

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

January 10 & 11, 2025

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Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we remember Jesus at the Jordan River. He enters the water not because He needs repentance, but because His love brings Him close to us. At that moment, the heavens open, the Spirit comes down, and the Father proclaims: “This is my beloved Son.”

Before Jesus starts to preach, heal, or serve, He is called Beloved. This feast reminds us that our identity comes before our actions. We do not have to earn God’s love; we live and serve because we already have it.

At our own baptism, we were also claimed, anointed, and sent. We are called to live with gentleness, mercy, and care for each other as members of the Body of Christ.

With that same baptismal spirit, and because of a recent rise in COVID-19 and Influenza A and B, we will temporarily stop offering the common chalice of the Precious Blood. We are making this decision out of care, especially for those who are elderly or have health concerns.

Please remember that receiving Holy Communion in one form is still the full reception of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Nothing important is missing. We will offer the Precious Blood again when illness levels go down.

Frequently Asked Questions About Communion Under One Species

Q: Am I receiving the full Eucharist if I receive only the Host? A: Yes. The Church teaches that Christ is fully present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under either form.

Q: Why is the common chalice being suspended? A: Because of a recent rise in COVID-19 and Influenza A and B, we are temporarily stopping the common chalice to care for our community.

Q: Is this a permanent change? A: No. We will offer the Precious Blood again when illness levels are lower.

Q: Does this mean the Precious Blood is less important? A: Not at all. This is only a temporary change to care for our community, not a change in our beliefs.

Q: How is this a faithful response to the Gospel? A: Taking care of the health and well-being of others, especially those who are vulnerable, is a real way to live out our baptismal call to love and charity.

I am thankful for all the ways our parish communities show kindness and care throughout the year. I especially want to thank St. Mary’s in Guthrie Center for the thoughtful

Chamber Bucks Christmas gift. Your generosity truly meant a lot.

Have a blessed week,

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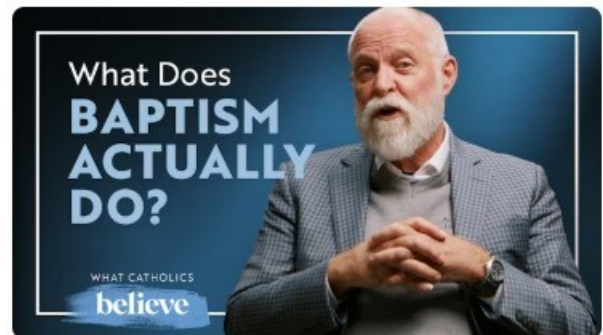
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Reborn: You, Your Child and The Heart of Baptism

SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

To Be Filled - A Lenten Preached Retreat

**Creighton University
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March 12 – 15, 2026**

God wants nothing more than to fill what's un-filled in our lives. Our relationships, jobs, ministries, life circumstances and hopes can be areas we feel are lacking something. Even our faith can feel like a basket holding only fragments of bread. We long for an ever deepening fulfillment in God, yet we don't know the way to that.

To the deeper. To the fuller.

During this retreat we will walk with Jesus and encounter Him where we most need Him, where we most miss Him, yet don't expect Him to be. We invite you to enter into the silence of this Ignatian Preached Retreat for Women.

Bring your baskets—unfilled as they are—and give yourself and God this uninterrupted time.

There will be a series of retreat talks, opportunities for spiritual direction, the sacrament of reconciliation, daily mass and much prayer and rest alongside Jesus. Come! This Lenten rest stop is awaiting you.



Mona Finocchiaro Snider, originally from Omaha, is a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian tradition. In 2015, Mona received her Certification in Spiritual Direction from Creighton University. She has spent two decades serving at the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City as a director of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a formator of prayer guides, supervisor and retreat giver. She loves witnessing the grace of God working in others and accompanying those who seek a deeper closeness with Christ in their life.

The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425

Check in Thursday between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is requested at registration.

Register by scanning the code or on-line at

curc.retreatportal.com/events



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Dear Parishioners,

Many Catholics love the Bible... but quietly wonder how to ponder it. We hear God's Word at Mass, we own Bibles at home, and we know it's important — but what do we actually do with Scripture once we open it?

The Church offers us a simple, ancient practice called *Lectio Divina*, which means “holy reading.” This way of praying with Scripture helps us move from just learning about God to listening to God.

It has several small movements:

1. **Read** — What does the text actually say? (Read a passage out loud)
2. **Meditate** — What word or phrase stood out to me? Why?
3. **Reread the passage, follow step 2** (a couple of times if you like)
4. **Pray** — What do I want to say to the Lord?
5. **Contemplate** — Rest in the presence of God.

Some add a sixth movement:

6. **Act** — How could I live this Word today?

The purpose is not to master Scripture, but to let Scripture master our hearts. We read the Bible not just to gain information, but to receive transformation.

Try this with this Sunday's Gospel. Read it slowly, even twice. Notice what stirs. Don't force anything. God speaks in small ways.

Below are a few simple reflection questions to help:

Reflection Questions for the Week

- When I listen to the Gospel, what word or phrase stands out?
- Why might God want me to notice that today?
- What do I most want to say to Jesus about this?
- Is there a wound, fear, or joy that this Scripture touches?
- What is the smallest step I could take to live this Gospel?
- When have I recently experienced God speaking through Scripture?

Have a great week.

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Prom Closet Shopping Days

are scheduled for the following Saturdays.

Saturday, February 7th, 9am - 2 pm
Saturday, February 14th, 9am - 2 pm
Saturday, February 21st, 9am - 2 pm
Saturday, February 28th, 9am - 2 pm

Prom Closet is located at
Ascension Lutheran Church
406 5th Avenue SOUTH
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We are just north of the Dollar General.

