

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

November 29 & 30, 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



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

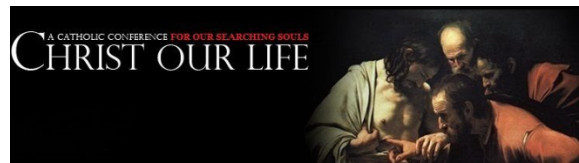
Thank you.

Sounds of Christmas

Guthrie Center Church Musicians in Concert

Sunday, December 14th, 2PM
First United Methodist Church
405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center 4

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)



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



Today we begin our Advent journey, a season of joyful and watchful expectation. Our readings sound like a spiritual alarm clock: "You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from your sleep" (Romans 13:11).

This wake-up call isn't meant to frighten us, but to focus us. We are to shake off the slumber of routine and distraction and actively prepare our hearts for the Lord. Here are a few ways we can "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14) together this season:

Parish Advent Opportunities

- **Magnificat Advent Companion 2025**

Last weekend, I encouraged every household to use this daily guide. It offers short reflections, Scripture readings, and beautiful prayers to help us stay focused on the true meaning of the season.

- **Holy Hours with Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions**

- o December 3, 6–7 pm at St. Mary, Guthrie Center
- o December 10, 6–7 pm at St. Patrick, Bayard
- o December 18, 6–7 pm at St. Cecilia, Panora

- **Volunteer Visitors Ministry**

We continue to bring comfort and companionship to the sick and elderly in homes, nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities.

- o Sign up at the back of the church—even one visit a month makes a world of difference.
- o Index cards and a box will be available for submitting the names of those who need a friendly visitor or Holy Communion.

- **Interested in the Catholic Faith or Joining Our Parish?**

Please reach out to:

- Deacon Dennis Patrick
- Deacon Dick and Connie Ziller
- Or speak with me personally after Mass or during the week.

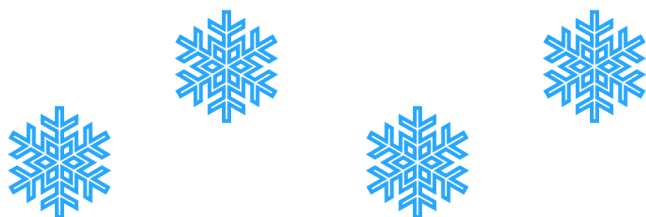
Blessings,

Fr. Ray

PARISH announcements

St. Mary's Snow Removal

Please contact a council member or office staff if you would be interested in snow removal this winter.



HOLIDAY mass times



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

5:30 p.m. at St. Mary (TIME CHANGE)

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia



Dear Parish Families,

The next three Sundays of Advent during the children's offertory, a manager will be present instead of a collection basket. Just as the Holy Family needed assistance, so do many of our community families. We invite our parish families to bring baby items to be donated to Guthrie Public Health and New Opportunities. Children may wish to place in the crib the gift of praying for someone or acts of charity/kindness performed that week written on

a piece of paper as a great way to help those in need. Together, let us prepare a loving bed for the coming Christ child.

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 register at wwme.org.





WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard

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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 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

Sat., December 6 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., December 7 at 8:00 AM — Joe & Joyce Louis & Family
Sun., December 7 at 9:30 AM — Jean Knobbe
Tues., December 9 at 5:30 PM — Brad & Marian Tate & Family
Wed., December 10 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., December 11 at 8:00 AM — Kirk Klohs
Fri., December 12 at 8:00 AM — Rita Halsey

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