

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

April 11 & 12, 2026

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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.

## PARISH announcements



### **First Communion**

April 19th- St. Cecilia at 8:00 AM

April 19th- St. Mary at 9:30 AM

### **St Cecilia recorded mass**

Sunday Masses are recorded at St. Cecilia and aired every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM

Those who use Fiber will find it on channel 900, while those in nursing homes using the old cable system will find it on channel 12.

### **St. Patrick's Church**

St. Patrick's Church will recognize graduating Seniors on May 9th, before 4:30 Mass

### **St. Cecilia's Church**

St. Cecilia's Church will recognize graduating seniors on April 19th, before 8:00 Mass, with a reception after Mass with the First Communicants

### **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 to receive tuition assistance from St. Mary's for your child to attend Catholic Youth Camp at St. Thomas More this summer.

Please turn in the form into the offering plate at church by Thursday, April 30th.



**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 Friends in Christ,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter, which is known around the world as Divine Mercy Sunday. While we are still in the joyful Easter season, this Sunday has its own special purpose and grace. It is not just a continuation of Easter. Instead, it is a day when the Church stops to reflect on how the Resurrection touches our hearts.

Easter proclaims that Christ is risen.

Divine Mercy Sunday proclaims what the Risen Christ does for us.

On Easter morning, we behold the empty tomb.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we see the Risen Jesus enter the locked rooms of our fear, shame, doubts, and wounds. His first words to the apostles, the same men who had abandoned Him, are not words of correction but words of peace. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them and gives the Church the gift of forgiveness. This is when mercy becomes the Church's mission.

This Sunday stands apart from all others. It shows us the first gift of the Resurrection: God's mercy given to a world that cannot save itself. It is not the same as Easter Day. This Sunday focuses not only on Christ's victory, but also on the healing that victory brings, including the healing of relationships, hearts, and our deepest wounds. This day is important because each of us needs what Jesus offers: a new beginning, a renewed sense of who we are, and the courage to show mercy to others. With this in mind, I invite you to find simple ways to share Christ's mercy this week. You might forgive someone who has hurt you, show kindness to someone who feels alone, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those in need, or help a friend or neighbor. Even small acts of love and compassion can become powerful ways for God's mercy to reach others.

As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, I want to offer a heartfelt thank you. Thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. Thank you to everyone who decorated our churches with care and reverence. Thank you to our music ministry, song leaders, choir members, and musicians who lifted our hearts in praise. Thank you to all who ministered at the Altar, including our servers, lectors, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, and deacons, for your dedication and love for the liturgy. Your service allowed our parish to worship with joy, beauty, and deep gratitude. I also wish to thank all parishioners who supported our celebrations through their prayers, presence, and quiet acts of kindness. Each contribution, whether visible or unseen, played a meaningful role in making our community's worship truly joyful and welcoming.

May the Risen Lord, overflowing with Divine Mercy, guide, protect, and bless you and your loved ones with peace and joy throughout this week.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Fr. Ray Higgins

# SAVE the dates



Brunch at the  
Bayard United Methodist Church  
April 12th from 11:00am- 1:00pm

Free will donation goes to the Bayard Summer  
Meals Program

Egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, sau-  
sage, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake,  
juice, & coffee



Sermon on the Mount | The Bible  
Project



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Drawing Closer to God

## Be a friend to someone at the end of life— Hospice Volunteers Needed:

As a volunteer with Care Initiatives Hospice, you'll  
bring presence and companionship to patients and  
families in your area.

You'll work side-by-side with professional staff to  
address patient needs in meaningful ways such as  
reading, playing music,  
playing games, or simply listening. We provide the  
training you need to begin and ongoing support as  
you serve.

We have a need for visitors simply to sit with pa-  
tients and spend time with them to help make  
their day a better day!

- 18 years old +. Background check required.
- Volunteer 1-3 times a month for 30 minutes.
- Serve where you live. We currently have pa-  
tients wanting volunteer visits in Panora.
- A two hour training is required to get started.  
We can set up a time that is convenient for those  
who are interested.

Questions? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator,  
Doug Tiffany, at [dtiffany@careinitiatives.org](mailto:dtiffany@careinitiatives.org) or call  
(515) 223-3813.

Learn more at: [https://www.careinitiatives.org/  
hospice-care/volunteer](https://www.careinitiatives.org/hospice-care/volunteer)



## COUNCIL meetings

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

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



# 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  
3:30 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center (TIME CHANGE)

## 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., April 11 at 4:30 PM – Mass for the People  
Sun., April 12 at 8:00 AM – Ed & DeeDee Buchanan  
Sun., April 12 at 9:30 AM – Blake & Katie Faucher Family  
Tues., April 14 at 5:30 PM – Jim Eischeid  
Wed., April 15 at 8:00 AM – Brennen Cox  
Thurs., April 16 at 8:00 AM – Scott Bauler  
Fri., April 17 at 8:00 AM – Eva Fiedler

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Sat., April 18 at 4:30 PM – Special Intentions  
Sun., April 19 at 8:00 AM – Mass for the People  
Sun., April 19 at 9:30 AM – Maria Ahrens  
Tues., April 21 at 5:30 PM – Crosier Family  
Wed., April 22 at 8:00 AM – Eddie Dorsett & Family  
Thurs., April 23 at 8:00 AM – Clem & Marion Fowler Family  
Fri., April 24 at 8:00 AM – Eva Fiedler

### 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— \$6,341  
Holy Land- \$437  
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$14,301

### **St. Mary Weekly Offering**

Sunday weekly offering— \$3,847  
Holy Land- \$94  
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$10,535

### **St. Patrick Weekly Offering**

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,366  
ADA Goal \$9,572 ADA Balance Due \$4,846