No appointments are needed for the shopping days. Be sure to bring any floor-length prom gowns if you have them to donate.

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HOLY DAY mass times

Ash Wednesday- February 18

St. Cecilia- 8AM

St. Mary- 5:30PM

St. Patrick- 7PM



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Dear Parish Family,

Last week, we learned a simple way to pray with Scripture-Lectio Divina. This week, I want to share another ancient way to understand God's Word, called The Four Senses of Scripture. This approach shows how one Gospel passage can speak to our minds, our choices, and our hope for heaven, no matter where we come from—whether rural, small-town, or from the lake community.

The Gospel this Sunday is Matthew 4:12–23, where Jesus begins His public ministry and calls His first disciples with the words: “Come after me.”

Let's look at that through the Four Senses.

1. The Literal Sense — “What’s actually going on?” Jesus leaves Nazareth after John the Baptist is arrested and moves to Capernaum. He fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy about a great light shining on people who sit in darkness. He begins preaching: “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They are working fishermen, repairing nets, running family businesses, and trying to make ends meet. They leave their nets and follow Him. Jesus travels throughout Galilee teaching, preaching, and healing. No halos, no platforms, no spotlight. Just real people with work, families, and concerns.

2. The Allegorical Sense — “Where is Christ and His Church?” Christ is the Light who breaks into ordinary life. His call is the beginning of the Church’s mission. The disciples’ boats and nets become symbols of what the Church will do. The Church casts the nets of the Gospel into the world to gather souls into God’s Kingdom. What started on a shoreline in Galilee has become the Church’s mission, which still reaches small towns, rural communities, and lake houses today.

3. The Moral Sense — “What is being asked of me?” This is where most of us lean in, because we naturally ask: “What does **‘Come after me’** really mean, and what must I do?” Following Jesus doesn’t mean we have to be perfect, overly religious, or suddenly excited. It means four practical things: **(1) Let Jesus set the direction** Most of us try to fit God into our own plans. But following Jesus means letting Him lead and asking: “Lord, what do You want from me today?” **(2) Don’t go alone** Jesus never calls people to be alone. Discipleship happens in His Body, the Church. For some, that means coming back to church. For others, it means going deeper in faith. **(3) Take one small step** The disciples didn’t know the whole journey ahead. They just took the next step. For us, that could mean: • praying, even briefly, • forgiving someone, • receiving the Sacraments, • serving someone quietly, • inviting someone to return to faith, • or carving out 1% more time for God. **(4) Let go of the “nets.”** The disciples left their nets behind. Today, our nets might look like: • fear, • cynicism, • resentment, • busyness, • screens and noise, • the belief that “I’m doing fine without God,” • or the feeling that “I don’t matter enough to bother.” Notice, Jesus doesn’t shame the disciples for having nets. He just doesn’t let the nets keep them on the shore. Whether we work long hours in the field, run small-town businesses, or spend weekends at the lake, the question is the same: What net is keeping me from taking the next step with Christ?

4. The Anagogical Sense — “Where is this going?” The disciples’ “yes” doesn’t end on the lake shore. It leads toward: • communion, • mission, • resurrection, • and finally heaven. The light that breaks into Galilee anticipates the eternal light of the Kingdom, where darkness, rivalry, burnout, and death are no more. This lifts Christianity beyond just surviving, succeeding, or improving ourselves. It gives our lives, whether rural or at the lake, comfortable or challenging, eternal meaning.

One Core Message

Christ steps into ordinary life, into boats and barns, offices and lake houses, and calls us to discipleship, mission, and eternal purpose.

For Prayer This Week

- Where do I feel “in the dark” and need Christ’s light?
 - What net is keeping me from following Him?
 - What small step could I take this week?
 - Where do I need to stop going alone?
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Before next Sunday, try reading the Gospel once this week. There’s no pressure to feel anything. Just give Jesus space to say, “Come after me.”

Because in the Gospels, Jesus didn’t go looking for the perfect.

He went looking for the willing.

And He still does.

In Christ,

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Sun., February 1 at 8:00 AM — Brennen Cox
Sun., February 1 at 9:30 AM — Deceased family members of Kevin & Peggy Dentlinger
Tues., February 3 at 5:30 PM — Seidl Family
Wed., February 4 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., February 5 at 8:00 AM — Fr. Ray Higgins
Fri., February 6 at 8:00 AM — Paul & Agatha Sailer

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ALL MEMBERS OF St. Mary's, St. Cecilia's, St. Patrick's:

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Would any family be able to take him to supper and provide him a meal for those 2 days?

If so, please contact Jill Hart 712-292-9096, to make arrangements.

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Thank you so much for considering!

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FROM THE DESK OF

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Dear Parishioners,

Zephaniah encourages us to stay humble, honest, and close to God. God stands by those who are genuine. Jesus shares the Beatitudes, reminding us that God blesses people the world often overlooks: the gentle, the forgiving, the peacemakers, and those who keep trying to do what's right, even when it's hard. These readings show that God works through ordinary people who live with simple faith and steady goodness.

I'd like to continue sharing ways to reflect on Scripture. One helpful approach is to slow down and let God's Word stay with us after Mass. Instead of trying to understand everything at once, we can focus on one small part of the reading and let it become part of our daily life. This kind of prayerful reflection helps move Scripture from our ears to our hearts, shaping how we live, speak, and respond during the week.

This Week's Practice: "Let the Word Take Root"

1. Choose one Beatitude to carry with you this week.

Write it on a card. Put it on your dashboard or keep it in your pocket. Let it quietly guide your words, choices, and reactions.

2. Notice where humility is needed.

When you face a tough conversation or a moment of frustration, pause and ask yourself: What would a humble heart do here? Humility isn't weakness. It's the ground where God grows strength.

