

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

September 12 & 13, 2026

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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



St. Patrick's Jr High/High School CCD

Start date 9/16/26

Meal at 6:30, class at 7pm



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 1st-14th has been designated for cemetery cleanup to prepare for the upcoming winter season. If you have any cemetery decorations at the gravesite that you are wanting to keep to later display at the cemetery, please take them home prior the October 1st. All decorations remaining during Oct. 1st-14th will be discarded. Decorations may be returned to cemetery after the 14th. Thank you for your help! If you have any questions contact Cindy Ahrens at 641-740-1100.



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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

Divine Treasures Catholic Religious Store will be returning to St. Mary's on **Nov. 15, 2026 following the 9:30 Mass** to assist parishioners looking for religious Advent or Christmas gift items.

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

Last week in our first Virtues class, we began with a simple but important question: **“What am I becoming?”**

Virtue is not just about following rules or trying harder to be good. It is about becoming, with God’s grace, the person God made us to be. Every choice we make shapes us, either building good habits or letting habits grow that can weaken us.

This week we take the next step.

In Session Two, we will look at how we actually become virtuous. Good intentions matter, but they are not enough to change us. Virtue grows through repeated choices, practice, God’s grace, and trying again when we fall short.

Think of it like learning any skill. Nobody becomes a good farmer, musician, athlete, parent—or disciple of Jesus—simply by deciding to be one. We become better by repeatedly doing what is good until it becomes part of who we are.

That gives us real hope, because Christianity is not just God telling us, **“Be better.”** God gives us His grace and patiently helps us as we learn to choose what is true, good, and loving.

So perhaps the question for this week is:

What am I practicing every day, and what is it turning me into?

Please join us **Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** for Session Two of our 12-week Virtues course. You do **not** need to have attended the first class to come. Everyone is welcome.

Come as you are. Bring your questions, and maybe even bring a friend.

Virtue is not about becoming perfect overnight. It is about allowing God, one choice at a time, to form us into the people He created us to be.

—Father Ray

St. Cecilia will no longer have Saturday,
6PM evening mass.

UPCOMING events



Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

When: September 26 & 27, 2026

Where: Casey's Center Des Moines

Why: To hear world-class speakers, learn more about our faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community with thousands and experience the joy of His presence!

How: Attend in person or livestream

Cost: \$30 for the entire weekend
23 and under FREE!



Scan the QR code to
to purchase tickets

For more information, go to:
ChristOurLifelowa.com

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque. To register go to wwme.org or for more information call 563-920-9419.



Requesting Hospital and Nursing Home Clergy Visits

If your loved one is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or care facility, please remember to contact the parish office to request a clergy visit. If it's an emergency, contact Fr. Ray directly. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and care facilities are often unable to notify the parish when someone is admitted. By informing the parish, you help ensure that a member of the clergy can visit, offer prayer, provide pastoral support, and administer the Sacraments if desired.

Please call Fr. Ray with the name of the person, the facility where they are staying, and any room information if available. Thank you for helping us care for members of our parish community during times of illness and recovery.

Our 12-Week Journey

- Sept. 17 — How Character Is Formed — Choices become habits
- Sept. 24 — Grace & Human Effort — Does God change me, or do I change myself?
- Oct. 1 — Prudence — How do I know what's right?
- Oct. 8 — Justice — What do I owe God and others?
- Oct. 15 — Fortitude — Doing what's right when it costs me
- Oct. 22 — Temperance — Who's in charge— me or my desires?
- Oct. 29 — Faith — Learning to see through God's eyes
- Nov. 5 — Hope — What keeps me going when life gets difficult?
- Nov. 12 — Charity — Learning to love like Christ
- Nov. 19 — The Battle Within — Why do I keep doing this?
- Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving — No Class
- Dec. 3 — A Rule of Life — How do I make change last?

**Thursday evenings at St. Mary's parish hall
starting at 7PM.**



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
5:30 PM Confessions, Panora
6:00 PM Mass, Panora

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

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., Sept 12 at 4:30 PM — James Walstrom
Sun., Sept 13 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People
Sun., Sept 13 at 9:30 AM — Baylee Tews
Tues., Sept 15 at 5:30 PM— Crosier Family
Wed., Sept 16 at 8:00 AM — Johnny & Catherine Vogel Family
Thurs., Sept 17 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., Sept 18 at 8:00 AM — Kyle Sloss

Sat., Sept 19 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., Sept 20 at 8:00 AM — Joe, Lucy and Jerry Wolterman
Sun., Sept 20 at 9:30 AM — Margaret Reinhart
Tues., Sept 22 at 5:30 PM— Crosier Family
Wed., Sept 23 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf
Thurs., Sept 24 at 8:00 AM — Paul & Agatha Sailer
Fri., Sept 25 at 8:00 AM — Deceased family members of Kevin & Peggy Dentlinger

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- \$2,639
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$4,931

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$2,069.50
ADA-PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering- \$618
ADA-PAID IN FULL