

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

January 31 & February 1, 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



ALL MEMBERS OF St. Mary's, St. Cecilia's, St. Patrick's:

Our Lenten Speaker, Joshua Mazrin, will be here on Feb. 23rd and 24th

Would any family be able to take him to supper and provide him a meal for those 2 days?

If so, please contact Jill Hart 712-292-9096, to make arrangements.

Joshua will be staying at an AIRBNB in Coon Rapids while he is here.

Thank you so much for considering!

ST PATRICK'S LADIES GUILD MEETING

We will have a short meeting after Mass on Saturday, February 14th 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.

Reminder St Mary's Parish Second Collection

A second collection will be taken next week (Feb 7) and quarterly at St. Mary's for New Opportunities and Association of Churches food pantry.

Reminder St Patrick Second Collection

A second collection will be taken at Mass next week (Feb 7) and quarterly for the Coon Rapids-Bayard Food Pantry. Your donation could be cash or check. Checks should be made out to Coon Rapids-Bayard Food Pantry.

Your cancelled check is your receipt.



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 Parishioners,

Zephaniah encourages us to stay humble, honest, and close to God. God stands by those who are genuine. Jesus shares the Beatitudes, reminding us that God blesses people the world often overlooks: the gentle, the forgiving, the peacemakers, and those who keep trying to do what's right, even when it's hard. These readings show that God works through ordinary people who live with simple faith and steady goodness.

I'd like to continue sharing ways to reflect on Scripture. One helpful approach is to slow down and let God's Word stay with us after Mass. Instead of trying to understand everything at once, we can focus on one small part of the reading and let it become part of our daily life. This kind of prayerful reflection helps move Scripture from our ears to our hearts, shaping how we live, speak, and respond during the week.

This Week's Practice: "Let the Word Take Root"

1. Choose one Beatitude to carry with you this week.

Write it on a card. Put it on your dashboard or keep it in your pocket. Let it quietly guide your words, choices, and reactions.

2. Notice where humility is needed.

When you face a tough conversation or a moment of frustration, pause and ask yourself: What would a humble heart do here? Humility isn't weakness. It's the ground where God grows strength.

3. Look for the quiet blessings.

At the end of each day, think of one moment when God's presence showed up in something small. It could be a kind word, finishing a task, a peaceful moment, or a chance to forgive.

4. Pray with this simple line:

"Lord, make my heart gentle and open, that I may live the blessings You promise.

On a different note, I want to let you know I'll be away from February 8 to 15 to visit Arizona. My uncle, Fr. Francis Higgins, will be here to lead the weekend and daily Masses while I'm gone.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ray

SAVE the dates



Lenten Retreat Dates at St. Patrick's Church

Feb 23 & 24, 2026

Featuring Josh Mazrin

Joshua Mazrin is the founder and Executive Director of the Immaculata Institute, an organization which seeks to continue St. Maximilian Kolbe's mission of extending the Blessed Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as far as possible, as soon as possible, through winning over all souls to the Immaculata. The Immaculata Institute offers resources for dioceses, parishes, faith formation groups, and Individuals, helping those consecrate themselves to the Immaculata.

www.immaculatainstitute.org

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

You those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 those who hunger and thirst for righteousness **poor in spirit**
Matthew 5:1-16 peacemakers
 Rejoice and be glad **the meek** those who mourn for they will be comforted
 great is your reward in heaven
Blessed are
 those persecuted because of righteousness **the merciful** those who mourn
 you when people insult you persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me
 the peacemakers for they will be called children of God **pure in heart**
 the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled

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

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)

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.





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., January 31 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., February 1 at 8:00 AM — Brennen Cox
Sun., February 1 at 9:30 AM — Deceased family members of
Kevin & Peggy Dentlinger
Tues., February 3 at 5:30 PM — Seidl Family
Wed., February 4 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., February 5 at 8:00 AM — Fr. Ray Higgins
Fri., February 6 at 8:00 AM — Paul & Agatha Sailer

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

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— \$1,083
ACH- \$750

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,083
ACH- \$1,839

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$900
ACH- \$950