3. Look for the quiet blessings.

At the end of each day, think of one moment when God's presence showed up in something small. It could be a kind word, finishing a task, a peaceful moment, or a chance to forgive.

4. Pray with this simple line:

"Lord, make my heart gentle and open, that I may live the blessings You promise.

On a different note, I want to let you know I'll be away from February 8 to 15 to visit Arizona. My uncle, Fr. Francis Higgins, will be here to lead the weekend and daily Masses while I'm gone.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Ray

SAVE the dates



Lenten Retreat Dates at St. Patrick's Church

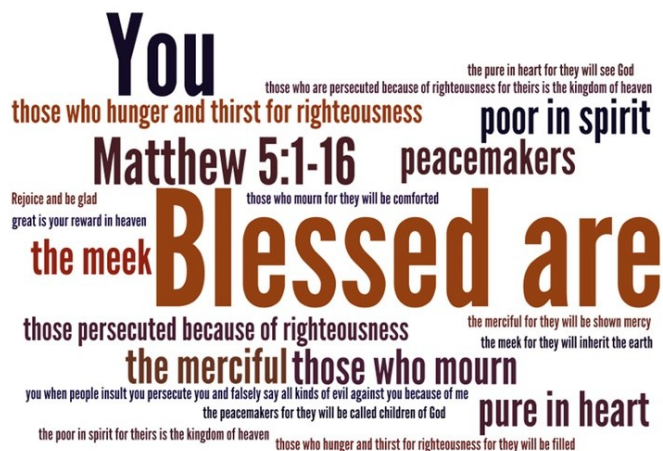
Feb 23 & 24, 2026

Featuring Josh Mazrin

Joshua Mazrin is the founder and Executive Director of the Immaculata Institute, an organization which seeks to continue St. Maximilian Kolbe's mission of extending the Blessed Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as far as possible, as soon as possible, through winning over all souls to the Immaculata. The Immaculata Institute offers resources for dioceses, parishes, faith formation groups, and Individuals, helping those consecrate themselves to the Immaculata.

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Topics will include Crushing the Head of the Serpent: Marian Consecration as Spiritual Warfare & How to Pray Without Ceasing



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This Sunday's Gospel gives us two simple but powerful images from Jesus: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13–16).

In Jesus' time, salt was used to preserve food and add flavor. Light helped people see and live safely after dark. Both made life better. When Jesus says, "You are salt and light," He means the faith you received at Baptism is meant to make a real difference in the world.

The Implication for Us

This Gospel is not only a compliment but also a calling.

- Salt only works when it is mixed in.
- Light is only useful when it shines.

If we keep our faith private or hidden, it cannot bless others. God calls us to live our faith in visible, practical ways—through kindness, honesty, generosity, and caring for those in need. When you encourage, forgive, help a neighbor, or stand up for what is right, you are being salt and light.

One way we can live out this Gospel together is by caring for those who struggle to put food on the table.

Food Pantry Support

On February 14 and 15, we will take up a second collection at each parish to support our local food pantries. This is a real and important way for our parishes to be salt and light. Your generosity helps our neighbors have the food and dignity they need.

Blessing of Throats – St. Blaise

This weekend, we will also honor St. Blaise with the blessing of throats.

St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr from the 4th century, known for caring for the sick. Tradition says he healed a boy who was choking on a fishbone, so he became known as a protector against throat illnesses.

For the Blessing of Throats, the priest or deacon places two crossed candles near your throat and prays: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

This sacramental reminds us that Christ cares for both our spiritual and physical well-being. It invites us to trust God with our health and our lives.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Father Francis Higgins, who will be with us and helping for the next several weeks. Please greet him and remember him in your prayers as he ministers in our parish communities while I am in Arizona.

May the Lord help each of us be salt that brings flavor to the world and light that helps others see God's goodness. Small acts done with great love can truly change the world.

In Christ, Fr. Ray

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St. Mary | Thursday Holy Hours in March

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In this Sunday's readings, God asks us for something that is both simple and difficult. To Abraham, He says, "Go." On the mountain of the Transfiguration, He says, "Listen to my beloved Son." Lent centers on these two words: **Go** and **Listen**.

Abraham had to leave what was comfortable. The apostles had to come down the mountain and follow Jesus toward Jerusalem.

We are also invited to keep moving forward, especially when prayer feels quiet, when sacrifices seem small, or when our Lenten resolutions start to fade. If you've stumbled, start again. If you're tired, don't quit. If you've drifted, return. The glory of the Transfiguration reminds us that the Cross is not the end. Christ leads us toward the light.

Thursday Holy Hours – March (5, 12, 19, 26)

St. Mary | 6:00–7:00 pm

To help us stay faithful this Lent, **Holy Hours will be held at St. Mary every Thursday in March from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.**

I am keeping the Holy Hours in one place to avoid confusion and to provide a consistent opportunity for prayer and Confession.

Each Holy Hour will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- A brief spiritual reflection
- Quiet time for personal prayer
- Spiritual reading or private devotions
- Time for Confessions
- Benediction

These are **extra opportunities for Confession**, in addition to the regular times before daily Mass and before or after weekend Masses.

Please take advantage of this grace-filled time.

