



St. Mary St. Patrick

February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 16, 2025 – The Church on Immigration

Part 1: Pope Francis' Letter to the United States Bishops

The following is an excerpt from Pope Francis' letter written to the Bishops of the United States:

3. ... Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of "infinite and transcendent dignity," we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa.

4. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with *criminality*. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution, or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.

5. This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes, and integrates the most fragile, unprotected, and vulnerable. **This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration.** ...

9. I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity, we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.

10. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, the "Virgen morena", who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all. — Pope Francis, Feb. 10, 2025.

From the Vatican, 10 February 2025

Read Pope Francis' full letter here: rb.gy/qx504g

Peace

— Fr. Kevin

16 de Feb. 2025 – La postura de la Iglesia en relación a la Inmigración

1ra Parte: Carta del Santo Padre Francisco a los Obispos de los Estados Unidos de América

A continuación, un extracto de la carta escrita por el Papa Francisco a los Obispos de los Estados Unidos de América:

3. ... Jesucristo, amando a todos con un amor universal, nos educa en el reconocimiento permanente de la dignidad de cada ser humano, sin excepción. De hecho, cuando hablamos de "dignidad infinita y trascendente", queremos subrayar que el valor más decisivo que posee la persona humana, rebasa y sostiene toda otra consideración de carácter jurídico que pueda hacerse para regular la vida en sociedad. **Por lo tanto, todos los fieles cristianos y los hombres de buena voluntad, estamos llamados a mirar la legitimidad de las normas y de las políticas públicas a la luz de la dignidad de la persona y sus derechos fundamentales, no viceversa.**

4. He seguido con atención la importante crisis que está teniendo lugar en los Estados Unidos con motivo del inicio de un programa de deportaciones masivas. La conciencia rectamente formada no puede dejar de realizar un juicio crítico y expresar su desacuerdo con cualquier medida que **identifique**, de manera tácita o explícita, la condición ilegal de algunos migrantes con la criminalidad. Al mismo tiempo, se debe reconocer el derecho de una nación a defenderse y mantener a sus comunidades a salvo de aquellos que han cometido crímenes violentos o graves mientras están en el país o antes de llegar. Dicho esto, el acto de deportar personas que en muchos casos han dejado su propia tierra por motivos de pobreza extrema, de inseguridad, de explotación, de persecución o por el grave deterioro del medio ambiente, lastima la dignidad de muchos hombres y mujeres, de familias enteras, y los coloca en un estado de especial vulnerabilidad e indefensión.

5. Esta cuestión no es menor: **un auténtico estado de derecho se verifica precisamente en el trato digno que merecen todas las personas, en especial, los más pobres y marginados. El verdadero bien común se promueve cuando la sociedad y el gobierno, con creatividad y respeto estricto al derecho de todos** — como he afirmado en numerosas ocasiones —, acogen, protegen, promueven e integran a los más frágiles, desprotegidos y vulnerables. **Esto no obsta para promover la maduración de una política que regule la migración ordenada y legal.** ...

9. Exhorto a todos los fieles de la Iglesia católica, y a todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad, a no ceder ante las narrativas que discriminan y hacen sufrir innecesariamente a nuestros hermanos migrantes y refugiados. Con caridad y claridad todos estamos llamados a vivir en solidaridad y fraternidad, a construir puentes que nos acerquen cada vez más, a evitar muros de ignominia, y a aprender a dar la vida como Jesucristo la ofrendó, para la salvación de todos.

10. Pidamos a la Santísima Virgen María de Guadalupe que proteja a las personas y a las familias que viven con temor o con dolor la migración y/o la deportación. Que la "Virgen morena", que supo reconciliar a los pueblos cuando estaban enemistados, nos conceda a todos reencontrarnos como hermanos, al interior de su abrazo, y dar así un paso adelante en la construcción de una sociedad más fraterna, incluyente y respetuosa de la dignidad de todos.

Vaticano, 10 de febrero de 2025.

Lee la carta completa del Papa Francisco aquí: rb.gy/jyz413

Pas— Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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Book Club

March 3 at 6 p.m.

The God of the Woods

By Liz Moore

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

Save the dates May 23rd - 25th! National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese During this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Hope, and picking up where the 10th National Eucharistic Congress left off, the 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will go through the Archdiocese from May 23rd to May 25th. Eight young adult Perpetual Pilgrims will accompany Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, starting in Indianapolis in mid-May and ending on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Los Angeles.

On Friday, May 23rd, we will receive the monstrance from the Diocese of Davenport and process it to the Cathedral to begin a Memorial Day weekend of special activities stretching across the Archdiocese. Save the date and stay tuned for more details on this important series of events!!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, February 9, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1040
Offertory	\$63
Building Fund	\$200

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

February 23 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Denise Sprain, Jim Wessels

Ushers: Richard Bloom, Gary Bonewitz, Jim Brandt, Bob Burkle

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Schumacher,

Beth Gronewold

Money Counters: Judy Geiken, Mary Schumacher

Altar Servers: Alex Harms

Sacristan: Linda Sudtelge

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Meals

We will be serving Lenten Meals on Friday during Lent following the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.. If you would be willing to make and serve a meal, let David Keninger know 515-681-3750. Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.

Coffee and Rolls

March 2

Everyone is welcome!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements will be going out the first part of January. If you think your statement is incorrect or if you did not receive a statement and think you should have, contact Barb Keninger.

