

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

January 17 & 18, 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](mailto:stmpcsecretary@outlook.com) by 8PM Tuesday.



## COUNCIL meetings

St. Patrick - Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00PM

## PARISH announcements



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.

[www.immaculatainstitute.org](http://www.immaculatainstitute.org)

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



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603 MAIN STREET  
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



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214 PRAIRIE STREET  
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# FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Ray Higgins



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:

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### 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.

Fr. Ray

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**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**  
(Formally Wells Fargo Arena)



The audio drama invites kids ages 8 - 12 and their families into the fictional mountain town of Hope Springs, Colorado. Follow a close-knit group of friends as they uncover mysteries at The Old Depot, from smoke-bomb pranks to stolen artifacts and strange telegraph messages from the past.

### 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  
Coon Rapids, Iowa.



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.

All Prom dresses, shoes, and accessories are  
**FREE OF CHARGE.**



### Extraordinary Stories for Children

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](http://wwme.org). Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.





# 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., January 17 at 4:30 PM — Leo & Eva Fiedler  
Sun., January 18 at 8:00 AM — Mike, Mag, Al and Bob and Alan Nagel  
Sun., January 18 at 9:30 AM — Charlotte Holle & Family  
Tues., January 20 at 5:30 PM — Kay Vaux  
Wed., January 21 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler  
Thurs., January 22 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf  
Fri., January 23 at 8:00 AM — Travis Clark  

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Sat., January 24 at 4:30 PM — Kay Vaux  
Sun., January 25 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of Leon & Donna Kennebeck families  
Sun., January 25 at 9:30 AM — George & Miranda, Meritza, Ralphel  
Tues., January 27 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig  
Wed., January 28 at 8:00 AM — Deceased members of Higgins Family  
Thurs., January 29 at 8:00 AM — Joe & Joyce Louis & Family  
Fri., January 30 at 8:00 AM — Joann Reil

## 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— \$3,969.50

## St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$3,735

## St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$629

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