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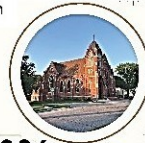
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APRIL

11th

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9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Check-in begins at 8:30 AM

Mass with Bishop Joensen at 11:00 AM

Luncheon to follow



St. Patrick's Church

Bayard, Iowa

Beef 'N Noodle Dinner

Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

Roll, Drink, and Homemade Dessert



Sunday March 15th

11 am-1 pm

\$10.00 per person

4 and under free

Dine in or Carry out

Bayard Community Building



40 Lenten Activities for Catholic Families

Give up television and internet for one day.	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it.	Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity.	Go to a weekday Mass.	Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you.	Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors.	Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.	Make an alms-giving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate.
Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.	Pray for people in your parish's RCIA program preparing to enter the Church.	Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord.	Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community.	Pray for an increase in religious vocations.	Ask for forgiveness from someone that you have wronged.	Not just Friday: Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent.	Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.
Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life.	Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home.	Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining).	Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart.	Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do.	Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you just don't use.	Pray the Rosary (or even just a decade) as a family.	Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.
Read a religious book individually or as a family.	Listen to religious music while doing a task you have been putting off.	Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross.	Pray for world political and religious leaders.	Make hot cross buns.	Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with.	Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.	Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God.
Do something to help the Earth.	Go to Adoration, even if it's just for a little while.	Pray for the Pope.	Watch a religious movie together as a family.	Give up sweets and other snacks for a day.	Read one book of the Bible.	Do a foot washing with your family members.	Attend a Holy Week Mass.



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Dear friends,

As we continue through Lent, this weekend's readings remind us that God meets us in the middle of our thirst—not just for water, but for peace, guidance, and a new beginning. The Israelites were tired and frustrated in the desert, yet God still gave them water from the rock. The psalm encourages us to soften our hearts and listen again. St. Paul reminds us that God's love is poured into us through the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus sits at a well with a woman who didn't expect anything from Him, and He offers her "living water," the kind that reaches the dry places in all of us.

Lent is a good time to let the Lord meet us in the same way—honestly and just as we are. I also want to remind everyone that each Thursday from 6 to 7 PM at St. Mary, we have a quiet Holy Hour with Confessions available. It's a peaceful way to step away from the week and spend some time with the Lord. Families are very welcome, even if you can only come for part of the hour.

You'll also find information in the bulletin about our upcoming parish dinners. These gatherings require a lot of love and effort from many people, and they truly strengthen our parish family. I hope you'll support these wonderful events and enjoy spending time together. I pray this week brings you a little more peace, a little more hope, and the living water that only Christ can give.

In Christ,
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**Italy Pilgrimage Invitation to Iowa
Knights of Columbus,**

Spouses and Widows of Former Knights: Note that there is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe! We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! Our time in Rome will include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV! We'll have Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members, and is being organized by Fr. Dan Guenther, the State of Iowa Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha, while seats are available. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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The Annual Diocesan Appeal has begun, and I am reaching out to you not just as your pastor, but as someone who has seen the great things your generosity makes possible in our diocese. Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal extends far beyond the walls of our beloved St. Patrick, St. Cecilia, and St. Mary Church. It supports seminarians answering God's call to the priesthood and funds Catholic education and formation. When you give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, your support goes beyond Parish Church. It helps seminarians preparing for the priesthood, funds Catholic education for our children, supports Catholic Charities for those in need, and keeps ministries going for people on the margins. Every dollar you give is a real sign of the Gospel in action. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference, and together we can reach our parish goal.

You can find pledge cards in the pews or at the back of the church. You can also give online through our diocesan website. Please take a moment to complete your pledge and return it, so we can be the hands and heart of Christ for those who need us most.

This Sunday, St. Patrick Church will host our much-loved Beef and Noodles Dinner at the Community Building in Bayard. It's one of the highlights of the year for St. Patrick Parish. This event is more than just a meal; it's a time to celebrate community, enjoy fellowship, and share the warm spirit that makes St. Patrick's special. Come enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal with friends and neighbors.

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Looking Ahead: The Holiest Week of the Year

As we reflect on the gift of life restored to Lazarus, we prepare to enter the most sacred time of our Church year. **Next weekend, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday.** Together, we will remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday. We will celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, leading up to the joy of Easter Sunday.

Holy Week is more than just a set of services. It is an invitation to walk with Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection. By taking part, we enter the heart of our faith. Here, we see how much God loves us, the cost of our redemption, and the hope we find in the empty tomb.

I encourage each of you to make every effort to take part in these sacred liturgies. Holy Week services are open to all: consult the Mass and Good Friday Service calendar in this bulletin or on our website, and plan now to join our parish family each day.

A Final Note for Thursday:

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HOLY WEEK mass times



Holy Thursday:

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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

Today we start Holy Week with joy, holding palms and saying, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” But we also know how quickly that joy can change.

The same people who shouted “Hosanna” will soon shout “Crucify Him.” Palm Sunday teaches us something important for our lives today. It is easy to follow Jesus when things are going well, but it matters even more to stay with Him when it is hard. Many people want to be good, holy, and close to God, but sometimes say, “I just don’t feel it.” Holy Week reminds us that faith is not about feelings, but about being faithful. As we begin this special week, the invitation is simple: Stay with Him. Stay with Him in prayer, during the Holy Week liturgies, and in quiet moments before the Cross. If we walk with Him through the Cross, we will know Him more deeply in the Resurrection. As we think about this, we also see another important part of our journey this week: being united with other Christians.

