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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

*June 1/2, 2024*  
*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

READING I Exodus 24:3-8  
PSALM 116: I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
READING II Hebrews 9:11-15  
GOSPEL Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*June 8/9, 2024*  
*10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

READING I Genesis 3:9-15  
PSALM 130: With the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption.  
READING II 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

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

We are a Eucharistic people, receiving sustenance from the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist so that we may be sent out as disciples, manifesting the real presence of Jesus in our lives as we build up the body of Christ. In this year of the National Eucharistic Congress, may our appreciation of his real presence in his Body and Blood be revived and may our enthusiasm for the Christian mission be rekindled.

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

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Blood and sacrifice are bonded throughout today's readings. When the Chosen People promise to follow the Lord's commands, Moses sanctifies that vow with the blood of bulls that had been sacrificed to the Lord. The author of Hebrews explains that Christ's sacrificial blood cleanses us of our sins. Jesus, who will soon become the Passover lamb sacrificed for us all, shares a cup of his Blood with his disciples before facing his arrest at the Mount of Olives. Anticipating the sacrificial meal we will share, let us listen to God's word.

When we hear in the first reading that Moses sprinkled animal blood on the people, we recoil. None of us would want to be a part of that ancient practice, even if we're not wearing our Sunday best. But this is the tradition that Jesus and all his disciples know. Blood was regarded as the life force. It animated a covenant, actively binding the parties, which in this case were God and the people. When Jesus gives them the cup and says, "this is my blood of the covenant," they know what he's alluding to (Mark 14:24). But this is not the same kind of blood that Moses used. This he says is his own blood, shed for many. He is the one who is sacrificed and it is his blood that animates a new covenant between God and us. This cup of eternal salvation binds us to new life.

**Question of the Week**

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How does the Eucharist transform me? Thanking back to a time when it was not possible for me to receive the Eucharist, for instance during the pandemic, how did its absence affect me?



**Weekday Masses**

June 3 - No Mass  
June 4 - No Mass  
June 5 - No Mass  
June 6 - No Mass  
June 7 - Alice Schnitker ..... 8:30 AM

**Weekend Masses**

June 8 - St. Patrick Parish - Joe & Norman Wellman ..... 5:30 PM  
June 9 - St. Columbanus Parish ..... 8:00 AM  
June 9 - St. Patrick Parish - Anita Jensen ..... 9:30 AM

**JUNE 8, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

Lector - Ashley Lopez  
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks  
David Mann  
Maureen Mann

**JUNE 15, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

Lector - Stacie Denning  
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks  
Grace Denning  
Jan Divin

**JUNE 22, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

Lector - Mary Fischer  
Servers - None

EME - Scott Brooks  
Mary Ann Thomas  
Bonnie Wredt

**TITHE COUNTERS**

June 2 - Peggy Thielen	Rita Heinen	Kevin Nye
June 9 - Anne Brummett	Jim Mahlberg	Mark Pogge
June 16 - Cecilia Powell	Sue Stenlund	Peggy Thielen
June 23 - Diane Rodenburg	Dani Baxter	Anne Brummett

**COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS**

June 2 - Jennifer Fischer	Shannon Nye
June 9 - Roberta Morse	Stacie Denning
June 16 - Norm Baker	Shannon Nye
June 23 - Jennifer Fischer	Stacie Denning

**VBS:** So many parents have to work even during the summer months. Many of their children miss out on fun summer activities due to not being able to have a ride to events such as VBS. Many parents that would like to volunteer but can't because of work miss out as well. I am looking for input in possibly having an evening VBS this summer. Please watch your email for a questionnaire. If I get enough people interested, we will have an evening VBS session as well.

**CEMETERY DECORATIONS:** Reminder of the policy at the cemetery:

- November 15 to April 1: decoration of graves is allowed.
- April 1 to May 15: no cemetery decorations are allowed.
- May 15 to June 10: decoration of graves is allowed.
- After June 10 of each year, all ornaments and decorations not removed will be disposed of.

