

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

December 6 & 7, 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

### Sounds of Christmas

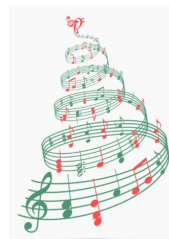
Guthrie Center Church Musicians in Concert

Sunday, December 14th, 2PM

First United Methodist Church

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center4

Free-will offering for  
GC Association of Churches



### St. Mary's Snow Removal

Please contact a council member or office staff if you would be interested in snow removal this winter.



### St. Cecilia's Christmas Program

St. Cecilia's Religious Ed. program will be after Mass on Sunday, December 14th.

Following the program coffee, juice, and rolls will be served. Please stay and support our young people and join in fellowship after the program.



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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Second Sunday of Advent, the Word of God calls us to prepare with hope, unity, and repentance.

- Isaiah gives us a vision of the Messiah: a shoot from the stump of Jesse, bringing justice and peace so profound that even creation itself is reconciled.
- Paul reminds us that Christ came for all—Jew and Gentile alike—so that together we may glorify God in harmony.
- John the Baptist urges us to repent, to bear good fruit, and to make straight the paths for the Lord.

Advent is not passive waiting—it is active preparation. We are called to turn our hearts toward Christ, to reconcile with one another, and to live in hope for the peace He brings. Let us use these weeks to deepen our prayer, renew our lives, and prepare joyfully for His coming

The following are reminders of upcoming events

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation – December 8 Mass Times:

- St. Cecilia's, Panora – 8:00 am
- St. Mary's, Guthrie Center – 6:30 pm
- Annunciation Parish, Coon Rapids – 6:30 pm

Advent Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

- St. Mary's, Guthrie Center – Completed this past week
- St. Patrick's, Bayard – December 10, 6–7 pm
- St. Cecilia's, Panora – December 18, 6–7 pm

Come spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and prepare your heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent Resources

Plenty of Magnificat Advent Books are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home to guide your daily prayer and reflection this season.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ray

# PARISH announcements

## Statewide parish announcement

A new formal Decree issued by Archbishop Zinkula for the Province of Dubuque, which includes the Archdiocese of Dubuque, the Diocese of Davenport, the Diocese of Des Moines, and the Diocese of Sioux City. It raises the standard amount of a Mass offering to \$10.00 per Mass throughout the State of Iowa.

The Decree goes into effect on January 1, 2026

## St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia's parish has placed a crib like basket among the small tress to the left of the alter in anticipation of the Christ Child. Lets overflow it with non-perishable food for the food pantry during this advent season.

Dear Parish Families,

The next three Sundays of Advent during the children's offertory, a manger will be present instead of a collection basket. Just as the Holy Family needed assistance, so do many of our community families. We invite our parish families to bring baby items to be donated to Guthrie Public Health and New Opportunities. Children may wish to place in the crib the gift of praying for someone or acts of charity/kindness performed that week written on a piece of paper as a great way

to help those in need. Together, let us prepare a loving bed for the coming Christ child.



# HOLIDAY mass times



December 8: Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. at St. Mary

5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick

7:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia

December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

December 31: Solemnity of Mary Vigil

5:30 p.m. at St. Mary (TIME CHANGE)

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

## FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CHRISTIAN RECORDING ARTIST

**RACHEL SCOTT**

Live, In Concert, Sunday, December 7th, 6:30 p.m.  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton Iowa

Sponsored by Landmands Bank Kimballton, Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Company,  
and members of Bethany Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church



Rachel has been singing professionally for over two decades, and with her band has toured through much of the Upper Midwest. She has opened for such headliners as Hillsong London, Michael W. Smith, Sara Groves and Rebecca St. James. There is no admission charge (a freewill offering will be received). We at Immanuel and Bethany are looking forward to joining you and others in what will be a worshipful celebration of our Savior's birth. May he dwell richly within you this Christmas.

**Peace and Joy to you in Christ!**



## 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  
4:30 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



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., December 6 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People  
Sun., December 7 at 8:00 AM — Joe & Joyce Louis & Family  
Sun., December 7 at 9:30 AM — Jean Knobbe  
Tues., December 9 at 5:30 PM — Brad & Marian Tate & Family  
Wed., December 10 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family  
Thurs., December 11 at 8:00 AM — Kirk Klohs  
Fri., December 12 at 8:00 AM — Rita Halsey

Sat., December 13 at 4:30 PM — Annette & Andy Haverman  
Sun., December 14 at 8:00 AM — Roger Meyer  
Sun., December 14 at 9:30 AM — Don Reinhart  
Tues., December 16 at 5:30 PM — Darla Davis  
Wed., December 17 at 8:00 AM — Timothy Crees  
Thurs., December 18 at 8:00 AM — Susanne Follet  
Fri., December 19 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler

### 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— no mass  
ACH- \$775

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$3,270

### St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,745.25  
ACH- \$1,824  
ADA— PAID IN FULL

### St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— no mass  
ACH- \$780  
ADA— PAID IN FULL