

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

November 15 & 16, 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



St. Mary and St. Cecilia parishes share the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep of Resurrection Catholic Cemetery.

The cemetery fund is separate from the general church collection funds.

During the entire month of November, coinciding with All Soul's Day, we invite anyone wishing to donate to the cemetery fund to use your regular tithing envelopes noting on check/envelope "cemetery fund."

Thank you in advance for your support!



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



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)

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the final weeks of the Church's liturgical year, we are reminded that everything in this world is passing—but love endures. The readings this Sunday speak of trials, upheaval, and change, yet they also shine with the promise of healing and hope. Jesus tells us, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." That perseverance is not just about enduring hardships, it's about living faithfully, generously, and with compassion.

This is a powerful message for families. In a world that often feels chaotic or uncertain, we are called to be beacons of Christ's light—especially to those who feel forgotten.

Many of our brothers and sisters in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound situations have no one to visit them. Some haven't had a visitor in weeks, even months. As a parish family, we can bring the warmth of Christ's healing rays to them—not just in words, but in presence.

How Can We Live This Out?

- Visit the sick and elderly: A simple visit, a shared prayer, or a kind conversation can bring immense joy and comfort. We can also offer prayer cards and if you want to you can bring them Holy Communion. We will instruct you and it is very simple and easy. Please sign up at the back of the church and someone will contact you.
- Sign up to serve: Please consider placing your name and phone number on the volunteer sheet at the back of the Church. You'll be contacted and paired with someone in need of a visit. You are also welcome to visit more than one person. Plus, you can visit individually or go as a family. Please sign up at the back of the church and someone will contact you.
- Coordinate with others: If many families or individuals sign up, we can organize a rotation so that each homebound or Care Center person receives multiple visits each month over time. Imagine the joy of knowing someone will come each week! Please sign up at the back of the church and someone will contact you.

Why It Matters

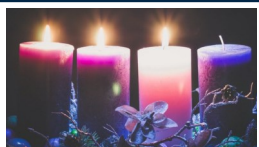
This is not just a good deed—it's a Gospel response. Jesus calls us to visit the sick, comfort the lonely, and be His hands and feet in the world. It's a way for families and individuals to live out their faith, as well as teaching children by example, for them to imitate in the future the value of compassion and the dignity of every life.

Let us persevere in hope and let that hope move us to action. The Sun of Justice is rising—may we reflect His light in every home we enter. Please sign up at the back of the church and someone will contact you.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Ray

ADVENT ideas



Waiting Well

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz

God wants to shape and mold us during times of waiting, but the problem is...

Instead of waiting, we get worried, anxious, we check out, and we get lost scrolling on our phones.

Fr. Mike wants to help you learn to wait well this Advent, with daily videos in the Ascension App starting November 30, 2025.

Get Prayer Plan

Join Waitlist



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HOLIDAY mass times



November 27: Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. at St. Mary

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

6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny, November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026.





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
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 15 at 4:30 PM — Anita Sheehan
Sun., November 16 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People
Sun., November 16 at 9:30 AM — All parish musicians
Tues., November 18 at 5:30 PM — Souls of Jim & Rosie McAlister
Wed., November 19 at 8:00 AM — Arthur & Julia Moylan & Family
Thurs., November 20 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., November 21 at 8:00 AM — Donita Saathoff

Sat., November 22 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., November 23 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of Tim & Carla Fitzgerald
Sun., November 23 at 9:30 AM — Don Reinhart
Tues., November 25 at 5:30 PM — Soul of Greg Kenyon
Wed., November 26 at 8:00 AM — Scott Bauler
Thurs., November 27 at 8:00 AM — Jerry Suther
Fri., November 28 at 8:00 AM — Michele DePhillips

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— \$1,393
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$3,575

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$3,617.59
ADA— PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$2,585.50
ADA— PAID IN FULL