

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

September 5 & 6, 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 by 8PM Tuesday.

PARISH announcements



St Cecilia's Knights of Columbus

It's Labor Day weekend and St Cecilia's Knights of Columbus gathered donations for Tootsie Rolls on Sat morning and will offer Tootsie Rolls after mass this weekend. Please enjoy and consider making a donation to support local charities and the Special Olympics.

Bless You all.

St. Patricks Jr High/High School CCD

Start date 9/16/26

Meal at 6:30, class at 7pm

St. Cecilia's RE program

We are in need of Religious Education teachers to help guide our children as they grow in their faith and relationship with Christ.

You don't need to have all the answers—just a willing heart, a love for God, and a desire to share your faith.

Please prayerfully consider saying yes to this important ministry. Your time and example can make a lasting difference in a child's life and in the future of our parish.

If you would like to help, please let us know



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

Beginning next week, Saturday night, September 12th, St. Cecilia will no longer have 6PM evening mass.

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Whom Am I Becoming?

Starting Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m., we invite you to join a new 12-session class.

VIRTUES: Becoming the Person God Created Me to Be

Virtue is not just about knowing the rules or trying harder to act right. With God's grace, it means becoming someone who more and more recognizes, chooses, and enjoys what is good.

During the course, we'll look at the main virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, as well as faith, hope, and charity. We'll also talk about how habits and vices affect us, and how grace, prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and steady practice help us become more like Christ.

Every session will have Catholic teaching, Scripture, real-life examples, stories, discussion, an object lesson, prayer, and one practical step to try during the week. This class isn't for people who have already mastered the virtues—it's for anyone who wants to grow.

Session One: What Am I Becoming?

In our first session, we'll talk about the differences between virtue, vice, temptation, sin, habit, and personality.

Jesus says a tree is known by its fruit. In the same way, the choices we make again and again shape our character over time. One choice doesn't define us, and our worst habit isn't who we truly are. Still, what we keep practicing shapes us.

The central question will be:

What am I becoming through the choices I repeatedly make?

We'll also talk about the Christian hope at the center of this course: even if old habits are strong, God's grace always offers another way. Change can start with one new choice, repeated with Christ's help.

The class meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from September 10 to December 3, except for Thanksgiving week. We'll have light snacks and drinks each time.

Everyone is welcome. Please let us know if you're coming so we can have enough materials and refreshments ready.

What I repeatedly choose, I gradually become.

Jesus, form Your life in me.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



St. Cecilia's Annual Chicken Dinner - We need your help!

We are seeking volunteer chairs for our Annual Chicken Dinner on October 4, 2026.

As a chair, you will coordinate volunteers and assist with planning, setup, service, and cleanup. You will be fully supported by experienced volunteers who are ready to ensure the day's success.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our parish family, share your gifts, and help continue a St. Cecilia tradition. We would be truly grateful for your consideration and support.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering. If you are interested, please contact John McDermott at 641-431-0042.



Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

When: September 26 & 27, 2026

Where: Casey's Center Des Moines

Why: To hear world-class speakers, learn more about our faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community with thousands and experience the joy of His presence!

How: Attend in person or livestream

Cost: \$30 for the entire weekend
23 and under FREE!



Scan the QR code to
to purchase tickets

For more information, go to:
ChristOurLifeIowa.com

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

HAPPY LABOR DAY

"Whatever you do, work at
it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not
for human masters."
—Colossians 3:23

Pastoral Care — Nourish for Parents Support Group for Children with Disabilities and Mental Health Challenges

Christ-centered support group to encourage and empower parents in their caregiver, offering practical, emotional, and spiritual support through faith. We'd love for you to join us. The meetings are on the **second Saturday of every month, 10:00-11:30.**

Here's our schedule:

- * September 12, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1627 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
- * October 10, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- * November 14, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- * December 12
- * January 9
- * February 13
- * March 13
- * April 10
- * May 8

Childcare is provided. If you will be bringing your child(ren), please submit the childcare registration form.

Learn more about the Nourish Curriculum at www.nourishfor caregivers.com and help this ministry to meet the real needs of families like yours.

Questions? Contact:

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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
5:30 PM Confessions, Panora
6:00 PM Mass, Panora

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

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 intentions



Sat., Sept 5 at 4:30 PM — Gina Derry & Family
Sat. Sept 5 at 6:00 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., Sept 6 at 8:00 AM — John Vogel
Sun., Sept 6 at 9:30 AM — TJ Redfern
Tues., Sept 8 at 5:30 PM— Kenny Ludwig
Wed., Sept 9 at 8:00 AM — Jean Knobbe
Thurs., Sept 10 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family
Fri., Sept 11 at 8:00 AM — Margaret Reinhart

Sat., Sept 12 at 4:30 PM — James Walstrom
Sun., Sept 13 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People
Sun., Sept 13 at 9:30 AM — Baylee Tews
Tues., Sept 15 at 5:30 PM— Crosier Family
Wed., Sept 16 at 8:00 AM — Johnny & Catherine Vogel Family
Thurs., Sept 17 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., Sept 18 at 8:00 AM — Kyle Sloss

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- \$1,711
ACH- \$850

ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$4,931

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$841
ACH- \$1,824
ADA-PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering- \$988
ACH- \$1,150
ADA-PAID IN FULL



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.