ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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New Parishioner Information Brochure

Welcome to St. Patrick

We are glad to have you with us!

When I was in high school, I ran track and I played football. Track is an individual competition. Football is a team event. Many people live their Christian faith as if it was an individual activity, when in reality, **Jesus set it up to be a team activity.**

St. Paul insists that the Church is like a body: it has many parts, but it is still one body- like many teammates make up one team. We are one people, a family bonded by Faith.

We have many ministries in our parish. **All of our ministries are expressions of our Love of God and our Love of Neighbor.** Our parish makes the ministry of Jesus present to the people of this time and this place.

I hope you will find ministries here at St. Patrick Church that will help you grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. I also hope you will find ministries where you can share your talents and help others to grow.

My father was in the Air Force, and we moved often. Coming to a new parish can be awkward, surrounded by strangers, but once you get involved in some ministry or activity, strangers become friends and "the parish" becomes "my parish".

God bless you!
Fr. Joel McNeil

Worship Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 – 5:45 p.m. Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. Mass

Friday
8:00 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Weekends

Saturday
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday:
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

Monthly

First Saturday of the Month
8:00 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation offered daily by appointment; Eucharistic Adoration available 24/7 in the Adoration Chapel. Please contact the parish office for chapel access code.

Contacts

Parish Office: 712-323-1484
Hours: Closed Mondays
Open Tuesday – Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Pastor
Fr. Joel McNeil
frjoel@stpatrickcb.org

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Stan Asjes
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Director of Faith Formation
Jill Faust
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Parish Secretary
Chris Holton
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Communication Coordinator
Christy Rhoades
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Youth Ministry
Amy Peterson
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Our Parish

St. Patrick Church shares a rich tradition and history, both of its people and buildings. The Church and her people have seen throughout their tenure world wars and peace movements, unspeakable acts of violence, and insurmountable love. Yet, the fundamental values of the church have been maintained through our pastoral leaders, and through our own dedication to prayer, community and faith-filled family life.

The mission of St. Patrick Church is one of community, clearly outlined in our mission statement. It has called, and continues to call, us all as a community of believers to strive for unification and stronger communal life. This work includes us to be dedicated patrons who work to strengthen our own parish life and the wider community of Christians and non-Christians alike in Council Bluffs and everywhere else we might be.

The responsibility our church has put upon itself is illustrated best by the fourth-grade class of St. Patrick School in 1960. The children were saving for a class Christmas party at a rate of one nickel a week per student. When it came time to celebrate, instead of buying treats for their party with the money they had saved, the students donated the money, a total of $8.44 to the Goodfellows program with the intent to give their savings to those who needed it more than them during the holiday season.

This idea of stewardship, communal outreach, and parishioner involvement has been practiced since St. Patrick's dedication in the 1920's.

You can learn more about the founding of our parish and its history on our website at *stpatrickcb.org/history.*

Our Parish Priests

Fr. Joel
Pastor

Fr. Stan
Parochial Vicar

Fr. Emmanuel
Hospital Chaplain

Our Patron Saint

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. He remained in captivity until age twenty when he escaped after having a dream in which God him told to leave Ireland.

After reuniting with his family in Britain he had another vision that prompted him to study for the priesthood. He was ordained and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland in 433 AD. Patrick was able to convert many people starting with the Druid chieftain. He began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all over Ireland for 40 years. He died March 17, 461. While millions around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day every March 17, the sad fact is that Patrick has never been canonized by the Catholic Church and is a saint in name only.

Parish Governance

PASTORAL COUNCIL

"The Pastoral Council provides pastoral planning for the faith community it serves. Through extensive prayer, listening and learning the council assists the pastor in identifying and assessing the gifts and needs of the faith community; to clarify the parish's mission; and to develop and initiate pastoral plans to serve this mission for the Kingdom of God. *- Pastoral Council Guidelines, Diocese of Des Moines, 2015*

Members

Pastor: Rev. Joel McNeil
President: Amy Peterson
Vice President: Margaret Morse
Recording Secretary: Jill Faust
Parish Manager: Darin Hecker
Welcome Committee: Margie Graeve
Altar & Rosary Society Representative: Petra Lincoln
Knights of Columbus Representative: Don Morse
Saint Albert Representatives: Stacy Ring & Brian Cihacek
Deacon Representative:
Faith Formation Representative: Jill Faust
Study Groups:

FINANCE COUNCIL

"In each parish there is to be a council for financial affairs which, in addition to universal church law, is regulated by norms established by the diocese. The Finance Council shall offer its technical and administrative skills in fiscal matters to advise and assist the pastor and whomsoever he should designate in the administration of parish goods. The Finance Council seeks to provide stewardship for the pastoral plan or mission articulated by the Pastor and the Pastoral Council."

- Pastoral Council Guidelines, Diocese of Des Moines, 2015

Members

Steve Chamley (Chair), Chad Hannan, Missy Hawk, Stacee Patterson, and Darin Hecker (Parish Manager)

Five Precepts of the Church

Quoting from the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2041, "The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws…is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor."

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."
2. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."
3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."
4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."
5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."

Tithing

As the fifth Precept of the Church states, it is our duty, as Catholics, to support the Church. This support comes in various forms of time, talent and treasure. For example, one can donate his or her time as a volunteer for church functions such as the St. Patrick Fish Fries, or offer up one's special talent to make repairs, decorate the church, or assist with religious education.

Certainly, the church needs financial support to cover expenses such as utilities, insurance, altar goods and general church maintenance. With everyone doing his or her part, we can effectively support all the needs of our church.

Weekly collections are taken at each mass on the weekends. Collections for special intentions are taken as a second collection when needed. Collections for the poor are taken on the weekend of the third Sunday of each month as a second collection.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

The ADA is the diocese's yearly call for financial support from each of its parishioners. It helps the bishop provide retirement and health insurance for our active and retired priests, supports seminarians, assists the disadvantaged, and helps serve the basic organizational needs of our parishes and the diocese. The ADA is the main fund drive for our bishop which provides about 50% of the diocesan budget. Please give generously to this collection each Easter.

Weekly giving based on proportion of income

At St. Patrick's, each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach your goal.

Weekly Giving Chart

% of Hshld Income	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
$30,000	$58	$29	$23	$ 6
$50,000	96	48	38	10
$70,000	135	67	54	14
$100,000	192	96	76	19

Direct Deposit

People are encouraged to use automatic deposit or tithing envelopes. Tithing envelopes are mailed every other month for those who have registered with our parish. If you prefer to tithe via direct deposit, please see the parish website for on-line giving or contact the parish office to set up an ACH payment on the 5th or 20th of each month. Yearly tithing statements are available for tax purposes prior to January 31st of the following year.

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting

One hour prior to receiving Holy Communion at any Mass fasting is required from all food and drink, with water and medicine being the exception. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Why do we fast?

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9: 14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6: 16 – 18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence

Abstinence means not eating meat that day. Abstinence is required on special days for people 14 years old and older. As with fasting, medical and health reasons are exceptions.

Holy Days of Obligation & Feast Days

What's the difference?

Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass, and to avoid, to the extent that they are able, servile work. The observance of Holy Days of Obligation is part of the Sunday Duty, the first of the Precepts of the Church. There are currently ten Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church: in the United States, only six Holy Days of Obligation are observed.

Abrogation

The number of Days of Obligation vary from year to year, because the precept to attend Mass is lifted (abrogated) if any of the following days falls on a Saturday or Monday.

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Feast of the Assumption
- Solemnity of Saints

Holy Days of Obligation 2026

- Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day
- Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday, December 25 – Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Special Days of Prayer

There are many days dedicated to special prayer and devotion. An exhaustive, yet incomplete list can be found on the USCCB website at:

https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/special-observances

Faith Formation

First Holy Communion

Two years of classes are required by the diocese. Classes start in first grade and finish at the end of second grade. The sacrament of Holy Communion itself takes place two to four weeks after Easter.

All classes are held at St. Patrick Parish on Wednesday evenings and run mid-September to May. Families must be registered in the parish and are regularly attending Mass for themselves and to help the child learn the sacredness of the Mass.

If your child is older than the typical age for First Holy Communion, special arrangements need to be made.

ATTENDANCE AT PAROCIAHL SCHOOLS DOES NOT QUALIFY AS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Confirmation

Two years of classes are required by the Diocese of Des Moines for the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes start in 8th grade and finish at the end of tenth grade. (Students who attend parochial schools may postpone attendance until September of their sophomore year; however, there are freshman requirements so please register your ninth graders for Confirmation and stay in communication with the Confirmation Coordinator.) Confirmation classes are held every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:45 in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. Our Confirmation ceremony is scheduled by the bishop.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is offered on Wednesday evenings during the school year at St. Patrick Church.

