

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

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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



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

EPIPHANY what is it?



Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church's liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the current Western tradition, we associate it with the "Visit of the Magi," or visitors from the East recounted in Matthew's Gospel. (Mt 2:1-12). Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, (Twelfth Night), January 6th. In the Catholic dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday after January 6.

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem's stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, the Christ, He is revealed to the "nations." (see, for example, Is 42:6; Is 60: 1-6; and Psalm 72:11)

The Feast Day is associated with three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Mt 3); and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, (Jn 2), The latter two of these were designated as Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. In these "Mysteries of Light," we meditate on the revelation of Jesus as the Divine Son of the Father.

www.catholicaction.org/epiphany_traditions



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



Pope Francis at Sunday Mass on January 1, spoke the following, “the best way to usher in a truly “new” year is to stop waiting for things to get better on their own, and instead recognize what is essential and reach out now to help others.” The Holy Father went on to say, “rather than standing around thinking and hoping that things will change, we should instead ask ourselves, ‘This year, where do I want to go? Who is it that I can help?’” he said.

There lies the root of the problem, we tend to think we ought to wait and see if someone needs my help, or someone will surely let me know if they need my help. I don’t know about you, but I remember a time where people in general were friendlier and willing to do good for others without any reminders.

I wonder if the “elite wealthy” currently expressed in political/media propaganda along with felt movements to discredit and punish folks who disagree with current agendas have caused many to hold back (that is a “mouthful”). Yet, as Catholics we are not to allow such persecutions or agendas to stop us from being a light and some help to the world. Jesus too was born amidst the bad examples of politics and wealth to be a light in the dark. You and I in this period of history are called to do the same.

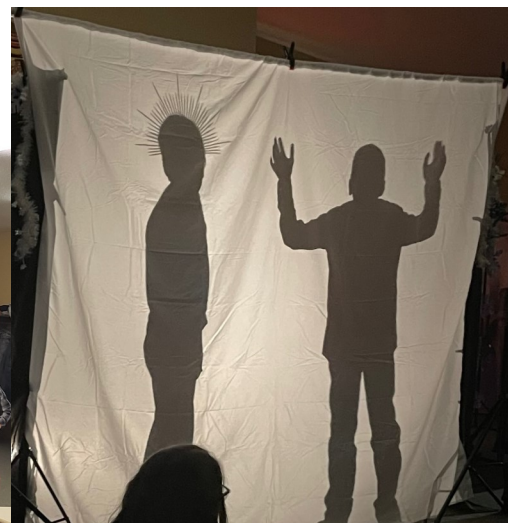
Last week at the Masses I spoke of the virtue of kindness that Pope Francis wished for all to practice. Three words the pope said we need to say more often: “may I,” “sorry,” and “thank you.” This new year let us not allow dark agendas to stop us from saying: “I am sorry I didn’t reach out sooner, “may I help you” and “thank you for helping me, as well as thank you for letting me be of help.”

Love compels us to “cut through nonsense” and to be of compassionate service to those in need and to be an encouraging example reminding others to reach out when there is a need. May God bless everyone to have the courage to practice kindness in all they say and do.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ray

RE kids at St Mary's Christmas program



PARISH announcements



Tithing envelopes

There have been manufacturing issue with tithing envelopes. They have not been shipped yet but we are hopeful they will arrive soon.

NCYC

ATTENTION: High School students who are interested in attending the NCYC 2023 in Indianapolis next November need to check out the website and get word to me (Brenda Wedemeyer) ASAP so that I may make arrangements. NCYC will take place **November 16-19, 2023** in Indianapolis, Indiana The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a biannual event that brings high school youth from all over the country together for 4 days of totally Catholic music, speakers and prayer and sacraments. Look for NCYC 2023 on your browser for further information or use the following website: <https://ncyc.us/about/>

SAVE THE DATE– St. Patrick’s

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

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%)



RELIGIOUS ED announcements

Here are a few things to remember in the coming weeks and/or months.

1. Remember to watch the school cancellations as they happen. If school issues a delayed start, but remains in session the rest of the day, we **WILL** have Faith Formation.
2. If schools dismiss early, we **WILL NOT** have Faith Formation that day.
3. In any instance of questionable illness, please keep your child/children at home. Please use the same protocols as our schools.
4. Be sure to check our FaceBook page: Cecilia Mary Patrick Guthrie RE | Facebook
5. Or check our website: <https://st-mary-patrick-cecilia.com>

***"We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."***

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!



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

All Parish Reminder for Weekly Offerings

Offerings can go directly to the general fund, the building fund or ADA.

Please put your parish and chosen designation of offering in the memo line.

MASS intentions



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

Sat Jan 14th at 4:30 PM - Matt Murrane
Sun Jan 15th at 8:30 AM - Dorothea Saunders
Sun Jan 15th at 10:30 AM - Norita Gour
Tues Jan 17th at 5:30 PM - Rose Marie McAlister
Wed Jan 18th at 8:00 AM - Jeremy Biondi
Thurs Jan 19th at 8:00 AM - Ed & Jeanne McDermott
Fri Jan 20th at 8:00 AM - Marvin Finnegan



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.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
rises upon you.



Isaiah 60:1

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering - \$8,761³¹

St. Mary Weekly Offering - \$3,346³⁵

St. Patrick Weekly Offering - \$1,734¹⁷