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**Sunday,  
 Feb 4,  
 2024**

**St. Patrick Church**  
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**Pastor—Rev. Scott Lemaster**

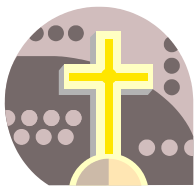
**+Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time+**

**Scripture Insights** Job, the blameless and upright man who was rich in family, land, and animals until his life was turned upside down, reflects on the human condition. He, who had recognized that he had once been the recipient of God’s many blessings, now sees life with different eyes. Interestingly, today’s verses begin with rather generic remarks about the human state and move to lines that speak specifically of Job’s experience of misery and darkness. The psalm refrain proclaims, “Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.” If seen as a direct response to Job, the refrain would indicate that Job’s condition is not permanent.

For the third consecutive week, the Gospel is from the first chapter of Mark. The verses for today’s selection immediately follow last week’s reading, in which Jesus performed his first miracle. With no time wasted and no verses excluded, Jesus moves from the synagogue to Simon’s house, accompanied by Simon, Andrew, and James (two weeks ago, these men were “called” in the Gospel reading).

Immediately after entering the house, Jesus is told that Simon’s mother-in-law was ill. Jesus took her hand and “helped her up.” Later that evening, Jesus cured “many who were sick...and he drove out many demons.” Before dawn, Jesus and his companions left the house, and the text tells us that Jesus prayed. It would seem, however, that this prayer was brief, since “everyone” was looking for him. Jesus’ response is one of incredible kindness. He is ready to move on to wherever he can preach and heal.

**Mass Schedule: Feb 5 - Feb 11, 2024**



<b>Tues. Feb 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Dave &amp; Karen Aubrey+</b>
<b>Wed. Feb 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(M) Frankie Honn+</b>
<b>Thurs. Feb 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) John &amp; Karen Smith+</b>
<b>Fri. Feb 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>(M) Marian Brecht+</b>
<b>Sat. Feb 10</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Pat Seye+</b>
<b>Sat. Feb 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>(V) People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. Feb 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>(M) People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun. Feb 11</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(V) Jason Weisskopf+</b>

**ASH WEDNESDAY 2/14/24 (M) 8am (V) 6pm**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....**

Vivian Kalambaheti  
 Rose Refer  
 Larry Bricker  
 Doris Kurth  
 Shirley Blomme  
 Jennifer Russell & Fam

Gale & Bev Wood  
 Marvin & Shirlee Lynn  
 Kyle McWilliams  
 Jim McGrory  
 Bonnie Barker  
 Patsy Ward

Joanna Green  
 John & Darla Doud  
 Collette Seda  
 Julian Boudonck  
 Chris Jahlas  
 Michael Green

Rev. Philip Ryan  
 Ruth DeMeulenaere  
 Janice Campbell  
 Verabeth Bricker  
 Ed & Joan Doran

# St. Bridget Catholic Church

## Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	10	Devon Weisskopf
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	11	Nicole Gensley

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM	Sat	Feb	10	Steph Thys
10:00 AM	Sun	Feb	11	Bill Lynch

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are NOT having Eucharistic Ministers at this time for any of the Masses.

<u>Funeral Committee:</u>	Feb	Denise Crow (319-631-9554), Linda Refer (319-560-5895)
<u>Money Counters:</u>	Feb 11	Chuck & Kathy Baetsle, Dan & Julie Cavin

- **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**– on Wed. Feb. 14 there will be 8am in Marengo, 6pm in Victor
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**– Father will be saying the Stations at 5pm on Fridays after Ash Wednesday. He will alternate between parishes. 2/16 in Victor, 2/23 Marengo, 3/1 Victor, 3/8 Marengo, 3/15 Victor, and 3/22 Marengo.

**Altar & Rosary Dues**– The yearly dues are due this month. We will be collecting them the month of January. They are \$10.00, and every woman of the parish is considered a member. There is an envelope in your budget envelope or put in the collection baskets.

**Catholic Messenger Subscriptions**– Please pay your Catholic Messenger Subscription. They are \$30.00. The church is billed for this expense.

