

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

August 2 & 3, 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

Summer Mass time added!!!

We will be starting a 6:30PM Mass time at St. Cecilia's in Panora during the summer.

ADULT FAITH SESSION DATES:

Aug 20 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia

All parishioners welcome to attend.

HOLY DAY mass



Mass schedule for Assumption of Mary:

Thursday, August 14

6:30PM at St Cecilia

Friday, August 15

8:00AM at St Mary

6:30PM at St Patrick



COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, August 13th at 6:00 PM

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

“Vanity of vanities, all things are vanity!” These words from Ecclesiastes can sound harsh, but they are an invitation to look at our lives with fresh eyes. The Gospel parable reminds us that the temporary life here on earth, not appropriately spent, but for the sole purpose of gaining wealth, fame, and power, can still end in disaster, and leave no time spent building true treasure in heaven, our true home.

What is this true treasure in heaven we should be building? Our relationship with God, the love we share with our families and friends, and the good we do for others, is what gives eternal life, peace, and true happiness. These readings call us to examine whether we are storing up “treasures in heaven” or only building “barns” here on earth.

St. Paul reminds us in Colossians: “Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” The Good News and lesson is that we must intentionally re-center our lives on Christ. It may involve letting go of worries of financial security and do your best to care for your family, it may mean to let go of envy if others have more or the constant pressure to “keep up” with the world, it may also mean to let go of resentments and seek reconciliation if you have wronged others or they have wronged you. When we place God first, then we will find true peace and purpose.

This coming week is an opportunity to demonstrate by seeking what is above. We will celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Friday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation. This beautiful feast celebrates the reality that Mary, having lived her life completely for Christ, was taken body and soul into heaven. She reminds us of our ultimate calling: to be with God forever.

Mass times for the Holy Day are:

- Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 PM – St. Cecilia Church, Panora
- Friday, August 15 at 8:00 AM – St. Mary Church, Guthrie Center
- Friday, August 15 at 6:30 PM – St. Patrick Church, Bayard

Please plan to attend one of these Masses as we honor Our Blessed Mother and refocus our hearts on heaven.

This week, ask yourself:

- Am I building “bigger barns,” storing up things that won’t last?
- How can I invest more fully in the relationships and the faith that will last forever?

May Mary, who shows us the way to her Son, help us to seek the treasures that endure.

In Christ,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



HEARTLAND FOR KIDS presents a benefit concert for **MARY'S MEALS**

JASPER WINERY
Thursday, August 28 6:00-9:00
2400 George Flagg Pkwy, Des Moines, IA 50321

Enjoy a fun evening with Nashville musicians Phoenix Mendoza and Josh Leo and Kitty Steadman at Jasper Winery while raising money for Mary's Meals. Any monetary donation will help the world's most vulnerable children receive an education and provide them with enough to eat. Bring a friend to have fun and make a difference. Food sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be available for a free will donation.

\$25.20
FEEDS A CHILD FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

MARY'S MEALS is currently feeding 2.49 million children in 20 of the poorest countries in the world. The life-changing meals they provide make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class.

To donate online please go to: www.marysmealsusa.org

KITTY STEADMAN **JW** **LAMAR** **Willie Farrel MC**

St. Patrick's— Perry Job Opportunity

St. Patrick School is seeking a licensed educator to fill our late vacancy in 3rd grade for the 2025-26 academic school year. The position is available full time with benefits. Questions regarding the position can be directed to Dr. Kandice Pattillo at kpattillo@stpatricks-perry-ia.org or 515-465-4186. The position is posted to the TeachIowa website.



3-Day

Silent Directed

Ignatian Retreats

FALL & WINTER DATES
Thurs-Sun Oct 23 - 26, 2025
Thurs-Sun Dec 4 - 7, 2025
Thurs-Sun Jan 22 - 25, 2026

If you have been on retreats before and looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check-in between 4:00-5:00pm for the 6pm supper and conclude at 3pm the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats or scan code.

Creighton University Retreat Center

The cost is \$400 for room, all meals, and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 would be requested at registration.

Terri Lou Duggan
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SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

To Be Filled - A Lenten Preached Retreat

Creighton University
Retreat Center
March 12 - 15, 2026

God wants nothing more than to fill what's un-filled in our lives. Our relationships, jobs, ministries, life circumstances and hopes can be areas we feel are lacking something. Even our faith can feel like a basket holding only fragments of bread. We long for an ever deepening fulfillment in God, yet we don't know the way to that.

To the deeper. To the fuller.

During this retreat we will walk with Jesus and encounter Him where we most need Him, where we most miss Him, yet don't expect Him to be. We invite you to enter into the silence of this Ignatian Preached Retreat for Women.

Bring your baskets—unfilled as they are—and give yourself and God this uninterrupted time.

There will be a series of retreat talks, opportunities for spiritual direction, the sacrament of reconciliation, daily mass and much prayer and rest alongside Jesus. Come! This Lenten rest stop is awaiting you.



Mona Finocchiaro Snider, originally from Omaha, is a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian tradition. In 2015, Mona received her Certification in Spiritual Direction from Creighton University. She has spent two decades serving at the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City as a director of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a formator of prayer guides, supervisor and retreat giver. She loves witnessing the grace of God working in others and accompanying those who seek a deeper closeness with Christ in their life.



The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425

Check in Thursday between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is requested at registration.

Register by scanning the code or on-line at

curc.retreatportal.com/events



Creighton University Retreat Center
16493 Contrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | curc@creighton.edu



WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard
6:30 PM Mass, Panora
7:30 PM Confessions, Panora

Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Rosary, 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
4:00 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center

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

All Parish Reminder for Weekly Offerings

Offerings can go directly to the general fund, the building fund, cemetery or ADA.

Please put your parish and chosen offering designation in the memo line.

MASS intentions



Sat., August 2 at 4:30 PM — Seidl Family
Sat., August 2 at 6:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., August 3 at 8:00 AM — Families of Dan Donahey and
Dr. James and Barbara Ward
Sun., August 3 at 9:30 AM — George, Miranda & Maritza Holland
Tues., August 5 at 5:30 PM — Fr. Higgins & Higgins family
Wed., August 6 at 8:00 AM — Delphine Demers
Thurs., August 7 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of
Galles Family
Fri., August 8 at 8:00 AM — Rita Halsey

Sat., August 9 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sat., August 9 at 6:30 PM — Novena for Holy Souls
Sun., August 10 at 8:00 AM — L & D Kennebeck Family
Sun., August 10 at 9:30 AM — Willie & Claire Faucher
Tues., August 12 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family
Wed., August 13 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer
Thurs., August 14 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of
Tim & Carla Fitzgerald
Fri., August 15 at 8:00 AM — Joann Reil



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.

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,701
ACH- \$906
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$7,350

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$986
ACH- \$1,424
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$1,639

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,241
ACH- \$780
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$2,022