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**MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE:** A Mike Debus painting performance makes for an amazing, captivating, and inspiring experience, one that viewers never forget. Come see Mike paint live, Friday night August 2nd! Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 28. Registration available on-site, but online registration after June 28 will still save you money! Register online at [www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org)

**Calendar of Events:**

June 3-6 - Priest Retreat, no Masses in Neola or Weston  
June 6 - No Thursday Adoration & Reconciliation  
June 9 - Children's Mass  
June 11 - Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Patrick, 7:00 pm  
June 15/16- Mission Appeal Weekend, Claretian Missionaries  
June 16 - Father's Day  
June 18 - Finance Council Meeting, St. Patrick, 7:00 pm  
June 19 - Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting, St Columbanus, 6:30 pm  
June 21 - Priesthood Ordination, St Ambrose Cathedral, 5:00 pm  
June 22/23- Peter's Pence Collection  
June 23-25- National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Council Bluffs to Shenandoah (see next page)  
June 24-28- Vacation Bible School (see next page)  
June 26-29- Fr at ACCCRUS Conference, no Masses in Neola or Weston  
June 30 - Parish Picnic, Breezy Lodge, 4-8 pm (see next page)  
July 4 - First Thursday Adoration & Reconciliation, 6:30-7:30 pm  
July 6 - First Saturday Mass at the Grotto, 8:30 am  
Reconciliation before Mass, 4:30-5:15 pm

**Memorial Calendar:**

June 3 - Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions  
June 5 - Memorial of St. Boniface  
June 6 - Memorial of St. Norbert  
June 7 - Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
National Gun Violence Awareness Day  
June 8 - Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Offering Report**

	Last Weeks	Fiscal Year to Date
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 90,242.71
Open Offering	\$ 203.00	\$ 9,470.36
Children's Offering	\$ 11.00	\$ 753.02

**DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION:** Per the enclosed letter from Bishop Joensen, this weekend's collection is for Disaster Relief. The Catholic Communications Campaign collection will be done in July instead.

**DISASTER RELIEF GRANT:** Did you or someone you know sustain damages from recent storm outbreaks in our area and are in need of financial help to pay for repairs or an insurance deductible? Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Des Moines has a grant option to help those in need. This grant is funded by Catholic Charities USA and the Diocese of Des Moines. You do not need to be Catholic to apply. Please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/disaster-relief/> for additional information and the application.

**CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING:** Would you like to help relieve the burden on your loved ones, ensure your final wishes are respected, avoid family conflicts, and personalize your funeral? The Diocese of Des Moines and the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa has put together a Catholic Funeral Planning Guide that is free to use. Please visit our website at [https://stpatricksneola.com/other\\_committees](https://stpatricksneola.com/other_committees) to print the document.

*You are invited to enjoy*

*Melodies of Spring*

**With a Brunch prepared by  
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**Wednesday, June 12**

**10:00 am**

**First Presbyterian Church of Neola**

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JUNE 30  
4:00 TO 8:00 PM

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## Experience the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

On June 23 - June 25, 2024, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be making its way through the Diocese of Des Moines. During these 3 days you are invited to journey with Jesus in the Eucharistic processions, celebrate Mass, and participate in Holy Hours and overnight adoration.

You are invited to attend as many events as you interested in and able to. All events are FREE to attend, but registration is encouraged to allow parishes to plan for food at lunch/dinner and overall attendance.

