

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

August 16 & 17, 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.



PARISH announcements

Summer Mass time added!!!

6:30PM Mass time at St. Cecilia's in Panora during the summer will end Labor day weekend. August 30th will be the last 6:30

ADULT FAITH SESSION DATES:

August 20th at 6:30PM- St. Cecilia's

September 17th at 6:30PM- St. Mary's hall

All parishioners welcome to attend.

St. Cecilia's Chicken Dinner

Are you ready for some good chicken? Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 5th to attend St. Cecilia's chicken dinner!! Please we need your help and spread the word!



St. Mary's RE

St. Mary's Religious Education classes will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM this year. Dates will be sent out at a later time. If you would be willing to teach or would like more information, please contact Jamie Carlson at stmpcdre@gmail.com. We are looking for teachers that can teach all the time, every other time, or even be a substitute.



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PANORA, IA 50216



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603 MAIN STREET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



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214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Families,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declares, "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49). He's not speaking of destruction, but of a holy fire — one that purifies, awakens, and transforms. Like a prairie fire that clears away dead growth to make room for new life, Christ's fire burns away complacency and calls us to deeper faith. It may cause division, even within families, because truth challenges comfort and discipleship demands courage.

As a parish, we're invited to carry this fire — not with fear, but with purpose. In our homes, our ministries, and our community, we can be bearers of Christ's light: speaking truth with love, living our faith boldly, and kindling hope in others. Let us welcome the fire Jesus brings, trusting that what it consumes, He will renew with grace.

A few parish updates: the 6:30 p.m. extra Saturday evening Mass at St. Cecilia, which has been offered during the summer months, will conclude **on August 30**. Later, we can assess whether this is something we should continue in the future. On another note, I encourage each of you to consider attending one of the adult education classes being offered. These are excellent opportunities to deepen your understanding of the faith and connect with others. I plan to provide additional sessions as we move into the fall and winter seasons.

I also want to highlight the importance of your help with our upcoming Parish Dinners in all three parishes please look for details in future bulletins. Currently, I want to draw attention to parishioners of St. Cecilia about the upcoming Chicken Dinner. Like all Parish Dinners, this event is more than a meal — it's a chance to come together in fellowship and extend hospitality to the broader community. It's one of the ways we live out our mission: welcoming, serving, and sharing the joy of our faith. Whether you can help with setup, serving, cleanup, or simply by attending and inviting others, your participation makes a difference. Let's make this a true parish celebration!

Finally, I ask for your generous support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Let's work together to fulfill our parish obligation soon. In addition, please remember the other essential funds that sustain our parish life — such as the building and maintenance fund and the cemetery fund. Your stewardship ensures that our facilities remain welcoming and our sacred spaces are cared for with dignity.

May the fire of Christ's love continue to burn brightly in our hearts and our parish.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Jubilee Year of Hope August Pilgrimage

Monday, August 18th we will travel to the Basilica of St. John in Des Moines.

We will leave St. Cecilia's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to attend noon Mass.

Afterward we will have a meal together before travelling back home.

Please let us know if you are planning to travel with us. As always, you may travel on your own that day, or any day you choose.

Again, remember to bring your "passport".

Questions? Call or text 515-371-6135

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st.

For questions call 641-753-6953.

Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are September 12-14 and February 13-15, 2026 both in Dubuque, Iowa. Sign up soon as space is limited.



3-Day

Silent Directed

Ignatian Retreats



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.



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.



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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 Finocchio, 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 16 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sat., August 16 at 6:30 PM — Novena for Holy Souls
Sun., August 17 at 8:00 AM — Brennen Cox
Sun., August 17 at 9:30 AM — All parish musicians
Tues., August 19 at 5:30 PM — David & Rita Halsey
Wed., August 20 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf
Thurs., August 21 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., August 22 at 8:00 AM — Lucille Sewell

Sat., August 23 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sat., August 23 at 6:30 PM — Novena for Holy Souls
Sun., August 24 at 8:00 AM — Alan Nagel
Sun., August 24 at 9:30 AM — TJ Redfern
Tues., August 26 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family
Wed., August 27 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Thurs., August 28 at 8:00 AM — Don & Joan Staver Family
Fri., August 29 at 8:00 AM — Marietta Alesch & her 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— \$1,386
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$7,350

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$867
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$1,639

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,378
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$2,022