**Altar & Rosary Meeting**– the next meeting will be Feb 13th after 8am Mass.

**KC Meeting**– The next KC meeting is Tues., Feb. 13 at 7pm at the KC Hall.

**Contribution Statements**– Please pick up your 2023 statements in the back of the church.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)** – WE HAVE MADE OUR GOAL!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED! Our parish goal is **\$16,472.00**. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the QR code or the link online at the Diocesan website or send a check, envelopes are in the vestibule. **We have collected: \$18,686.00 we are at 113%**

**Financial Overview** : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes: **\$1140.00**

Offertory: **\$170.00**

Weekly Online Giving: **\$250.00**

Pay for Air Conditioner: **\$25.00**

Initial Offering: **\$5.00**

## **Happy Birthday!**

Feb 6– Saylor Wille

Feb 7– Shirley Blomme, Bernice Coats

Feb 9– Violet Pirkl

Feb 11– Kaylynn Heitman

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Feb 11– Chuck & Kathy Baetsle-52 years

Blessed are those who  
mourn, for they shall  
be consoled. Blessed  
are those who hunger  
and thirst for  
righteousness, for  
they shall have their  
fill.

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

8:00 AM Sun. Feb 11 Derek Bral and Ava Miller

## Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

8:00 AM Sun. Feb 11 Randy Carney

## Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

We are NOT having Eucharistic Ministers at this time for any of the Masses.

Ushers 8:00 AM Sun. Feb 11 Toby and Owen Bral

Money Counters 8:00AM Feb 11 Patrick Fleming, Dennis Dougherty

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) - The Annual Diocesan Appeal has officially kicked off. This year at St. Patrick our goal is **\$13,790.00**. There are envelopes in the entrance of the church. Please continue to turn in your ADA pledges/donations. We have not reached our goal as of 1/24, we are still over \$3,000.00 short. The parish will need to pay the balance of anything not paid by the parishioners. **We have collected: \$10,324.00**

- **Sunday, February 11** - will be St. Patrick's Mardi Gras celebration. Due to the "Big Game" that evening we are going to have a Mardi Gras Breakfast after Mass. Public is invited-serving from 9am-10:30am so invite your friends and family. Free Will Offering to go towards the building fund. We will have some homemade breakfast casseroles, breakfast punch, and of course King Cake! Religious Education students will also have their annual Mardi Gras parade. We hope to see you there!  
**Altar & Rosary News** - There will be an A & R meeting on Wed. Feb. 7 at 6pm in the parish center. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing and planning the annual Soup Luncheon. This year it will be on Thurs. Mar. 21.  
**NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE:** Adult Formation Bible Study will be Wed. Feb 7 at **5:00 PM**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** - on Wed. Feb. 14 there will be 8am in Marengo, 6pm in Victor  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Father will be saying the Stations at 5pm on Fridays after Ash Wednesday. He will alternate between parishes. 2/16 in Victor, 2/23 Marengo, 3/1 Victor, 3/8 Marengo, 3/15 Victor, and 3/22 Marengo.  
**The Rosary** - The Rosary is being said after Mass on Sundays as well as week days. Please consider staying to pray the Rosary, but if you can not stay, **please be respectful** as you leave the church.  
**Mass Intentions** - A Mass Intention is \$5.00 offering per Mass. Intentions are generally scheduled the middle of the month for Masses the following month. If you have a special date for an intention, please let us know well in advance. Thank You!  
**Devotional Candles** - The A & R purchase candles for the votive stand in the back of the church. These candles are \$3.00 for the larger 6 day candles and \$.50 for the smaller 10 hour candles. Thank you to the A & R for providing these.  
**Building Fund** - Please consider giving generously to the building fund. We have several rather large projects that we need to complete in the near future. The steeple is needing some repair and we still need to replace our air units in the church.  
**Volunteers** - Thank you to those who currently volunteer, but we are reaching out to ask for more volunteers lecturing and ushering.  
**Contribution Statements** - The 2023 contribution statements are in the back of the church. Also please make sure to pick up your box of envelopes.

