

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

April 18 & 19, 2026

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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.

PARISH announcements



First Communion

April 19th- St. Cecilia at 8:00 AM

April 19th- St. Mary at 9:30 AM

St Cecilia recorded mass

Sunday Masses are recorded at St. Cecilia and aired every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM

Those who use Fiber will find it on channel 900, while those in nursing homes using the old cable system will find it on channel 12.

St. Patrick's Church

St. Patrick's Church will recognize graduating Seniors on May 9th, before 4:30 Mass

St. Cecilia's Church

St. Cecilia's Church will recognize graduating seniors on April 19th, before 8:00 Mass, with a reception after Mass with the First Communicants

Seniors are Aden Rochholz, Sarah Gibson, and Morgan Creese.

St. Mary's Seniors

Please fill out a scholarship application in the back of church and return it to Amy Rutledge's church mailbox.



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

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we hear about two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are walking away from Jerusalem, from hope, and from the faith that once burned in their hearts. Discouraged, confused, and spiritually tired, they remind us of many Catholics today.

What does Jesus do?

He doesn't scold or shame them. He simply walks with them, listens to their disappointments, opens the Scriptures, and, in the breaking of the bread, opens their eyes.

This Gospel shows us that **faith does not always mean feeling excited or inspired**. It means letting Jesus walk with us, even when we feel bored, distracted, or unsure. If your faith feels flat, you are not failing. You are simply human, and Jesus meets you right there.

Here are three simple ways to stay motivated and faithful this week:

- **Be honest with Jesus.** Tell Him your struggles. He can handle it.
- **Let Scripture speak anew.** Even one Gospel story a day can reawaken the heart.
- **Come to Mass expecting to meet Jesus.** The disciples recognized Him when He broke the bread, and we can recognize Him, too.

Our parishes are looking forward to the **Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bayard on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 4:30 pm**. Please pray for our confirmandi as they get ready to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. May their "yes" inspire each of us to renew our own.

May the Risen Lord walk with you, speak to you, and open your eyes this Easter season.

In Christ,
Fr. Ray

A promotional poster for a Catholic conference. The top features the text "A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS" in small letters above "CHRIST OUR LIFE" in large, white, serif font. To the right is a photograph of a group of men in historical attire, possibly a religious scene. Below the title, the text "Save the Date!" is written in large, bold, red font. Underneath, "September 26 & 27, 2026" is in white. Further down, in smaller white text, it says "World Class Speakers, Masses Saturday and Sunday, Reconciliation, Adoration, Great Music & Community". At the bottom, "Casey's Center Des Moines, IA" is in red, with "(Formerly Wells Fargo Arena)" in white below it.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

First Communicants



St. Cecilia



Adam Weisz



Brody Wendl

St. Mary



Bailey Tinken



Blaine Terwilleger



Brylon Redfern



Corden Seck



WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

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

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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., April 18 at 4:30 PM — Special Intentions
Sun., April 19 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People
Sun., April 19 at 9:30 AM — Maria Ahrens
Tues., April 21 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family
Wed., April 22 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., April 23 at 8:00 AM — Clem & Marion Fowler Family
Fri., April 24 at 8:00 AM — Eva Fiedler

Sat., April 25 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., April 26 at 8:00 AM — Kenny Ludwig
Sun., April 26 at 9:30 AM — Kathryn Murtaugh
Tues., April 28 at 5:30 PM — Seidl Family
Wed., April 29 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family
Thurs., April 30 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler
Fri., May 1 at 8:00 AM — Viola Rohe

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— \$1,964
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$14,301

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$872
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$10,535

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,302
ADA Goal \$9,572 ADA Balance Due \$4,846