# St. Patrick Catholic Church
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## Pastorate Pastor's Pen

**The Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**—We are lingering in Matthew Chapter 25 to culminate next week with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Then, we will hear the famous passage, "Whatsoever you do to the least of these, that you do unto me."

This week we hear the Parable of the Talents. It is about a wealthy man who goes away for a long journey and entrusts his servants with talents, a portion of his money, to invest while he is gone. The master expects the servants to earn a return on the investments. Two servants did just that, while the other, afraid of the master, buried the talent in the ground. The first two were praised by the master once he returned and the other was thrown out into the darkness where there was wailing and grinding of teeth.

The parable, like last week's gospel, can be read as an allegory. The people and things in the parable stand for something or someone else. The master who went away for a long time represents Christ ascended into heaven who will come again at an unknown time and hour. The servants are the disciples, all of us who profess to love and serve the Lord. The money represents the graces, gifts and talents God gives to his disciples. The "amount" varies from person to person, but all are a gratuitous gift from God.

During last week's homily, I referred to the greatest commandment being to love God with your whole heart, mind and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. This greatest commandment has application with this parable. To love God is to see him as the supreme good beyond all other goods in the world. If we love God, then it follows that we must love our neighbor. To love our neighbor means that we are to invest our God-given gifts and talents in service of God through the service of others. Regardless of how much talent or how many gifts we have, we are to use them to love others. The investment of our gifts and talents bears fruit because of how they affect the lives of others.

The one who was afraid of the master and buried the money without taking the risk of investing it represents the person who either uses gifts and talents to serve oneself or doesn't share them out of sloth. Sloth is one of the capital sins. It is a "culpable lack of physical or spiritual effort" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, p. 899). It is a laziness which is like falling asleep after a good glass of wine outside under a warm sun. The slothful person ignores opportunities to serve or grow spiritually, and nothing happens. Like the servant with one talent, this person can come up with any number of excuses why the investment of the talents never occurred. The excuses don't hold water with the master.

The gospel lesson is clear. God gives us gifts and talents expecting that they will be developed and used in service of him for the benefit of your neighbors. It is a beautiful and grace-filled way to love God and neighbor. Don't bury your gifts and talents. It ultimately won't go well for you if you do.

# St. Mary

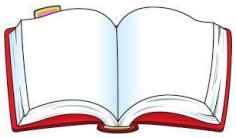
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## Liturgical Ministers

**November 16 – 5:30 p.m. Mass**
Lector: Jessica Schipper
Altar Servers: Jace Harms, Lucas Mausser
Sacristan: Linda Sudtelgte

**November 19 – 8:30 a.m. Mass**
Lector: Jodi Uthe
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

## Book Club



Read in November to discuss
December 14 – 5 p.m.
Soup and Side Supper
The Christmas Wish
by Ricard Siddow
Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays – 11:30 – 12:30
In the church

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!

## All Souls

"Remember Those Who Have Died In The Peace of Christ and All The Dead Whose Faith Is Known To You Alone."
(Fourth Eucharistic Prayer)

We will light a candle for the St. Mary parishioners who have passed away in the last year during the month of November




Gary Bonewitz
Kay King
Marlyn Nymeyer
David Deike

The Book of Remembrance is at the back of church

## Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Monday, December 7
Belmond 5:30 p.m




Tuesday, December 8
Eagle Grove 12 Noon
Webster City 12:30 p.m.
Ackley 5:30 p.m.
Eldora 7:00 p.m.
Williams 7:00 p.m.
Clarion 7:30 p.m. Bilingual

## Advent Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, November 29, St. Mark, Iowa Falls 1pm
Sunday, December 6, St John, Clarion, 1pm
Sunday, December 13, St Thomas Aquinas, Webster City, 1pm

## Confession Times

Webster City Saturday 3:30 to 4:30
Webster City Sunday 9:00 to 9:30
Clarion Sunday 8:00 to 8:30
Iowa Falls Saturday 4:00 to 4:30
Eldora Sunday 9:45 to 10:15
*At most daily masses the priest can hear a confession before or*



It is first of all necessary for you to give a forceful witness of love for life, God's gift. This love must extend from the beginning to the end of every life."
Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day XI

Mark your calendars – **Cookie Walk** – December 12 at 9 a.m.
Coffee and rolls will be served starting at 8:45 a.m.



# St. Patrick

1405 N. Federal, Hampton 641-456-4857
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
dbq097sec@dbqarch.org
For emergencies after hours call 641-513-0028.

