

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

October 25 & 26, 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



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ST. MARY PARISH

603 MAIN STREET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



ST. PATRICK PARISH

214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029



ALL SAINTS' DAY

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers for my Aunt Valerie. She remains in the hospital and will be moved to a care center this coming week. Your compassion and support have been a great comfort to our family—thank you for walking with us.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God hears the humble. The Pharisee boasts of his goodness, while the tax collector prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus tells us it is the humble man who goes home justified.

But humility begins with awareness—the quiet attentiveness that allows us to see ourselves truthfully and recognize God's presence. Awareness in prayer means we stop performing and start listening. It means we notice what's stirring in our hearts and bring it honestly before the Lord. To allow what we discern to transform us into what God intends for each of us.

Sirach tells us that the prayer of the lowly "pierces the clouds." That kind of prayer doesn't come from pride—it comes from awareness.

This week's question to ponder:

Do I come before God seeking to impress Him—or to be transformed by Him?

Let us be a parish that prays with awareness, walks in humility, and welcomes the mercy that transforms.

In Christ,

Fr. Ray

I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith: henceforth
there is laid up for me a
crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day:
and not to me only, but unto
all them also that love
his appearing.
2 Timothy 4:7-8

UPCOMING events



Annunciation Ladies Guild Annual Beef & Noodle Dinner

Serving Homemade Beef & Noodles,
Mashed potatoes, Green beans and Dessert

Sunday ~ November 9th,
Annunciation Parish Center

11:00am ~ 1:00 Pm

Raffling Four Items

Tickets are \$1 or buy 6 tickets for \$5.

Carry outs available by calling: 999-2472



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. Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny, November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026.



Guthrie Center Association of Churches 2025 Sounds of Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2PM

First United Methodist Church

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center

Community Choir: directed by Pastor Jolene James

Rehearsal: Wed. Nov 19 & 26 and Dec 3 & 10
at 7-7:30PM, GC First United Methodist Church

Solo/small group: from all churches are welcome
to perform

Info: to be included in the written program, please
submit program info to United Methodist Church
office (641-332-2408) before Monday, Dec. 1.

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



Creighton University Retreat Center
16493 Contrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | curc@creighton.edu





WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard
4:15 PM Rosary, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard
6:30 PM Mass, Panora
7:30 PM Confessions, Panora

Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
9:15 AM Rosary, 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 & Rosary, Bayard
5:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Wednesday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM Prayer Group, Panora
4:00 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center

Thursday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora

Friday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, 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, cemetery or ADA.

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

MASS intentions



Sat., October 25 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., October 26 at 8:00 AM — Kim Lubeck
Sun., October 26 at 9:30 AM — Sue Schmit
Tues., October 28 at 5:30 PM — Soul of Greg Kenyon
Wed., October 29 at 8:00 AM — Jerry Suther
Thurs., October 30 at 8:00 AM — Family of Jim Meyer
Fri., October 31 at 8:00 AM — Travis Clark

Sat., October 25 at 4:30 PM — Souls of Jim & Rosie McAlister
Sun., October 26 at 8:00 AM — Ron Schafer & Arlan Woedehoff
Sun., October 26 at 9:30 AM — Claire & Willie Faucher
Tues., October 28 at 5:30 PM — Healing for Darla Davis
Wed., October 29 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Thurs., October 30 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., October 31 at 8:00 AM — Lori Faucher



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.

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,381
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$6,485

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$3,230.80
ADA— PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$705
ADA— PAID IN FULL