We are at his disposal. If he wants us to be sick in bed, if he wants us to proclaim his word in the street, if he wants us to clean the toilets all day, that's all right, everything is all right. We must say, "I belong to you. You can do whatever you like." This is our strength and this is the joy of the Lord.

Thirsting for God – Mother Teresa

St. Patrick

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
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Liturgical Ministries

February 23rd, 2025 – Febrero 23rd, 2025

Mass—February 23rd, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Julie Streblow
Ushers: Sue Basye, Fil Flores
Eucharistic Ministers; Dwight & Sherry Peterson
Money Counters: Mary Ann Patton, Phil O'Connor
Altar Servers: Bella & Alondra Duran, Yamilla Fuentes
Sacristan: Sherry Peterson
Linens: Sue Garrett

Spanish Mass—Febrero 23rd, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lector: Margarita Dominguez, Carmen Garcia
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Estenia Madrid, Jose Franco
Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Blas Gonzalez
Monaguillos: Gabriel Garza, Maria Barradas, Skarlett
Diosdado
Sacristan: Anabel Alanis

You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

**“SAY THEIR NAME”
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
MEETINGS BEGINNING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
1:00 PM
ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

Everyone experiences grief in their lifetime whether it be a parent, spouse, child, good friend or even a beloved pet.

This is led by lay people who have experienced grief and survived it.

It is free, confidential and everyone is welcome!

Contact St. Patrick Church Office
641-456-4857,
Maggie 641-425-1046 or
Fran 515-290-5147

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th, 2025

REGULAR	\$ 1,710.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 282.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.

Happenings Week of February 16th, 2025

Tuesday/ Martes February 18th/ Febrero 18th, 2025

8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miércoles –February 19th / Febrero 19th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 – Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – February 20th / Febrero 20th

8:30 AM Mass
1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

Sunday/ Domingo February 23rd/ Febrero 23rd

10:30 AM – Mass
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

MEN'S GRIEF GROUP

If you are a male who is experiencing grief over the death of a loved one. St. Patrick will be hosting a men's grief group meeting
The next meeting will be
March 3rd at 6:00 PM

St. Patrick Church Parish Library
For More Information

Contact Steve Pearson at 641-425-1662 or contact the Parish Office at 641-456-4857

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal Weekend 2025: Pilgrims of Hope /

Fin de semana de la campaña anual de Caridades Católicas 2025:
Peregrinos de Esperanza

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal kicked off on February 8-9, 2025. This appeal provides over 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget and directly impacts the lives of at least 78 people in Northeast Iowa every single day! In February, all parishes will receive more information, including a mailed package from Catholic Charities. This will include specific materials to promote the appeal, including a letter from Archbishop Zinkula to be read at Masses, parish bulletin announcements and inserts, social media, prayers, and petitions. More information was included in the bulletin. Spanish version available in the back of the church.

La Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas comenzó el 8 y 9 de febrero de 2025. ¡Este llamamiento proporciona más del 50% del presupuesto operativo anual de Caridades Católicas y tiene un impacto directo en las vidas de al menos 78 personas en el noreste de Iowa todos los días! En febrero, todas las parroquias recibirán más información, incluyendo un paquete enviado por correo de Caridades Católicas. Esto incluirá materiales específicos para promover el llamado, incluida una carta del Arzobispo Zinkula para leer en las Misas, anuncios e inserciones en boletines parroquiales, redes sociales, oraciones y peticiones. Más información se incluye en este boletín. Versión en español disponible en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

Disability Awareness

February is Low-Vision Awareness Month. The Archdiocese of Dubuque works with the Xavier Society for the Blind to provide resources *free-of-charge* for persons with blindness and sight-impairments. If someone in your parish would like to learn about their services, please [contact](#) the Xavier Society for the Blind or click xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Don't Miss the 2025 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference!

Join other men from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque to be inspired in your faith at the 29th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 29, 2025 at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids.** This year's conference will feature Michael "Gomer" Gormley as the keynote speaker. The day will also include Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. For details and to register, visit www.ArchMensConference.org.

Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,
Megan (Kninger) Hesnard,
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at stmaryspatrick@gmail.com

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at thepatton4@gmail.com

Thank you

Thank you to Donna Speedy, Madonna Weiland and Sherry Peterson for painting dioramas for the atrium. Thank you so much for your help!

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training

St. Mary and St. Patrick has made the change to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our Faith Formation program. It is a different way of teaching our youth their faith. It uses the Montessori style of teaching (hands on), it allows the youth to explore the works of our faith with hands on projects.. if you would like to learn more you are welcome to tour the classrooms.

We are offering Level I and Level II at both parishes. The two levels are for preschool – kdg and first - third grade. For the continued success of this program we are in need of people to take the training to help us keep the program going. There will be a Level I training offered at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames. The classes will begin July 19, 2025. If you would be interested or have questions talk to Jolene or Father for more information.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 17
8:30 a.m. Arlene Thuente St. Mary

Tuesday, February 18
8:30 a.m. Julie Schall St. Patrick

Wednesday, February 19
8:30 a.m. Bill Scallon St. Mary

Thursday, February 20
8:30 a.m. Dave Rowen St. Patrick

Sunday, February 23
8 a.m. Robert Schumacher St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Bernice Seiler St. Patrick
5:30 p.m. For the people St. Patrick
Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic