

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. CECILIA • ST. MARY • ST. PATRICK

February 7 & 8, 2025

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Sacramental Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr. Ray Higgins at (641) 747-2569 for the emergency number.

Sacrament Guidelines:

Contact the Rectory to make arrangements prior to marriage and baptismal sacraments.

Bulletin Announcements:

Send bulletin announcements to Misean at stmpcsecretary@outlook.com by 8PM Tuesday.



ST. CECILIA PARISH

220 N 1ST ST.
PANORA, IA 50216



ST. MARY PARISH

603 MAIN STREET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



ST. PATRICK PARISH

214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

PARISH announcements



Joshua Mazrin, founder of Immaculata Institute

Lenten Speaker

Monday February 23 & Tuesday 24

Starting at 6pm

1 hour talk, ending with Divine Mercy Chaplet

Crushing the Head of the Serpent: Marian
Consecration as Spiritual Warfare & How to Pray
Without Ceasing

www.immaculatainstitute.org

ST PATRICK'S LADIES GUILD MEETING

We will have a short meeting after Mass on
Saturday, February 21st (CHANGED) to discuss
Beef Noodle Dinner that will be held on
March 15th

St. Cecilia Fish Fry

St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus will be hosting a
fish fry on Friday, March 13th from 5-7PM.

Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works, and
glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16 (KJV) -

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel gives us two simple but powerful images from Jesus: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-16).

In Jesus' time, salt was used to preserve food and add flavor. Light helped people see and live safely after dark. Both made life better. When Jesus says, "You are salt and light," He means the faith you received at Baptism is meant to make a real difference in the world.

The Implication for Us

This Gospel is not only a compliment but also a calling.

- Salt only works when it is mixed in.
- Light is only useful when it shines.

If we keep our faith private or hidden, it cannot bless others. God calls us to live our faith in visible, practical ways—through kindness, honesty, generosity, and caring for those in need. When you encourage, forgive, help a neighbor, or stand up for what is right, you are being salt and light.

One way we can live out this Gospel together is by caring for those who struggle to put food on the table.

Food Pantry Support

On February 14 and 15, we will take up a second collection at each parish to support our local food pantries. This is a real and important way for our parishes to be salt and light. Your generosity helps our neighbors have the food and dignity they need.

Blessing of Throats – St. Blaise

This weekend, we will also honor St. Blaise with the blessing of throats.

St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr from the 4th century, known for caring for the sick. Tradition says he healed a boy who was choking on a fishbone, so he became known as a protector against throat illnesses.

For the Blessing of Throats, the priest or deacon places two crossed candles near your throat and prays: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

This sacramental reminds us that Christ cares for both our spiritual and physical well-being. It invites us to trust God with our health and our lives.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Father Francis Higgins, who will be with us and helping for the next several weeks. Please greet him and remember him in your prayers as he ministers in our parish communities while I am in Arizona.

May the Lord help each of us be salt that brings flavor to the world and light that helps others see God's goodness. Small acts done with great love can truly change the world.

In Christ, Fr. Ray

SAVE
the dates



HOLY DAY
mass times



Ash Wednesday- February 18

St. Cecilia- 8AM

St. Mary- 5:30PM

St. Patrick- 7PM

Prom Closet Shopping Days

are scheduled for the following Saturdays.

Saturday, February 7th, 9am - 2 pm

Saturday, February 14th, 9am - 2 pm

Saturday, February 21st, 9am - 2 pm

Saturday, February 28th, 9am - 2 pm

Prom Closet is located at

Ascension Lutheran Church

406 5th Avenue SOUTH

Coon Rapids, Iowa.

We are just north of the Dollar General.



No appointments are needed for the shopping days. Be sure to bring any floor-length prom gowns if you have them to donate.

All Prom dresses, shoes, and accessories are FREE OF CHARGE.

Call or text Dona Tuel with questions

@ 712-830-7825

Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it's a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. For more information call 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org.

Upcoming dates: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, and October 9-11 in Epworth.



THE
F O R G E

CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

8:30AM - 3:30PM

DES MOINES, IOWA



Jason Evert
Author, International Speaker,
CEO at Chastity Project



Dr. Edward Sri
Vice President - FOCUS,
Theologian, Author



Matthew Breuninger, Ph.D.
Author, Psychologist, Speaker



Paul J. Kim
Speaker, Evangelist, Musician



John Bishop, Ph.D.
Executive Director -
FORGE, Theologian



Tim Carney
Author, Senior Columnist at the
Washington Examiner, Senior Fellow
at the American Enterprise Institute



Bishop William Joensen
Bishop of Des Moines



Ricky Stanzl
University of Iowa Quarterback



Dan Spencer
Founder, Director - Legacy of Faith

WORLD-CLASS SPEAKERS

DEEP FORMATION

SACRAMENTAL GRACE

BROTHERHOOD

The FORGE Conference 2026 is an event for any man looking to succeed against the threats of the modern world. This landmark event will empower current and future fathers to flourish in their day-to-day lives. Come to Des Moines for world-class speakers, deep formation, sacramental grace, and brotherhood with 1000+ other men!



Iowa Events Center
730 3rd St, Des Moines, IA 50309



The conference is open to males
ages 16 or older.



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A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS
CHRIST OUR LIFE

Save the Date!

September 26 & 27, 2026

*World Class Speakers, Masses Saturday and Sunday,
Reconciliation, Adoration, Great Music & Community*

Casey's Center Des Moines, IA
(Formally Wells Fargo Arena)



WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
9:15 AM Divine Mercy, Guthrie Center
9:30 AM Mass, Guthrie Center
10:30 AM Confessions, Guthrie Center

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

3:30 - 4:30 PM Adoration, Panora
5:15 PM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Bayard
5:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Wednesday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM Prayer Group, Panora
3:30 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center (TIME CHANGE)

Thursday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora

Friday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Guthrie Center
8:00 AM Mass, Guthrie Center



Mass intention envelopes can be found in the back of church. Please fill in the requested information, add your donation and place the envelope in the collection plate.

MASS intentions



Sat., February 7 at 4:30 PM — Kay Vaux
Sun., February 8 at 8:00 AM — Johnny & Catherine Vogel Family
Sun., February 8 at 9:30 AM — Dr. Jeff & Becky Wahl Family
Tues., February 10 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family
Wed., February 11 at 8:00 AM — Ward Gustafson
Thurs., February 12 at 8:00 AM — Sisters of Bishop Diamond
Fri., February 13 at 8:00 AM — Cindy Ahrens

Sat., February 14 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., February 15 at 8:00 AM — Timothy Crees
Sun., February 15 at 9:30 AM — Lee & Jean Knobbe
Tues., February 17 at 5:30 PM — Fr Ray Higgins & Family
Wed., February 18 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family
Thurs., February 19 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., February 20 at 8:00 AM — Paul & Sheyrl Clark Family

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$2,120

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$4,871.74

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$579

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