- **Grades 1-4** meet Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., with a 15-minute snack time in the social hall offered beforehand (from 5-5:15 p.m.)
- **Grades 5-7** meet Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., with a 15-minute snack time in the social hall offered beforehand (from 6:15-6:30 p.m.)
- **1st Year & 2nd Year Confirmation Candidates** meet according to their published calendars on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., in the social hall.

We understand that this schedule asks families to be very flexible with their Wednesday evenings and while we would love to accommodate all children all at the same time, there is a lot of behind the scenes work and challenges that make it currently not possible. We feel the benefits of all children attending classes at the church far outweigh the inconvenience of staggered class times. We work together for one another and the greater glory of God!

Although Religious Education is important, it is really the parents who are the first teachers of the faith. Do not underestimate the importance of your example! Attend Mass each week and say prayers before meals and in the evenings as a family. This makes attendance at Religious Education easier for your child as you have prepared them with a respect of the faith and consistent communication with Christ.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

OCIA is for those wishing to convert to the Catholic faith and for baptized Catholics who have not received the final sacraments of initiation (First Holy Communion & Confirmation). It is also good for those wanting to help them along the way. OCIA is “one of the best kept secrets” of the Church. It is a privileged time to focus on one’s relationship with Jesus and His Church. Classes are during the school year on Sundays

Contact Fr. Joel McNeil for more information: 712-323-1484.

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Jill Faust – 712-323-1484
VBS is held during the summer months for kindergarten through sixth grade. Information will be available prior to this July event in the bulletins and online.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
Jill Faust – 712-323-1484
NCYC, attended by over 30,000 Catholic high school students from around the country, is hosted every other year in Indianapolis in November. It spans two and one-half days. Featuring nationally known speakers, the conference is a once in a lifetime experience for students in grades nine through twelve.

Fully Alive City-Wide Youth Group
Amy Peterson - 904-728-8968
Comprised of high school youth from all three Catholic parishes in Council Bluffs, meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Youth eat, learn, pray and repeat with fun field trips scattered throughout the months.

Junior Legion of Mary
Eileen Smith – 402-598-1798
High school students meet once a week during the school year and offer prayers, good works, trips and fellowship for youth.

Marriage Preparation
George & Kris Smith – 402-650-6471
Sponsor couples from St. Patrick Parish are trained using the FOCCUS pre-marriage program to prepare engaged couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) – Men's Group
Matt Buyske – matthew.buyske@gmail.com
Men of the parish meet for coffee, fellowship, and a different way to look at deepening their faith. They gather early in the morning each week to address the unique pressures men face today, particularly in their roles as husbands and fathers.

Bible Study Team
Sarah Madsen – 402-699-8414
Help the parish plan and present opportunities to engage in heartfelt discussions and explore the teachings of the Bible in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Help share the Word!

Women's Book Club
Bev Fletcher - 712-355-3529
The Saint Patrick Women's Book Club builds community and fosters friendships through the reading of current Catholic or spiritual literature. Members meet on days and times that work best for them, pray, and share discussion.

SAINT ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Since it opened its doors in 1964, Saint Albert Catholic Schools has existed to teach the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic Church to its students and to embody the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Saint Albert nurtures its students' spirituality by integrating gospel values, daily prayer, and Christian principles into the curriculum.

St. Patrick is one of the seven parishes that support Saint Albert Catholic Schools and continue to provide one fourth of their operating revenue. Our financial support allows our Catholic school to prosper, and our spiritual support helps our students to grow in their faith.

For further information on supporting St. Albert Schools, or to enroll your children, see the St. Albert Website at

https://saintalbertschools.org

National Organizations

Knights of Columbus

Russ Sindelar – 402-657-3558

The purpose of this 150-year-old organization for men is to provide spiritual growth for its members and opportunities for service to the parish and larger community. Brother Knights meet on the first Thursday of the month in the parish hall. The evening starts with a meal at 6:00pm, rosary at 7:00pm, and then followed by the business meeting. Information and application for membership is available on the parish website.

