

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

October 4 & 5, 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.



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



PARISH announcements

St. Cecilia's Chicken Dinner

Are you ready for some good chicken? Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 5th to attend St. Cecilia's chicken dinner!!

11AM-1:30PM at Panora Community Center

Adults \$15.00, Children 6 and above \$10,
Children 5 and under free



COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, October 9th at 6:30PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00PM



FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel this Sunday invites us to hold two seemingly paradoxical images in our hearts. Jesus tells us that even a mustard seed of faith can command a mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea. And then, after we have finished our work, we are to say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."

It's a challenging message. We live in a world that craves recognition. We want to be seen, thanked, and celebrated. And yet, Jesus invites us to a deeper kind of faith—a faith that serves not for applause, but for love.

True discipleship is lived in a humble trust that God's power works through our smallest acts, and in a service that seeks no recognition. The tiny mustard seed reminds us that faith is a gift of grace, not a measure of our own strength. The confession of the "unprofitable servant" shows that the reward we seek is not the applause of men but the silent gratitude of our Lord, who sees every hidden act of love.

I think of the quiet heroes among us. The ones who show up early to unlock the church doors. Who ministers at the Mass, who visits and brings Holy Communion to the sick. Many who pray for others without being asked, who assist with various parish events, who endure and support their families silently in many ways, and those who serve in quiet capacities in their communities, etc. Their names may never be announced—but their faith moves mountains.

Let us therefore ask the Holy Spirit each morning to kindle in us that tiny, genuine faith, and let us finish every task with the prayer of the unprofitable servant, offering our work to God alone. In doing so, we join the countless "useless servants" who, though unseen, are beloved by the Father.

A reminder, this Sunday, October 5, is the annual St. Cecilia Chicken Dinner at Veterans' Memorial in Panora, IA. This gathering is a cherished opportunity for fellowship, delicious food, and community outreach for the parish. A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed in past years—your dedication and generosity embody the very humility and service the Gospel calls us to. Your quiet, steadfast work makes this event possible and strengthens the bonds of our community.

May the Lord bless our efforts, both in the kitchen and in the hidden corners of daily life, and may we all grow in the mustard-seed faith that moves mountains and the humble spirit that serves without seeking reward.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Stand up for life!

Show your support for the sanctity of human life, especially the unborn.

Join the annual
Carroll, Iowa



LIFE CHAIN

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 5th

We will gather in the Carroll County Court House parking lot at 1:45. Refreshments served after the event.

Sponsored by: C.A.I.F.L. (Carroll Area Iowans for Life)

Guthrie Center First United Methodist Church Harvest Supper

Wednesday, October 15, 5-7PM

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center

roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans, rolls, homemade salads & pies

For Carry outs— come to church from 4:45-6:30PM
(15 minute parking on the east side)

FREE WILL DONATION

Drive thru Harvest Dinner— Guthrie Activity Center

Wednesday, October 22, 4:45-6:30PM

2 ham balls, green beans, mashed potatoes,
roll and pumpkin bar

\$10/meal

209 State Street, Guthrie Center



Pop Up Market

NOVEMBER 1ST

30 MIN BEFORE & AFTER 4:30 MASS

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
BAYARD

NOVEMBER 2ND

30 MIN BEFORE & AFTER 9:30 MASS

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Rosary at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll, Iowa

Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary
October 7th

7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church

"Helping Our Family and Friends back to Christ through the Rosary."

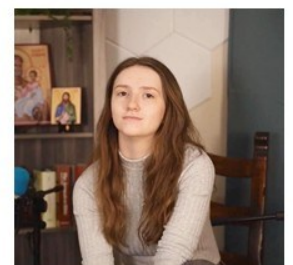
Join us for Mike's presentation, Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary and a
reception to follow.



Dr. Mike Scherschligt

Dr. Mike Scherschligt is the founder and executive director of the Holy Family School of Faith. Mike has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Marianum in Rome.

Pray the daily Rosary with Dr.
Mike Scherschligt and his
daughter, Teresa, through his
podcast from the Holy Family
School of Faith.



Teresa Scherschligt

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Rosary Foundation



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 4 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., October 5 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf
Sun., October 5 at 9:30 AM — Ray & Lois Tunning
Tues., October 7 at 5:30 PM — For the soul of Kathy Kretsinger
Wed., October 8 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer
Thurs., October 9 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler
Fri., October 10 at 8:00 AM — Madison Tunning

Sat., October 11 at 4:30 PM — For the soul of Kathy Kretsinger
Sun., October 12 at 8:00 AM — Timothy Crees
Sun., October 12 at 9:30 AM — Duane Clark
Tues., October 14 at 5:30 PM — Kirk Klohs
Wed., October 15 at 8:00 AM — Scott Bauler
Thurs., October 16 at 8:00 AM — Susanne Follet
Fri., October 17 at 8:00 AM — All parish musicians

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Dates of upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend November 7-9 in Ankeny and a residential weekend February 13-15 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise - 563-920-9419



WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,650
Gaza- \$451
ACH- \$1,025

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$6,485

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$442
Gaza- \$415
ACH- \$1,424
ADA— PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$775
Gaza- \$78
ACH- \$810
ADA— PAID IN FULL