**Financial Overview:** Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. Thank you to all who support our parish.

27 Adult Envelopes: **\$882.00**

Offertory: **\$80.00**

Initial Offering: **\$10.00**

4 Children Envelopes: **\$12.00**

Solemnity of Mary: **\$10.00**

## **February Birthdays!**

Matt Stewart, Rick Bral, Sharon Schulte, Angie Carney, Matt Cahoy, Ashley Prusha, Pat Ritchie, Matt Ryan, Kristen Bral, Amelia Billups, Charlie Billups, Elam Tiedt

## **St. Patrick Dates to Remember**

2/4 Food Bank Sunday

2/11 Mardi Gras Breakfast

## Important Information for Both Parishes:

**FORMED**– Though we may never fully understand suffering, we can be certain that God desires to heal us and bring value into our suffering. He sent us his only Son to suffer and die for our salvation, and through this mystery we can glimpse how suffering can make us more like him. But we first need to ask for him to heal us in our suffering. We see Jesus beginning that work today in the little town of Capernaum, and he longs to continue that same work in each of our lives. **Sign up for FORMED today! [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), pick “sign up as a parishioner”, enter 52361 as the zip code, St. Mary coordinates the subscription**

### **Surround, Support, Strengthen Diocesan Special Collection– February 10/11, 2024**

Did you know that our diocese has a Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa? Their ministry is focused on invitation and outreach to students attending UI. The center is funded through the generosity of private donations from individuals and businesses. A special diocesan collection for the Newman Center on February 10 and 11 2024. For more information on the Newman Center’s mission **to prepare disciples for the Church and the world** and ways that you can help support students in their faith journey, please visit [www.iowacatholic.org](http://www.iowacatholic.org). Or, to see videos featuring students sharing their Newman experiences, visit their YouTube channel found on YouTube@IowaCatholic.

**Shrines of France Pilgrimage**– Come along Nov 4-14, 2024 to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France. We’ll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin of Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great churches and cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 4th St. N. Humboldt, IA 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email [frdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com) Fr. Guenther has been leading these pilgrimages for over 25 years!

### **HOW TO REACH ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIDGET STAFF:**

**SP DRE**– Angie Carney 319-560-8476,

**SB DRE**– Evan Van Otegham 319-721-6000

**SP SECRETARY**– Julie Howe 319-361-7393

**SB**– Linda Gensley 319-647-2294

**SP A & R PRESIDENT**– Julie Alexander 319-202-0542

**SB**– Joan Schafbuch 319-558-6306

**SP PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT**– Theresa Ryan 319-642-7061

**SP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GRAND KNIGHT**– Jay Ritter 319-530-5581 **SB**– Tom Thys 319-647-3638

**SP PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS**– Mert Goodrich 319-642-3430 or Kathy Hauser 319-642-7255

**SP PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**– Theresa Ryan, Angie Carney, Julie Alexander, Jay Ritter, Sarah Ritter and Jim Honn

**Domestic Violence**– Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 [www.dvpiowa.org](http://www.dvpiowa.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**– Couples....want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That’s just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage

**Website:** [stpatrick-stbridget.org](http://stpatrick-stbridget.org) please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

**Office Hours:** The **St. Bridget office** will be open most afternoons. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. **St. Patrick Office** hours vary. Any questions, please call Julie Howe at 319-361-7393 or the office at 319-642-5438 and leave a message.

**Confessions:** There will be confessions heard before all Masses at the parish where Mass is held.

**Marriages:** Please arrange with Fr. Lemaster at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.

**Baptisms:** There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Lemaster for more information 319-647-2220.

**Newcomers:** You may register in **St. Bridget Parish** by calling the office at 319-647-2294. To register at **St. Patrick Parish**, please pick up a registration form from the book rack at the entrance of the church and return to the office or by calling 319-642-5438.

**Hall Rental:** Anyone interested in renting out **St. Bridget hall** please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100. To rent **St. Patrick parish center** please call the office at 319-642-5438. The fee is \$150 for parishioners plus \$200 deposit (returned if cleaned and no damages). Non-parishioners and Commercial rates are also available. For rental of either parish hall the lessee must fill out our parish agreement and check on the availability of dates. Proof of insurance required.

**Bulletin:** Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: [stbridget@netins.net](mailto:stbridget@netins.net) or [srcjuliehowe@gmail.com](mailto:srcjuliehowe@gmail.com)