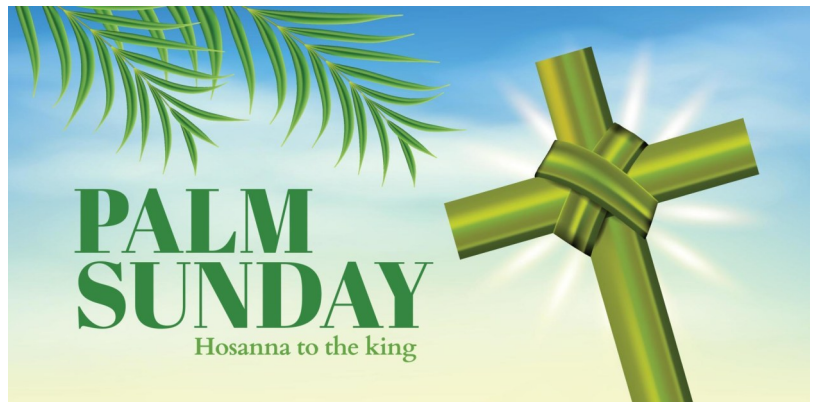
We are fortunate in our local communities to share this journey of faith not only in our Catholic parishes, but also with other Christians. These ecumenical gatherings show our unity in Christ and give us a chance to offer hospitality and support to each other.

Please consider coming to the gatherings we are sponsoring:

- **Monday, March 30 – Panora (St. Cecilia)** Simple Supper at **6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross at **7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 31 – Guthrie Center (St. Mary)** Stations of the Cross at **7:00 am** Followed by a light breakfast
- **Tuesday, March 31 – Bayard (St. Patrick)** Mass at **5:30 pm** Stations of the Cross at **6:00 pm** Followed by a simple supper

Please check the bulletin for the full Holy Week schedule, including all locations and times.

With gratitude and prayers for each of you,
Fr. Ray Higgins



SAVE the dates



Please mark your calendar for July 20th.
St Mary's will be providing a meal for ragbrai
riders. It will require all hands
on deck! More info to
come. Thanks in advance!



Panora Holy Week Services

light supper at 6:30 and service at 7PM

Monday, March 30— St. Cecilia

Tuesday, March 31— First Christian Church

Wednesday, April 1— United Methodist Church

Thursday, April 2— Hope Lutheran/Brethren at
Brethren

Friday, April 3— Faith Bible Church

*Service ONLY at 7PM



Bayard Holy Week services

held at 6PM followed by food and fellowship:

Monday, March 30 at Bayard Church of Christ

Tuesday, March 31 at Bayard Catholic Church

Wednesday, April 1 at
Bayard United Methodist Church

We will have a free will donation for our Bayard
Association of Churches that helps others in our
community in emergencies.

HOLY WEEK mass times



Holy Thursday:

St Cecilia - 7:00PM

Good Friday:

St Cecilia - 3:00PM

St Mary - 7:00PM

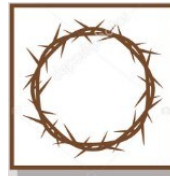
Easter Vigil:

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St Mary - 9:30AM



Guthrie Center Holy Week services

held at 7AM followed by food and fellowship:

Monday, March 30— Lutheran

Tuesday, March 31— St. Mary

Wednesday, April 1— 7th Day Adventist (AM)
First Christian Church in Gospel Café (6PM)*

Thursday, April 2— Methodist

Friday, April 3— First Christian Church in Gospel Café

*note time difference



Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the
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Sun., March 29 at 9:30 AM — Norman Ahrens
Mon. March 30 at 7:00 PM — Timothy Crees
Tues., March 31 at 7:00 AM — Duane Clark
Tues., March 31 at 5:30 PM — Jim Eischeid
Wed., April 1 at 8:00 AM — Don & Joan Staver Family
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ADA Goal \$9,572 ADA Balance Due \$9,572

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Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

It is a joy to celebrate Easter together, the day that changes everything. The empty tomb is more than a memory; it is the truth we live by. Because Jesus Christ is risen, **what looks finished in our lives is not finished with God.** His victory over sin and death gives each of us the chance for new life, right here and now.

At the Easter Vigil, we saw new life in a special way as **Zach Schreck and Shane Wingert** received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join me in congratulating them and praying that the Holy Spirit will keep guiding and strengthening them in their faith.

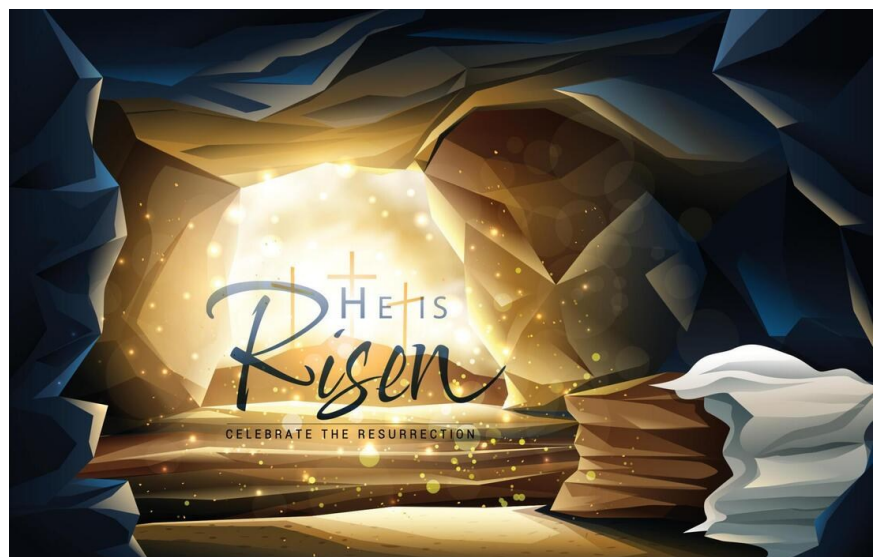
I also want to thank everyone who made our Easter celebrations so beautiful and prayerful. Thank you to those who shared their musical gifts, decorated our churches with care, and served faithfully in the ministries of the Altar and Hospitality. Your generosity brings the joy of the Resurrection to life in our parish communities.

As we begin this Easter season, let us carry today's joy with us. The risen Christ is still working in our homes, our relationships, and our hearts. Stay close to Him through the Eucharist, in prayer, and in the life of the Church.