### June 23rd

Council Bluffs

- ◆ Bilingual Sunday Mass @ Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park
- ◆ Eucharistic Processions from Omaha to Corpus Christi
- ◆ Fellowship Dinner
- ◆ Holy Hour
- ◆ Overnight Adoration (7PM to 8AM)

### June 24th

Glenwood & Imogene

- ◆ Holy Mass @ Corpus Christi
- ◆ Eucharistic Procession on the Wabash Trace Nature Trail (8 miles)
- ◆ Fellowship Lunch & Dinner
- ◆ Holy Hours (afternoon & evening)
- ◆ Overnight Adoration (7PM to 8AM)

### June 25th

Shenandoah

- ◆ Mass with Bishop Joensen @ St. Patrick (Imogene)
- ◆ Solemn Eucharistic Procession (1 mile)
- ◆ Holy Hour
- ◆ Fellowship Lunch

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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# DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



May 30, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ:

With you, I was mortified by the devastation that people in our Diocese of Des Moines and larger state experienced as fierce storms battered different areas. The road to recovery will be long for many families and communities, and as a local Church, we deepen our solidarity of spirit and care for those affected. And we are edified and grateful for the ecumenical faith communities who continue to collaborate and for numerous civic and government bodies who provide relief.

We recognize that many folks have already reached out to provide assistance. Yet the ongoing toll of needs is great and continues to be assessed. In order to continue to provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from the serial tornadoes and other disasters, **I ask our parishes to take up a second collection at all Masses this coming weekend of June 1 & 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of Christ.** The funds will support disaster relief and reconstruction efforts organized by agencies in our Diocese and other areas impacted by natural disasters.

The Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) originally scheduled for June 1 & 2 will now take place July 13 & 14. Any donations received for CCC via donor envelopes can be sent to the diocesan finance office.

In league with you all, I intensify my pledge of prayer and support for all those affected and mourn with those remarkably few who lost loved ones. This is yet another graced moment for us to come together as the Body of Christ in Central and Southwest Iowa and attend to the hurting, vulnerable members among us as they seek to rebuild their lives. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

Faithfully in Christ,

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

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June 2024

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

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195,

St. Anthony was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon. His listeners were so inspired, St. Francis charged him with overseeing the studies of Franciscans. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.

### The face of Christ

How do you show the face of Christ to people around you? Do you bake for others? Can you sing or play music for others' enjoyment? If you have a car can you drive people who need rides to church or their doctors? Whatever you can offer, your community can use it. Call your parish to find out how you can help.

"One loving spirit sets another on fire."

St. Augustine  
(Confessions)



## Thrive spiritually in today's secular world

One challenge for contemporary Catholics is balancing a faithful, God-centered life with the secular temptations of modern society. Here's how we can constructively engage with the world while staying devout:

### Active participation:

Regularly engage in parish activities. Attend weekly Mass, partake in Sacraments, and support parish outreach programs. These activities strengthen our religious identity and nurture a supportive faith community.

### Grow in knowledge:

Enhance your understanding of Catholic teachings, history, and tradition through formal education if available, personal reading, or online forums such as Formed.org or Wordonfire.org. Consult your priest for additional recommendations.

### Weave faith into daily life:

Incorporate prayer and devotion into

your daily routines. Dedicate at least 15 minutes to prayer each day, observe seasonal devotions, and celebrate Catholic liturgical feasts to connect faith with everyday life.

**Dialogue with others of different faiths:** Engage in discussions with people of differing religious beliefs to deepen your own spiritual understanding and commitment. This not only challenges you to know and critically consider your faith but also helps you articulate your beliefs clearly, fostering a deeper personal connection to Catholicism.

**Community engagement:** Actively participate in service activities that reflect Catholic values. This practical application of your beliefs demonstrates a faith committed to loving your neighbor.

By embracing these practices, we can maintain our Catholic identity and have a positive impact on others.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics believe the Catholic Church is the "original" church, because it is the only one founded by Jesus Christ. Apostolic Succession means there is an unbroken papal line starting with St. Peter, emphasizing divine continuity. Early Church



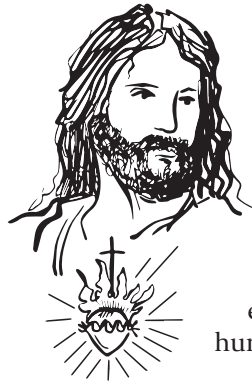
## Why do we believe the Catholic Church is the "original" one?

