

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

November 22 & 23, 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.



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PANORA, IA 50216



ST. MARY PARISH  
603 MAIN STREET  
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



ST. PATRICK PARISH  
214 PRAIRIE STREET  
BAYARD, IA 50029



## PARISH announcements



Anyone wishing to donate to Resurrection Catholic Cemetery fund, please note on tithing envelope/check "cemetery fund."  
Thank you.

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### Sounds of Christmas

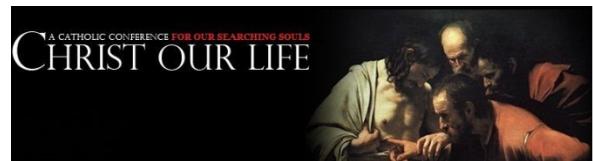
Guthrie Center Church Musicians in Concert

Sunday, December 14th, 2PM

First United Methodist Church

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center

Free-will offering for  
GC Association of Churches



## 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)

# FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Ray Higgins



A Prayerful Advent for Families and Individuals

Dear Parish Family,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, I invite each of you—families, couples, individuals—to make this time a prayerful journey toward the heart of Christ. Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas. It is a season of longing, hope, and preparation.

This year, we're encouraging every household to use the Magnificat Advent Companion 2025 as a daily guide. (We offer one to each household). It offers short reflections, Scripture readings, and beautiful prayers to help us stay focused on the true meaning of the season.

### **Simple Ways to Make Advent Prayerful:**

- **Light your Advent wreath** together each evening and pray the blessing found in the Companion.
- **Read the daily Gospel reflection** and invite each family member to share a thought or feeling.
- **Bless your Christmas tree and Nativity scene** as sacred signs of God's presence in your home.
- **Practice the 7 Advent Stations**—one each week or during the final days before Christmas—to walk through salvation history as a family.
- **Offer acts of kindness:** visit someone who's lonely, write a note of encouragement, or serve together in the community.

Let this Advent be a time when Christ is welcomed not only into our churches, but into our homes, our conversations, and our hearts.

I will also have 3 Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Here are the dates and times: **December 3, 6 pm to 7 pm at St. Mary in Guthrie Center; December 10, 6 pm to 7 pm at St. Patrick in Bayard; and December 18, 6 pm to 7 pm at St. Cecilia in Panora.**

### **Parish Invitation & Outreach**

We are continuing our Volunteer Visitors Ministry—bringing comfort and companionship to the sick and elderly in homes, nursing facilities, and assisted living. If you feel called to serve, please sign up at the back of the church. Even one visit a month can make a world of difference. Also, I will have index cards and a box where you can submit the name of someone who needs a friendly visitor. I want to update our current list of those needing a visit and possible Holy Communion brought to them.

If you or someone you know is interested in **learning more about the Catholic faith or joining our parish**, please reach out to: Deacon Dennis Patrick, Deacon Dick and Connie Ziller, or feel free to speak with me personally after Mass or during the week.

Let's walk together this Advent—watchful, prayerful, and full of hope.

In Christ, Fr. Ray

# ADVENT ideas



## Waiting Well

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz

God wants to shape and mold us during times of waiting, but the problem is...

Instead of waiting, we get worried, anxious, we check out, and we get lost scrolling on our phones.

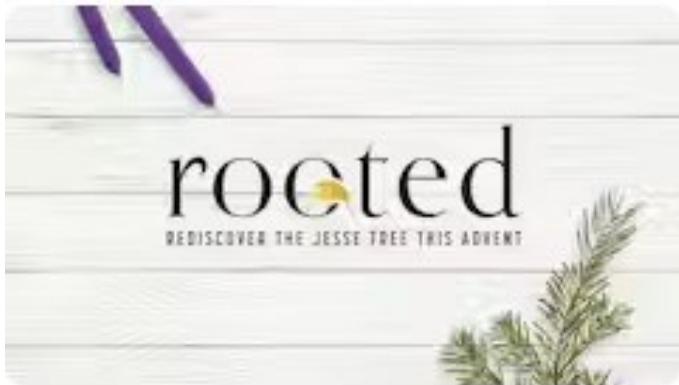
Fr. Mike wants to help you learn to wait well this Advent, with daily videos in the Ascension App starting November 30, 2025.

[Get Prayer Plan](#)

[Join Waitlist](#)



Week 1



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# HOLIDAY mass times



November 27: Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. at St. Mary

December 8: Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. at St. Mary

5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick

7:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia

December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

December 31: Solemnity of Mary Vigil

6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

**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: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth. For more information call Denise at (563)920-9419 or





# 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  
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 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., November 22 at 4:30 PM – Mass for the People  
Sun., November 23 at 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of Tim & Carla Fitzgerald  
Sun., November 23 at 9:30 AM – Don Reinhart  
Tues., November 25 at 5:30 PM – Soul of Greg Kenyon  
Wed., November 26 at 8:00 AM – Scott Bauler  
Thurs., November 27 at 8:00 AM – Jerry Suther  
Fri., November 28 at 8:00 AM – Michele DePhillips

Sat., November 29 at 4:30 PM – Annette & Andy Haverman  
Sun., November 30 at 8:00 AM – Mass for the People  
Sun., November 30 at 9:30 AM – Blake, Katie and Abe Faucher  
Tues., December 2 at 5:30 PM – Seidl Family  
Wed., December 3 at 8:00 AM – Family of Jim Meyer  
Thurs., December 4 at 8:00 AM – Brennen Cox  
Fri., December 5 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— \$2,546.75  
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$3,575

## St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$896  
ADA— PAID IN FULL

## St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$650  
ADA— PAID IN FULL