

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

January 10 & 11, 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](mailto:stmpcsecretary@outlook.com) by 8PM Tuesday.



## COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, January 15 at 6:30PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00PM

## PARISH announcements



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](http://www.immaculatainstitute.org)

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



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PANORA, IA 50216



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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,

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we remember Jesus at the Jordan River. He enters the water not because He needs repentance, but because His love brings Him close to us. At that moment, the heavens open, the Spirit comes down, and the Father proclaims: “This is my beloved Son.”

Before Jesus starts to preach, heal, or serve, He is called Beloved. This feast reminds us that our identity comes before our actions. We do not have to earn God’s love; we live and serve because we already have it.

At our own baptism, we were also claimed, anointed, and sent. We are called to live with gentleness, mercy, and care for each other as members of the Body of Christ.

With that same baptismal spirit, and because of a recent rise in COVID-19 and Influenza A and B, we will temporarily stop offering the common chalice of the Precious Blood. We are making this decision out of care, especially for those who are elderly or have health concerns.

Please remember that receiving Holy Communion in one form is still the full reception of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Nothing important is missing. We will offer the Precious Blood again when illness levels go down.

### Frequently Asked Questions About Communion Under One Species

Q: Am I receiving the full Eucharist if I receive only the Host? A: Yes. The Church teaches that Christ is fully present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under either form.

Q: Why is the common chalice being suspended? A: Because of a recent rise in COVID-19 and Influenza A and B, we are temporarily stopping the common chalice to care for our community.

Q: Is this a permanent change? A: No. We will offer the Precious Blood again when illness levels are lower.

Q: Does this mean the Precious Blood is less important? A: Not at all. This is only a temporary change to care for our community, not a change in our beliefs.

Q: How is this a faithful response to the Gospel? A: Taking care of the health and well-being of others, especially those who are vulnerable, is a real way to live out our baptismal call to love and charity.

I am thankful for all the ways our parish communities show kindness and care throughout the year. I especially want to thank St. Mary’s in Guthrie Center for the thoughtful

Chamber Bucks Christmas gift. Your generosity truly meant a lot.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ray

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the dates



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**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  
(Formerly Wells Fargo Arena)

What Does  
**BAPTISM  
ACTUALLY  
DO?**



WHAT CATHOLICS  
believe

What Catholics Believe About Baptism

**REBORN**  
YOU, YOUR CHILD AND THE HEART OF BAPTISM



Reborn: You, Your Child and The Heart of Baptism

## 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.

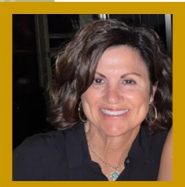
To the deeper. To the fuller.

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 Finocchiaro Snider, 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](http://curc.retreatportal.com/events)




Creighton University Retreat Center  
16493 Conrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | [curc@creighton.edu](mailto:curc@creighton.edu)

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 Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming experiences are 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

## Saturday

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 10 at 4:30 PM — Carlene Murrane Family & Matt Murrane  
Sun., January 11 at 8:00 AM — Living/deceased members of Callahan & Holland Family  
Sun., January 11 at 9:30 AM — Lee & Jean Knobbe  
Tues., January 13 at 5:30 PM — Anita Sheehan  
Wed., January 14 at 8:00 AM — Bernadette Clark  
Thurs., January 15 at 8:00 AM — Clem & Marion Fowler Family  
Fri., January 16 at 8:00 AM — Lucille Sewell

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Sat., January 17 at 4:30 PM — Leo & Eva Fiedler  
Sun., January 18 at 8:00 AM — Mike, Mag, Al and Bob  
Sun., January 18 at 9:30 AM — Charlotte Holle & Family  
Tues., January 20 at 5:30 PM — Kay Vaux  
Wed., January 21 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler  
Thurs., January 22 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf  
Fri., January 23 at 8:00 AM — Travis Clark

### 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— \$2,259

### St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$741

### St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$378

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