are healthy this Lent?



PRAYER

Be with us, Jesus, as we enter our own 40-day journey this Lent. Help us to know your unconditional love for us so that we may have the courage to love others more like you. Amen.



FASTING

Give up one evening of TV, or whatever your usual entertainment, to spend some quiet time prayerfully creating your family's plan for this Lent.



ALMSGIVING

Jesus went to the desert to prepare for his mission. This week, spend some time considering as a family how God is inviting you to participate in Jesus' mission to the marginalized this Lent.



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