## *Liturgical Ministries*

**Mass—November 22, 2026 9:00 a.m.**

Lector: Emma Svob
Ushers: Dwight Peterson, Trace Brocka
Eucharistic Ministers: Dean Markwardt, April Schoning, Jose & Maria Alonzo
Money Counters: Donna Devereux, Vicki Naber
Altar Servers: Ryne Magner, Yamilla Fuentes, Rhiannon Prestidge
Sacristan: Lili & Joe Alonzo
Linens: Lili & Joe Alonzo
**You are responsible for finding your own replacement.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**UPCOMING MASS TIMES**

**Thanksgiving St. Patrick Hampton November 25th 5:30 PM – Bilingual**
**Immaculate Conception St. Patrick Hampton December 8th 6:00 PM – Bilingual**
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass December 12th Sacred Heart Rockwell 3:00 PM**

## Thank you

***Thank you to the following students who have served our parish faithfully as altar servers and ushers:***

***Ruby Alonzo***
***Bridget Brocka***
***James Conlon***
***Joseph Conlon***
***Yamilla Fuentes***
***Ivy Heilskov***
***Cameron Horton***
***Drew Horton***
***Trey Horton***
***Ryne Magner***
***Teegan Magner***
***Victor Magner***
***Rhiannon Prestidge***
***Kael Sullivan***

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Windsor Theatre for the generous gifts and recognizing the student's contribution to St. Patrick. Thank you to the parents for making this possible!

## STEWARDSHIP TREASURY

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

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| **REGULAR** | **$ 852.00** |
| **OFFERTORY** | **$ 152.52** |

**Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.**

## Happenings Week of November 15, 2026

**Tuesday/ Martes November 17th**
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

**Wednesday/ Miércoles – November 18th**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)
6:30 – Faith Formation

**Thursday/ Jueves – November 19th**
1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts – Social Hall
6:00 PM Adoration

**Friday/ Viernes – November 20th**
8:30 AM Mass

**Sunday/ Domingo November 22nd**
8:00 AM – Reconciliation
9:00 AM Mass




Journey in Faith
Trust. Transform. Together.

### Journey in Faith: Keep Your Lamp Burning

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of ten women waiting for the bridegroom. They all brought lamps, but only five brought enough oil for the wait. When the bridegroom finally arrived, the five were ready. There is something in that story for us as we Journey in Faith together. We don't know exactly what the future will look like, but we do know God is asking us to be ready for what comes next. That means growing in our faith, getting to know one another, sharing our gifts, and being willing to step forward when there is a need. So, what might being ready look like for you? Where is God asking you to get involved, reach out, or simply say yes? What can you do now instead of waiting for someone else to take the first step? Take these questions to prayer. Ask God to help you recognize where He is at work and to give you the courage to join Him there. Keep your lamp burning.

# Confession Times

Webster City Saturday 3:30 to 4:30
Webster City Sunday 9:00 to 9:30
Clarion Sunday 8:00 to 8:30
Iowa Falls Saturday 4:00 to 4:30

# Sign-up for Flocknote

## St. Mary/St. Patrick will begin using the app Flocknote

Flocknote will be used to help inform our parishioners by text message. It would be used for notifying you of cancelations due to weather, funeral info, prayer chain, etc.

We are asking you to sign up for the app, to help us keep you informed.

**St. Mary - Go to: stmaryackley.flocknote.com**

**St. Patrick – Go to: stpatrickhampton.flocknote.com**

You will see a screen to enter your information, you will then go to the next screen there will be options of the notifications you would like to receive: Faith Formation - Prayer Chain (St. Mary only) - Parish

Pick which ones you would like to be notified for..... and that is all you have to do!!

If you need help signing up stop at the parish office and Jolene would be happy to help you!!




**Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:**

**St. Mary, Ackley:**

**Jolene Harms at stmarystpatrick@gmail.com**

**St. Patrick, Hampton:**

**Mary Ann Patton at thepattons 4@gmail.com**

**Confession times for the Mason City pastorate**

- Sacred Heart, Manly—After the 8:00 AM Thursday Mass
- Epiphany Parish, Mason City—Saturdays from 8 AM to 9 AM
- Sacred Heart, Rockwell—Spanish or English at before the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday at 5 p.m.
- St. Patrick, Hampton—Before the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration

- Epiphany Parish, Mason City—The first Friday of the month after the 12:05 PM Mass until 8:00 AM on Saturday; The third Wednesday of the month after the 12:05 PM Mass until 4 PM.
- Sacred Heart, Rockwell—From 11:00 AM-11:50 AM on Sundays
- St. Patrick, Hampton—Thursdays at 6-8 PM
- St. Mary, Ackley – Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

## GLOBES NEEDED

Thank you to Sam Dirksen for the donation of a globe.



# Immaculate Conception

According to doctrine, Mary was conceived in the state of perfect juice, free from original sin, and all its consequences and penalties, in virtue of the redemption won by Christ on the cross. It was fitting that she who was to bear the Savior of the world should herself be preserved by Him from sin and its consequences and thus be the first to benefit from what He would win for the whole human race.

# MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 16
5:30 p.m. Lori Renken St. Mary

Thursday, November 19
8:30 a.m. St. Mary

Friday, November 20
8:30 a.m. St. Patrick

Sunday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Bill Devereux St. Patrick

Live stream of Mass
www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream
YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic