

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

April 5 & 6, 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

PARISH announcements



Confirmation

Confirmation will be held at St. Patrick's in Bayard on April 26th at 4:30PM. Students will meet with the bishop an hour prior to confirmation.

First Communion

May 4th- St. Cecilia at 8:00 AM

May 4th- St. Mary at 9:30 AM

St. Mary's Parish— CYC tuition grant

St. Mary's parish offers tuition assistance for families of children going to Catholic Youth Camp.

Complete the form that will be in the back of St. Mary's church or online if you would like to receive tuition assistance from St. Mary's to attend Catholic Youth Camp at St. Thomas More this summer.

Please turn in the form into the offering plate at church by Sunday, April 27th.

St. Mary's Fish Fry

St Mary's Altar & Rosary will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday April 11th from 5-7PM
St. Mary's Church hall in Guthrie Center

Dine-in or Drive-thru

Adult \$12— Kids \$6

Hand breaded fish, homemade cornbread muffins, coleslaw, au gratin potatoes and dessert.

Lemonade, tea & beer included

Cheese pizza option for kids



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

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

This Fifth Sunday of Lent, our Gospel reading from John (8:1-11), presents us with the powerful story of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus' encounter with her and her accusers is a profound reminder of God's boundless mercy and our call to compassion. He challenges the self-righteousness that seeks to condemn and offers a path of forgiveness and a new beginning: "Go, and from now on, do not sin again."

I will attend the State of Iowa Knights of Columbus Convention in Dubuque this weekend. I am deeply grateful to Fr. Mike Peters for his willingness to celebrate Mass and minister to you in my absence. His generosity in sharing his time and priesthood "truly" blesses our community. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on our need for God's mercy and strive to extend that same compassion to others. Let us examine areas where we might be quick to judge and instead choose the path of understanding and forgiveness.

As part of our commitment to the wider Church, I also want to mention our Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) briefly. This important appeal provides vital funding – over 70% of the operating revenue – that enables our Diocese to support

essential ministries throughout our 23 counties. Your contributions to the ADA directly impact the formation of future priests, outreach to the poor, youth faith formation, support for our Catholic schools and teachers, care for our active and retired clergy, and numerous other crucial services provided by Catholic Charities and diocesan offices. Please prayerfully consider pledging to the ADA. No matter the size, every gift makes a real difference in advancing our local Church, where God's love is encountered, shared, and celebrated.

Finally, please check the schedule of our annual Ecumenical Holy Week Services. These Services are a fantastic opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other denominations as we prepare to enter into the Paschal Mystery.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Annual Women's Conference
April 5, 2025 ~ 9:30 to 3:00
St John the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

All women are invited!

*Unwrapping God's Gifts:
Hope, Faith, Joy*
Keynote Speaker: Jean Gatz

LAST DAY TO REGISTER March 29

To register, use your camera app on your phone to scan this ==>

or Facebook - Des Moines
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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

~ Cost of \$30 includes a light breakfast & a delicious lunch
~ Mass with Bishop Joensen & Offertory for Catholic Youth Camp Sponsorship fund
~ Vendors & Exhibitors & Silent Auction

More info? Email
DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com
Call/text 712-310-2922

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MARRIED COUPLES: Is it time to disconnect from the world and reconnect with one another? Busy lives can take away from our relationships. Put your relationship on track for more communication, love and harmony. The upcoming weekends in Iowa are April 25-27 in Epworth and September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information contact Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on wwme.org. Early registration is highly recommended.



COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 PM
St. Patrick - Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 PM
St. Mary - Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 PM



Story Time with Brother Francis



The Slugs and Bugs Show



Holy Week & Easter Special I
Laugh and Grow Bible for...

EASTER mass



Holy Thursday: St. Patrick's at 7:00PM

Good Friday: St. Patrick at 3:00PM

Good Friday: St. Cecilia at 7:00PM

Easter Vigil: St. Mary at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday:

St. Patrick at 8:15AM (Fr. Peters)

St. Cecilia at 8:00AM

St. Mary at 9:30AM



Holy Week Ecumenical Services— Guthrie Center

Monday, April 14th— First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, April 15th— St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, April 16th— Methodist Church

Thursday, April 17th— 17th Day Adventist Church

Friday, April 18th— Lutheran Church

*All services start at 7AM and light breakfast will be served following each service.

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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

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
9:15 AM 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
4:00 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 offering designation in the memo line.

MASS intentions



Sat., April 5 at 4:30 PM — David & Rita Halsey

Sun., April 6 at 8:00 AM — Fr. Ray & all priests everywhere and
Don & Joan Staver

Sun., April 6 at 9:30 AM — Len & Leona Troshynski

Tues., April 8 at 5:30 PM — Seidl Family

Wed., April 9 at 9:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family

Thurs., April 10 at 8:00 AM — Helen Sprick

Fri., April 11 at 8:00 AM — Reg Galles

Sat., April 12 at 4:30 PM — Helen Quinn

Sun., April 13 at 8:00 AM — Deacon Dick, Deacon Dennis & their
families

Sun., April 13 at 9:30 AM — Marietta Alesch & her family

Tues., April 15 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family

Wed., April 16 at 9:00 AM — Mike Harris

Thurs., April 17 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen

Fri., April 18 at 8:00 AM — Paul & Agatha Sailer



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— \$1,341
ACH- \$900

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$16,880

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,106
ACH- \$1,424

ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$10,599

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$673
ACH- \$810

ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$9,532