Altar and Rosary Society

Petra Lincoln – 712-796-6572

The mission of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick's is to enhance the spiritual growth of the parishioners by demonstrating care of the altar and the church environment and by promoting the praying of the rosary. The Altar and Rosary Society meet in our parish social hall the third Thursday of every month except for December, June, July, and August. Meetings begin at 6:30 PM. We invite, for membership, all women parishioners over the age of 16. Meeting schedules are available on the parish website.

Serra Club

Phil and Norena Caniglia – 712-323-2236

The Council Bluffs Serra Club represents all the parishes in Council Bluffs and the western part of the Des Moines Diocese. Its mission is threefold: to encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life, to support the ordained priests and deacons in their ministry and to help its members live a holy life.

Legion of Mary

Cathy Eastwood – 402-598-0172

The Legion of Mary meets every Friday morning after the 8 AM mass. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church, and under powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Matalyn Sebetka – 319-310-9925

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." The CDA motto is "Unity and Charity." Catholic lay and religious women of Council Bluffs and Carter Lake, 18 years of age or older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities can join Catholic Daughters. St. Anthony's court #330 of Council Bluffs was established on October 31, 1920.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Hospitality Programs
Margie Graeve – 712-309-1119
There are many ways to care for the members of our parish and all are welcome to help!

1) **Mission of 72 -** *Welcomes new parishioners, sends Christmas and Easter baskets to our homebound and sends cards to newly married couples, ill parishioners, etc.*
2) **Reception Committee -** *Preparing and serving receptions (e.g., funeral luncheons, First Communion, Baptism, etc.)*

Holy Happenings - Events Planning Team
Cathy Mardesen – cathymardesen@yahoo.com
A dynamic team that plans and hosts social, service and enrichment events that appeal to adults young and old, regardless of where they are in their faith journey.

Coffee and Crafts
Janet Darnell – 712-328-8607
Meet on Wednesdays to make crafts, quilts and various items to sell at church events. Many items are also made to give away to locals in need, patients in hospitals, and to clients at nursing homes. Men and women come and go as they please from 8:30 a.m. to noon nearly every Wednesday morning. Come and join the fun!

Mom's Coffee Group
Brittany Seeley – 520-373-9748
A group offering mothers with young children a time to gather to foster Christian fellowship and support through our faith. They meet 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and childcare is available during that time. Please RSVP to attend.

City Wide Thanksgiving Dinner
Linda Pfenning – 402-679-5048
The parish, along with other churches and volunteers in the community, prepares and serves a free diner at the Community of Christ Church on Broadway for anyone in town who is in needs a meal and/or company. Many families use this dinner to "give back" to the community.

Parish Picnic
Amy Peterson – 904-728-8968
Each summer the members of St. Patrick parish are treated by the Parish Council to an outdoor Mass (weather permitting) and a pot-luck picnic. Parish members are invited to bring a salad or dessert. There are games for children and families and so many desserts!

Trunk or Treat
Jill Faust – 712-323-1484
One Sunday in October, St. Patrick hosts a Trunk or Treat in our expansive parking lot (weather permitting). Activities vary, but you can count on over 30 Treat Trunks, outdoor games, indoor crafts, spooky music and lots and lots of treats. Best Trunk wins a prize! It takes a village to have a Trunk or Treat, so make sure you sign up to help or donate!

Parish Grounds Clean-Up Day
Larry Andress - 712-355-0441
Parishioners young and old gather for a couple hours in April or May to help bring life back to the flower beds and parish grounds during the spring. All are welcome to participate.

Mardi Gras Volunteer Appreciation Party
Parish Office - 712-323-1484
Volunteers from every ministry gather to be treated to a fun night out in celebration of all their charitable work for the year.

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Pie Fundraisers
Margaret Morse – 402-960-7312 Eileen O'Connor – 402-740-4794
Each Thanksgiving, Independence Day, and Lent the committee and volunteers make hundreds of pies and sell them throughout the metro area. They also prepare pies for the City-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

Rummage Sale
Sharon Rounds – 712-322-4528
For one week in September, parish volunteers collect, organize, and sell donated items to the yearly Rummage Sale. It takes many people to make this an effective fundraiser. Clean out your basement and join in the fun! Multiple shifts available.

Friday Fish Fries
Parish Office – 712-323-1484
During Lent, St. Patrick volunteers have Friday Fish Fries in the social hall. Eat in and carry-out options are available. Soda, wine, beer and margaritas are available to purchase as well. It takes many volunteers over the course of many weeks to make this event a success. All ages and groups are welcome.