Let us live as Easter people.

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In Christ,
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Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a
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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.

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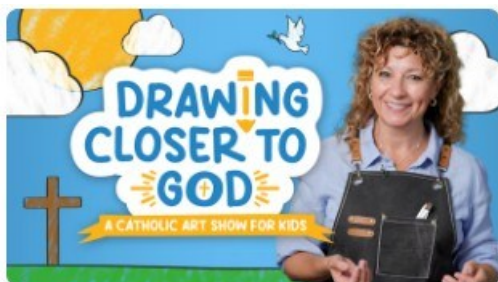
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Sermon on the Mount | The Bible
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Drawing Closer to God

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,
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(515) 223-3813.

Learn more at: [https://www.careinitiatives.org/
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COUNCIL
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Dear Parish Family,

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we hear about two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are walking away from Jerusalem, from hope, and from the faith that once burned in their hearts. Discouraged, confused, and spiritually tired, they remind us of many Catholics today.

What does Jesus do?

He doesn't scold or shame them. He simply walks with them, listens to their disappointments, opens the Scriptures, and, in the breaking of the bread, opens their eyes.

This Gospel shows us that **faith does not always mean feeling excited or inspired**. It means letting Jesus walk with us, even when we feel bored, distracted, or unsure. If your faith feels flat, you are not failing. You are simply human, and Jesus meets you right there.

Here are three simple ways to stay motivated and faithful this week:

- **Be honest with Jesus.** Tell Him your struggles. He can handle it.
- **Let Scripture speak anew.** Even one Gospel story a day can reawaken the heart.
- **Come to Mass expecting to meet Jesus.** The disciples recognized Him when He broke the bread, and we can recognize Him, too.

Our parishes are looking forward to the **Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bayard on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 4:30 pm**. Please pray for our confirmandi as they get ready to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. May their "yes" inspire each of us to renew our own.

May the Risen Lord walk with you, speak to you, and open your eyes this Easter season.

In Christ,
Fr. Ray

A promotional poster for a Catholic conference. At the top, it says "A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS" in small red letters, followed by "CHRIST OUR LIFE" in large white letters. Below this is a photograph of a religious scene, possibly the Last Supper. The main text "Save the Date!" is in large, bold, red letters. Below that, "September 26 & 27, 2026" is in white. Further down, in smaller white italicized text, it lists "World Class Speakers, Masses Saturday and Sunday, Reconciliation, Adoration, Great Music & Community". At the bottom, "Casey's Center Des Moines, IA" is in red, and "(Formerly Wells Fargo Arena)" is in white.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

First Communicants



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Adam Weisz



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Congratulations!!!!



Congratulations to our Confirmands:
Braydon Betts, Tyler Wahl, Brayden Prescott, Caleb Prescott, Cruz Stanley

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Fourth Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday

Dear Parish Family,

On Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus shows He is both our **Shepherd and the Gate leading to abundant life. His voice brings peace, clarity, and courage.** Like the early Christians in Acts, we are called to let His voice guide us as disciples.

This weekend, we joyfully welcome **Bishop William Joensen**, who will confirm our young people in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. On behalf of our three parishes, we congratulate our Confirmandi and surround them with our prayers and encouragement.

To deepen our understanding of this moment, let's revisit the meaning of Confirmation:

Confirmation is the sacrament in which the Holy Spirit—first given in Baptism—is **strengthened, sealed, and stirred into flame**. Through the bishop's anointing with Sacred Chrism, the Confirmandi receive the **seven gifts of the Holy Spirit**:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

These gifts are real, powerful, and life-changing.

Given these profound gifts, a natural question arises:

"Is That It? Do They Have to Do Anything Else?"

Confirmation is **not** the end of anything.

It is the **beginning** of everything.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not meant to sit on a shelf like trophies. They are more like spiritual muscles—fully given, but strengthened only when used.

What must the Confirmandi do with these gifts?

1. Listen for the Shepherd's Voice

The gifts help them hear Jesus, but they must listen through prayer, Scripture, silence, the sacraments, and the life of the church.

2. Use the Gifts in Daily Life

The gifts are practical:

- Wisdom for choosing good paths
- Fortitude for doing what is right
- Counsel for making decisions
- Knowledge for seeing the world through God's eyes
- Piety for growing in prayer

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UPCOMING events



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St. Mary's Parish- CYC tuition grant

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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.

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Fear of the Lord for living with awe and humility
These gifts strengthen with use.

3. Live the Mission of the Church

Confirmation is a commissioning.
It is their personal Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit equips them to be witnesses—in their families, friendships, schools, workplaces, and future vocations.

A Word to Our Confirmandi

We are proud of you and believe in you.

We believe in you.

And we pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite in you a faith that is courageous, joyful, and alive.

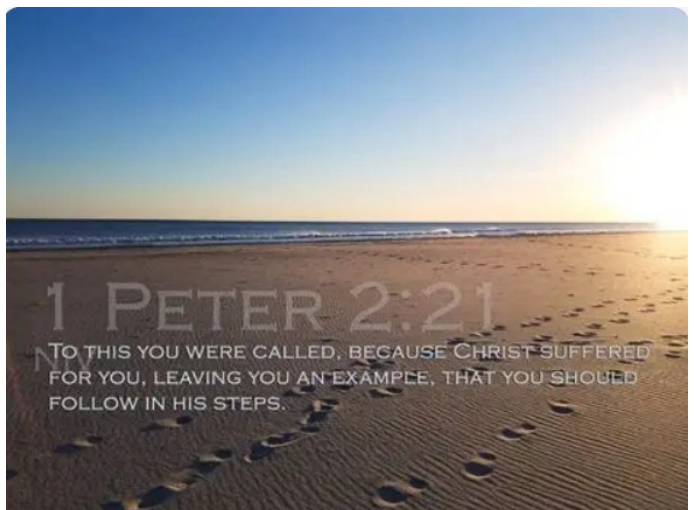
May you always know and follow the Shepherd's voice, walk through the Gate that leads to life, and be guided every day by the Holy Spirit.