Tradition is the foundation of what has become widespread practices in Christianity. The role of the Roman See, with the Pope as Peter's successor, centralized Church authority. Doctrinal continuity means that teachings and practices align closely with early Christian doctrines, asserting spiritual and historical continuity.

# June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of His passionate love for us and a reminder of the cost of our salvation. Consider these simple ways to honor His heart this month:

**Make the morning offering daily:** Begin each day with a prayer of dedication to the Sacred Heart, "O Jesus, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings today, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart." This daily offering reinforces our connection to His divine love.



**Display the image of the Sacred Heart:** Jesus promised to bless every place where the image of His Heart is exposed and honored. Display the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your workspace, car, or home as a reminder of God's promised blessing.

**Return love for Love:** Each Friday, imitate Jesus' love by acknowledging His ultimate act of love on Good Friday. Choose a sacrifice to make every Friday this June, as a gesture of love, gratitude, humility, and reparation.

## from Scripture

### Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action

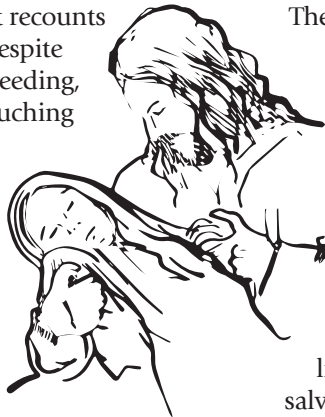
This passage tells of two miracles Jesus worked to demonstrate the crucial importance of faith. It recounts the story of a woman who, despite suffering from continuous bleeding, demonstrated her faith by touching Jesus' cloak, and Jairus, who pleaded for his dying daughter even after learning of her death. These examples teach us the importance of a proactive and trusting faith.

In these accounts, Jesus' actions underscore His compassion and willingness to assist those marginalized by society, such as the woman deemed unclean. He provided hope and healing through

acts of kindness, urging us to emulate His example.

The text illustrates how Jesus instills hope, even in dire circumstances like the death of Jairus' daughter. It reassures us that no situation is too desperate, and that we can rely on Jesus' aid, for even death is within His domain.

Ultimately, our joy in life and our eternal salvation hinge on possessing an active faith. This faith should not only trust in Jesus' help but also extend compassion and maintain hope during challenging times.



## Feasts & Celebrations

**June 2 – Corpus Christi Sunday.** On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Pope Urban IV ordered a Church-wide celebration for Corpus Christi in 1264.

**June 6 – St. Norbert (1134).** St. Norbert lived in twelfth century Prémontré, France. He is known for founding the Norbertines to combat heresies and religious indifference. The Norbertines successfully converted heretics, reconciled enemies, and

rekindled the faith in indifferent believers.

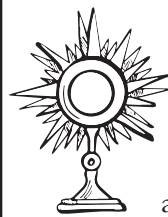
**June 11 - St. Barnabas (First Century).** A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was also a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

**June 26 – St. Josemaría Escrivá (1975).** Born in Barbastro, Spain in 1902, St. Josemaría was ordained a priest in 1925. He ministered secretly during the religious persecution of the Spanish Civil War. In 1928, he founded the Opus Dei organization for those living in the world to become holy by dedicating their daily duties to God.



## Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound encounter with Jesus Christ outside the liturgy of the Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance, we engage in a deep act of worship and honor towards God's tangible presence. This practice enriches our spirituality with:



**Deepened awareness:** In the silence, amidst distractions, we realize God listens, cherishes, and watches over us intimately, enhancing our awareness of His presence in all life's facets.

**Strengthened faith:** What appears to be mere bread is, in fact, the divine — Jesus Christ in His entirety: Body, Blood, soul, and divinity. Spending time in Adoration is a profound declaration of belief, reinforcing our faith and deepening our understanding.

**Enhanced longing for the Mass:** Love compels us to give fully of ourselves. Just as Jesus offers His whole self during Mass, He invites us to reciprocate with our entire being, deepening our relationship with Him through this sacred exchange.

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