Cookie Walk
Stephanie Blecha – 712-314-1321
In December, parishioners bake and donate delicious cookies to share at the annual cookie sale. Bakers, decorators, organizers and sales staff are needed for this deliciously joyful fundraiser.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Liturgical Ministries
Parish Office – 712-323-1484
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs), Sacristans, and Altar Servers are trained and scheduled through the church office.

Music and choir ministries are organized by Teresa Koch, 402-677-7014.

Greeters are organized by Matt Sheffield, 402-990-8698.

Prayer Chain
Pray for those that request prayers. Sign up to join or submit your own prayer request here: https://www.stpatrickcb.org/prayer-request

Shepherd's Call Team
Jeanette Kenny 402-490-7983
The Shepherd's Call Team hosts engaging gatherings in the social hall for coffee and rolls after all the Masses every 4th week of the month. They present "Catholics Come Home" materials, examine books and search for solutions to the problem of 80% of parishioners not attending Mass.

Bereavement Group – Journey Through Grief
Margie Graeve – 712-309-1119
For anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one and the wide range of painful feelings associated with grief.

Caregiver's Support – Comfort in Caring
Margie Graeve – 712-309-1119
For anyone that is a caregiver to get support.

Singles Group – Joy on the Journey
Mary Bartlett - 712-269-1501
Dick Janousek - 712-256-0631
Fellowship group for the widowed, divorced and separated that meets weekly and schedules outings.

St. Monica Club
Melanie Ennen at 402-301-4081
Prayer group focusing on praying for family members that have fallen away from the church.

Photography Team
Christy Rhoades – 402-630-8048
Take photos or videos of events to share online.

Bulletin Folding
Parish Office – 712-323-1484
Prepare bulletins on Friday mornings.

Live Streaming Mass
Parish Office – 712-323-1484
Assist with live streaming masses.

Tech Team
Parish Office – 712-323-1484
Assist with the parish database and communicating with parishioners electronically.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Jesus is calling you to Adoration.

Adorers are needed for 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the chapel. Are you willing to commit to one hour a week?

Contact Rita Hughes to find our what hours are needed at 402-680-8929.

Chapel Entrance

Located in the rear of church near small parking lot.

Social Hall & Room Reservation/Rental

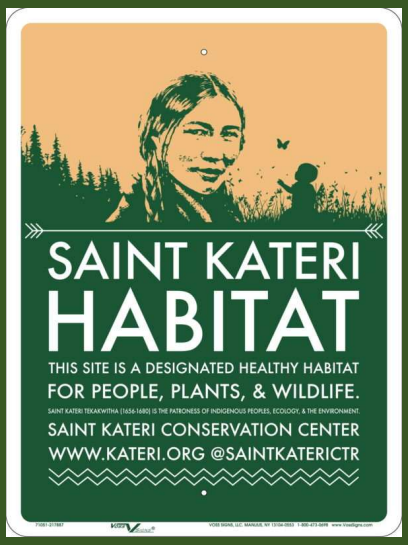
Parish Office – 712-323-1484

Room requests can be made by filling out the form on our website or calling the secretary Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Rooms available for rent include social hall, hospitality room and either of the two classrooms.

Landscape Committee

Parish Office – 712-323-1484

Help care for the Saint Kateri Habitat, flower beds, trees and decorations that surround the church building. Many hands make light work!



Saint Kateri Habitat

Angela Radicia – 712-256-4175

The Glen at St. Patrick, named after Fr. Glen Wilwerding, is an official Saint Kateri Habitat. With a focus on God and the Catholic faith, the Saint Kateri Habitats and Parks Program provides living, sacred spaces for all people to engage directly in the care of God's creation at home and in their communities. By restoring habitats with reverence and gratitude for our Creator, the program draws people closer to God and his Church while protecting the integrity of creation as God has planned. To learn more, go to Kateri.org. The Landscape and Grounds Committee organizes care of the Saint Kateri Habitat.

St. Patrick Parish
Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Patrick Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa,
a community of Catholic believers,
accept our mission of proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We seek to deepen our relationship with God and one another through
individual and communal prayer, celebration of the Eucharist,
reflective study of scripture, education, and social activities.

While responding to the needs of our own community,
we reach out in union with other Christians to create a world of justice and love.

712-323-1484 *www.stpatrickcb.org*

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