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With gratitude for each of you,

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words our hearts need more than ever: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."* John 14 is Jesus' tender reassurance on the night before His Passion. He knows the disciples feel uncertain, afraid, and overwhelmed. Yet He does not give them a map—He gives them Himself.

Jesus tells us that He is **the Way** when we feel lost, **the Truth** when we feel confused, and **the Life** when we feel weary. He reminds us that the Father's house has room for every one of us, and that He goes ahead to prepare a place. Our faith is not built on our strength but on His promise.

And then Jesus adds something astonishing: *"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do and will do greater ones than these."*

Not because we are great, but because **His Spirit works through us**. Every act of mercy, every sacrifice for the poor, every moment we choose love over fear becomes part of Christ's ongoing mission in the world.

This weekend, we welcome **Fr. Fortunatus Rwehikiza**, visiting from the **Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara** in Tanzania. His visit reminds us that the Church is truly universal—one family in Christ, carrying one mission across many lands.

The needs of his diocese are great, and our generosity can help bring hope to communities far beyond our own.

If you would like to support Fr. Fortunatus and the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, please consider sending a donation or a note of encouragement to the address or contact information below:

Fr. Fortunatus Rwehikiza PO Box 150 Spring Valley, IL 61362 frfortunatusr@gmail.com 309-507-8507
Thank you for welcoming him with the warmth and hospitality that define our parish.

May Christ, our Way, Truth, and Life, steady your heart this week and fill you with courage.

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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 patients 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 patients 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 or call (515) 223-3813.

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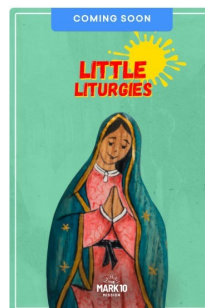
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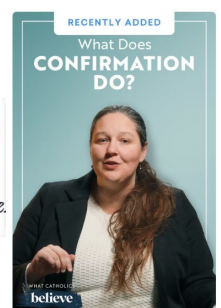


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Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, as we celebrate Mother's Day, our hearts turn with gratitude to the women whose love has shaped our lives. We thank God for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers, spiritual mothers, and every woman who has nurtured, protected, taught, and encouraged us. Their quiet sacrifices, their steady presence, and their daily acts of love reveal something of God's own tenderness.

We also hold close in prayer those for whom this day carries a mixture of emotions—those who grieve a mother's passing, those who long for motherhood, those who carry the ache of loss, and those whose relationships are complicated or wounded. May the Lord, who never leaves us orphaned, surround each of you with comfort and peace.

Last weekend Fr. Egidius Kataruga, was with us to share the mission and needs of the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara in Tanzania. We are grateful for his presence, his witness, and his ministry among the people he serves. The Church is always larger than what we see on a Sunday in our own parish; through Fr. Egidius, we glimpse the beautiful, global Body of Christ and the ways our generosity strengthens the Gospel far beyond our local community.

If you wish to support the mission appeal, you may do so by making a check payable to the Diocese of Des Moines, with a notation in the memo line for "Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania." Checks may be placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your generosity. And to all mothers and mother-figures in our parish: thank you for the love you pour out so faithfully. May God bless you abundantly today and always.

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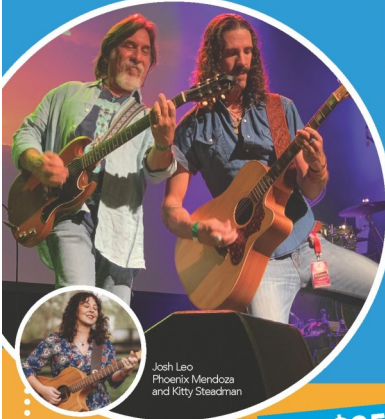
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JASPER WINERY

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We have a need for visitors simply to sit with patients 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 patients wanting volunteer visits in Panora.
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Happy Mother's Day

Blessings



Proverbs 31:28
KJV

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What does the Ascension mean for us? First, it reminds us that Jesus is our mediator with the Father, constantly interceding for us. Second, the Lord's Ascension is not an absence but a new presence—He is with us always, especially through the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the life of the Church. Finally, the Ascension calls us to lift our hearts to heaven, living with hope and purpose, knowing that where He has gone, we hope to follow.

Memorial Day Mass – Resurrection Cemetery

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We will gather for Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00 am (so bring your lawn chairs). This Mass is a powerful moment of prayer for our beloved dead, for those who served our nation, and for all who rest in the hope of the Resurrection. Celebrating Mass in the cemetery places us directly among the faithful departed, reminding us of the promise Christ won for us through His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

If it is raining, Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Guthrie Center.

Also, beginning soon, St. Cecilia Catholic Church will once again add a Saturday evening Mass at 6:30 pm for the summer months. Confessions will be heard before Mass. This additional liturgy will help serve our parish families, the lake community, visitors, and those whose schedules make Sunday morning difficult. Please help spread the word.

