

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF
ST. CECILIA • ST. MARY • ST. PATRICK
March 30 & 31st 2024

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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



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



ST. PATRICK PARISH
214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

PARISH
announcements



First Communion Retreat

Parents of those children who will be making their 1st communion next month, please mark your calendars for Saturday April 6. We will be conducting a 1st Communion Retreat which is a two-hour final preparation for the Eucharistic Sacrament. Plan on gathering in the fellowship hall at St. Cecilia's in Panora by 9am. We will use the time allotted to work with Father Ray and make personal banners to be 1st Communion Masses. Refreshments will be provided mid-morning. Please contact Brenda Wedemeyer (stcstmstpbw@gmail.com) for further details.

St. Cecilia's Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus have instituted a one-year non-renewable scholarship for any qualified high school senior planning to enroll in any accredited post-secondary educational institution. There are 2 - \$500.00 scholarships available. The successful applicant must demonstrate that they have been an active Catholic at **St. Cecilia Parish**. Applications are on the table in the front entry. Applications are due 4-22-24.



COUNCIL
meetings

St. Patrick - Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 PM

St. Cecilia - Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 PM

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect on the timeless truths that Easter brings into our daily lives. The resurrection is a historical event and a living reality that shapes our character and actions. Here are some everyday examples that remind us of the transformative power of grace:

1. **Forgiveness:** Just as Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, we are to forgive those who wrong us. When someone hurts us, let us choose forgiveness over bitterness. Let the resurrection empower us to release grudges and extend grace.
2. **New Beginnings:** Easter is a season of new life. Just as spring brings forth blossoms after a cold winter, we, too, can embrace fresh starts. Whether it's mending broken relationships, pursuing a new career path, or overcoming personal struggles, let the resurrection inspire hope for a brighter tomorrow.
3. **Generosity:** Jesus gave His life for us. We can be generous with our time, talents, and resources daily. A smile, a helping hand, or a kind word can significantly impact others. Let us live generously, reflecting the selflessness of our risen Savior.
4. **Compassion:** Jesus showed compassion to the marginalized, the sick, and the brokenhearted. We encounter people in need every day—neighbors, coworkers, strangers. Let us be channels of compassion, offering a listening ear, a warm meal, or a comforting presence.
5. **Resilience:** The empty tomb reminds us that setbacks are not the end. Life's storms may rage, but the same power that raised Jesus from death is at work within us. When faced with challenges, let us rise with resilience, trusting that God's grace sustains us.
6. **Hope:** Easter is the ultimate beacon of hope. Amid life's uncertainties, we can hold onto the promise of eternal life. Let us share this hope with others—through encouraging words, acts of kindness, and unwavering faith.
7. **Community:** The early disciples gathered in fellowship after the resurrection. Our church family is our community of faith. Let us support one another, celebrate joys, and bear each other's burdens. Together, we embody the risen Christ.

It is also important to say thank you. I want to thank everyone who continues to help with the Liturgies throughout the year in each of our parishes through musicians, cantors, choir, readers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers, ushers, sacristans, setup, and cleanup, decorating, coordinating schedules, and the list goes on. Thank you. Please let these folks know of your appreciation; hopefully, you will join them by taking your turn at something.

As we live out these Easter lessons, may our lives reflect the resurrection—a testimony to God's love and redemption. Let us be Easter people, transformed by grace and shining His light in everyday interactions.

I also want to give a big thank you to Fr. Bede for his time here while I was recovering. This is his last weekend with us.

With love and gratitude, Fr. Ray Higgins



UPCOMING events

Attention Married Couples.

Easter Sunday is like a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! For more information call Denise & Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org/apply. Upcoming dates are: April 12-14 in Epworth, IA; September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA; and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.



EASTER mass times



Easter Vigil – March 30

St. Cecilia – 8 PM

Easter Sunday – March 31

St. Patrick's – 8:00AM

St. Cecilia's – 8:15AM

St. Mary's – 9:30AM



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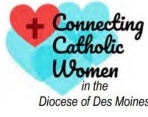

Annual Women's Conference
April 20, 2024
Corpus Christi Parish in Council Bluffs, Iowa
Time: 8:45 - 2:30

MEETING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST
featuring Liz Kelly and Angela Copenhaver
Mass with Bishop William Joensen at Corpus Christi parish
Cost of \$25 includes continental breakfast & hot lunch.

All women are invited!

So many ways to register!
To register, use your camera app on your phone to scan this ==>
or go to www.dmdioocese.org/events and scroll down
or Facebook - Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
or DesMoinesDCCW.org
or email DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com for assistance.

Organized and supported by your Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!
September 28 & 29, 2024
Wells Fargo Arena Des Moines

Don't miss this every two-years opportunity to hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands, attend reconciliation, fill your spirit with music and visit Jesus in adoration.

Feel Your Soul rejoice!

To learn more, contact your parish "GoTo" persons
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WEEKLY calendar

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

7:45 AM Confessions, Panora
8:00 AM Divine Mercy, Panora
8:15 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

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 designation of offering in the memo line.

MASS intentions



Sat March 30th at 4:30 PM - Dylan Shirbroun
Sun March 31st at 8:15 AM - Living/deceased members of
Holland Family

Sun March 31st at 9:30 AM - Bernadette Clark
Tues April 2nd at 5:30 PM - Rose Marie McAlister
Wed April 3rd at 8:00 AM - Richard Robert Higgins
Thurs April 4th at 8:00 AM - Larry Bergemann
Fri April 5th at 8:00 AM - Megan Sloss

Sat April 6th at 4:30 PM - Matt Crosier
Sun April 7th at 8:15 AM - Mass for the People
Sun April 7th at 9:30 AM - For those struggling with addictions
Tues April 9th at 5:30 PM - Deceased members of St. Patrick's
Ladies Guild
Wed April 10th at 8:00 AM - Dee Suther & deceased Family members
Thurs April 11th at 8:00 AM - Richard Arganbright
Fri April 12th at 8:00 AM - Lois Tunning

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 - \$4,717⁰⁰

ACH- \$650

ADA Goal \$22,535 ADA Balance Due \$15,970

St. Mary Weekly Offering - \$981⁰⁰

ACH- \$1,364

ADA Goal \$16,169 ADA Balance Due \$10,344

St. Patrick Weekly Offering - \$976⁰⁰

ACH- \$910

ADA Goal \$11,945 ADA Balance Due \$8,745