

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

December 31st & January 1st, 2023

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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
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ST. MARY PARISH

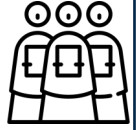
603 MAIN STREET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



ST. PATRICK PARISH

214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

HOLIDAY SEASON
Mass times



Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31

St. Patrick's - 4:30PM

Sunday, January 1

St. Cecilia's - 8:30AM

St. Mary's - 10:30AM



PARISH
announcements

There have been manufacturing issue with tithing envelopes. They are working overtime during the holiday season to get them done but they may not be delivered before January 1st but are hopeful they will be here very shortly after.

SAVE THE DATE-- St. Patrick's

Jon Leonetti Lenten Retreat
March 22 and 23 at St. Patrick's
starting at 6:30PM each night



COUNCIL
meetings

St. Patrick - Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 PM

St. Cecilia - Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 PM

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to all those who helped make the Liturgies and Religious Formation very special this past year from all our Deacons, musicians, song leaders, choirs, ministers of the Word and Altar, catechists/teachers, the contributions of the various groups and organizations in our parishes, to decorating, ushering, greeting, and please forgive me for leaving someone out. On a personal note, thank you to all those who sent cards, “well wishes” and gifts at Christmas time and other special occasions this past year. Know of my deep humble gratitude to you for thinking of me not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year. Thank you.

Many of us are making New Year’s resolutions for 2023 to improve health, relationships, do more charity, reach out to neighbors, participate in community events, as well as many other goals people might have. Let me emphasize the importance of attending Mass and celebrating the sacraments especially the Sacrament of Confession as part of your goal making and resolutions this year. It is important that we understand that God’s people are not simply “individuals doing their own thing,” but individuals who make up a family who not only have their “own thing,” going, but are asked to gather to remember we are God’s family and people. Therefore, it is an obligation of the heart as family to gather and it ought to be considered a joy to do so before God. I will address the topic of “Sunday Obligation,” later. In the meantime, let us (myself included) continue our commitment to God and encourage others to do the same.

May you all receive a special joy in 2023.

Fr. Ray



RE kids at St Patrick's Christmas program

Start the New Year Right

In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* on January 1, 2023!

With this podcast, Catholics will:

- 1) Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- 2) Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- 3) See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- 4) Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- 5) Encounter God’s plan of sheer goodness
- 6) **Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.**

If you have ever wanted to **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!



WORDS

from a parishioner



Throughout church history, special devotions gradually developed and were practiced as faithful people sought ways of living out their faith and drawing closer to God.

In Pope Pius XII encyclical letter *On the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei)* (November 20, 1947), no. 175, he wrote: “the purpose of popular devotional practices is to attract and direct our souls to God, purifying them from their sins, encouraging them to practice virtue and,disposing them better to contemplate the mysteries of the human and divine natures of Christ.

Devotionals such as the Rosary and scapulars, have been handed on to us from practices in various religious orders; while others, such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sacred Heart and Miraculous Medal, have originated from private revelation which popes have endorsed and the saints have promoted. The feast of the Sacred Heart was added to the liturgical calendar in 1856 and is celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

So, what are First Fridays all about?

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the 1600’s when a French nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, experienced a vision of Jesus asking that she spread devotions to His Most Sacred Heart. He specifically requested the faithful to receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, to pray in reparation for sins against the Eucharist and promised “My all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.” This promise is one of the 12 promises given.

What are we supposed to do? Display the image of His Most Sacred Heart in our homes. Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ’s Sacred Heart. If we are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, one will also need to go to confession. We should have the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

If a person fulfills these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for he or she to be closer to God and better prepared for death.

St. Augustine says our hearts are restless until we rest in thee. Jesus wants us to rest in Him, and the First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter Him more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love of Him.

In this year of Eucharistic revival, you are invited to participate in the First Friday Masses at St. Mary’s at which the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will also be prayed.

For Further Reading:

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines* (December 2001)

Second Vatican Council, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)*



WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 AM Confessions, Panora
8:15 AM Divine Mercy, Panora
8:30 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
10:00 AM Confessions, Guthrie Center
10:15 AM Divine Mercy, Guthrie Center
10:30 AM Mass, 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 intentions



Sat Dec 31st at 4:30 PM - James Ramaekers
Sun Jan 1st at 8:30 AM - Eddie Dorsett Family
Sun Jan 1st at 10:30 AM - Adam & Chelsea Faucher & Family's intentions
Tues Jan 3rd at 5:30 PM - Rose Marie McAlister
Wed Jan 4th at 8:00 AM - Ed & Jeanne McDermott
Thurs Jan 5th at 8:00 AM - Ed Buchanan
Fri Jan 6th at 8:00 AM - Ray & Lois Tunning

Sat Jan 7th at 4:30 PM - Dale Seidl Family
Sun Jan 8th at 8:30 AM - Dee Suther
Sun Jan 8th at 10:30 AM - Blake & Katie Faucher Family Intentions
Tues Jan 10th at 5:30 PM - Rose Marie McAlister
Wed Jan 11th at 8:00 AM - Father Frank Pavone
Thurs Jan 12th at 8:00 AM - Ed Buchanan
Fri Jan 13th at 8:00 AM - Ray & Lois Tunning



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.

Ignite Campaign

St. Patrick

Parish Goal- \$55,000
Pledged- \$58,910 (107.11%)

St. Mary

Parish Goal- \$80,000
Pledged- \$37,050 (46.31%)

St. Cecilia

Parish Goal- \$105,000
Pledged- \$80,680 (76.84%)

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering - \$2,888⁰⁰

St. Mary Weekly Offering - \$8,146⁰⁰

St. Patrick Weekly Offering - \$1,794⁰⁰