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The Mass is the most powerful act of worship on earth. When we offer Mass for the dead, we are not merely remembering them — we are bringing them before the throne of God, interceding for them with all the power of the Eucharist. The Church has always believed that our prayers can hasten the purification of those we love who have died in God's grace.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." — **2 Maccabees 12:46**

We gather in the cemetery itself because that ground speaks. Those are the bodies of the baptized — temples of the Holy Spirit — waiting for the resurrection of the dead. To pray there is to declare with our whole selves that death is not the end. We also honor those who gave their lives in military service. They deserve to be remembered in the most powerful way we know: at the altar of God. Come, bring your family, and let the Mass be your prayer for all of them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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When we understand the Trinity, we learn something important about ourselves. We are made in the image of a God who is relationship. Your desire to belong, to be known, and to be loved without being left behind is a reflection of the Trinity within you, longing for its source. Each time you make the Sign of the Cross, you are expressing faith in the deepest truth we know about God: the Father who made us, the Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who gives us strength and lives in us.

So, I invite everyone from our three communities to join us next Sunday, June 7, 2026, for Corpus Christi at St. Cecilia Parish in Panora, Iowa.

After Communion at Mass, we will have a Solemn Eucharistic Procession. For centuries, processions have shown faith in God's power, served as public prayers, and been visible signs of adoration. When we walk together with the Blessed Sacrament, we boldly say that Christ is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—and we give public witness to a world that needs hope. As Pope St. John Paul II famously said:

"Devout participation is a grace from the Lord bringing joy to those who take part in the humble signs of bread and wine changed to the Body and Blood of Christ."

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Enjoy a family fun evening with Nashville musicians Phoenix Mendoza and Josh Leo and Kitty Steadman at Jasper Winery while raising money for Mary's Meals. Any monetary donation will help the world's most vulnerable children receive an education and provide them with enough to eat. Fun activities available for the kids. Food sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be available for a free will donation.

Josh Leo
Phoenix Mendoza
and Kitty Steadman

\$25.20
FEEDS A CHILD FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

MARY'S MEALS is currently feeding over 3 million children in 16 of the poorest countries in the world. The life changing meals they provide make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class.

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To donate online please go to: www.marysmealsusa.org



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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 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth, Iowa and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque, Iowa.





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Sun., May 31 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People
Sun., May 31 at 9:30 AM — Duane Clark
Tues., June 2 at 5:30 PM — Communion Service only
Wed., June 3 at 8:00 AM — Communion Service only
Thurs., June 4 at 8:00 AM — Communion Service only
Fri., June 5 at 8:00 AM — Communion Service only

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ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$6,885

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June 6 & 7, 2026

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Jamie Carlson - stmpcdre@gmail.com

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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.



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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. Mary's RAGBRAI Supper

July 20, 2026

430PM until food is gone (feeding 1000)

Beef and noodle sign up

Needs:

- 300lbs beef roast, 45 pans of bars (24 count) and volunteers
- Beef will need to be delivered to the hall refrigerator by Thursday, July 17th
- Bars will need to be delivered to the hall by 10AM on July 20th

Cash donations and questions can be directed to: Kim Patrick 641-757-1605

Geri Thompson 641-757-1696

Robyn Corkins 515-321-0762

Please take this opportunity to show hospitality and serve our RAGBRAI guests.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Please see letters in pews for more info.

Ragbrai– St. Mary

St Mary's will be holding a Ragbrai Mass on
Monday evening July 20, at 5:00PM

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.
Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Pastoral Letter for Iowa Faithful: Preaching During Election Season

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Iowa begins its primary elections and looks ahead to November, we will see many strong opinions and changes in public life. The Church's role is to bring the light of the Gospel to our consciences and the common good, without taking sides with any political party or system.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that Christ did not give the Church a direct mission in politics, economics, or social matters: **"The purpose which He set before her is a religious one."** Still, Vatican II says that from this religious mission, the Church can and should offer "a function, a light and an energy which can serve to structure and consolidate the human community according to the divine law." The Church helps society not by controlling it, but by living out faith and charity.

Vatican II also emphasizes that the Church is independent from politics and helps people grow in political freedom, while priests stay focused on sharing Christ's message.

Priests are asked to focus on

- **Gospel-centered preaching:** teach the faith, illuminate social doctrine, and form consciences in light of Christ.
- **Moral truth in public life:** when needed, speak about public issues in ways that protect basic rights or the salvation of souls, always using methods that fit with the Gospel and serve the common good.
- **Conscience and citizenship:** remind everyone that Christians are responsible for their own actions as citizens, guided by a Christian conscience. The Church's job is to teach, guide, and offer moral judgment when needed.

Respectful charity in tone: share the truth without putting others down, using stereotypes, or showing hostility. Always remember that the Church works for unity and respects the dignity of every person.

Priests are to avoid

- **Turning the pulpit into partisan electioneering:** do not identify the Church with a political party or system.
- **Crossing the line from moral guidance to political manipulation:** the Church is free to teach, but this does not mean turning the Gospel into campaign-style persuasion.

Unjust invasion of privacy: keep "an appropriate reserve concerning persons' private lives," and avoid media-style comments that could harm fairness, privacy, or freedom.

As Iowa's elections get closer, let us pray for wisdom, humility, and charity. May our preaching bring people closer to Christ and help build peace and the common good.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Annunciation Church Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Annunciation Parish Center
Coon Rapids, IA

Serving: Broasted Chicken from
Lidderdale County Store

Scalloped Potatoes / Salad Bar
Homemade Pies & Desserts

Adults \$12.00 Children 10 Yrs & Under \$8.00

All Carry outs are \$12.00

Carry Outs Available 712-999-2472

Women of Faith Luncheon— United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:30AM– 1:00PM

Come & Go Salad luncheon

G.C. UMC Fellowship Hall

¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NKJV)



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Sun., June 14 at 8:00 AM — Brennen Cox
Sun., June 14 at 9:30 AM — Travie & Bodie Clark
Tues., June 16 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig
Wed., June 17 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Thurs., June 18 at 8:00 AM — Viola Rohe
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