

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

March 7 & 8, 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 Fish Fry

St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 13th from 5-7PM.

St. Mary Fish Fry

St. Mary's fish fry will be March 27th at 5-7:30PM in the church hall.

First Communion

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

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

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

St. Mary | Thursday Holy Hours in March

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

6:00–7:00 pm



FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



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,
Fr. Ray



SAVE
the dates



**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

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the re-birth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is sign up now at wwme.org or call Greg & Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org.

Upcoming dates: April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.



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



DES MOINES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

97TH ANNUAL Spring Conference



Kali Schneiders


This year's annual conference features Kali Schneiders, a popular author (*Truffles from Heaven* and *Confessions of a Formerly "Wicked" Stepmother*), who has inspired audiences across the country by combining her wit with God's wisdom and grace into inspiring stories. Kali's lessons come from her diverse personal background: from modeling to pageants, from corporate America to stay-at-home mom, her mission has been to shine a bright light into the dark corners.

In addition to our guest speaker, attendees will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with Bishop Joensen, enjoy lunch and fellowship with others, visit vendor/exhibitor booths, and bid on silent auction items. \\\

Pre-register using the link or QR code below:


<https://ticketstripe.com/DCCWSpringConference>

Cost: \$30
Deadline: April 1st



Questions: Please email DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Parish Center
105 West 5th St.
Atlantic, IA 50022



APRIL | **11th** | **2026**

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Check-in begins at 8:30 AM
Mass with Bishop Joensen at 11:00 AM
Luncheon to follow



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., February 28 at 4:30 PM – Willie Schumann
Sun., March 1 at 8:00 AM – Dominic Higgins
Sun., March 1 at 9:30 AM – Charlotte Holle & Family
Tues., March 3 at 5:30 PM – Living/deceased members of Callahan & Holland Family
Wed., March 4 at 8:00 AM – Brennen Cox
Thurs., March 5 at 8:00 AM – Shelly Bauler
Fri., March 6 at 8:00 AM – Ezri Hernandez

Sat., March 7 at 4:30 PM – Mass for the People
Sun., March 8 at 8:00 AM – Mike, Mag, Al and Bob
Sun., March 8 at 9:30 AM – David & Rita Halsey
Tues., March 10 at 5:30 PM – Kenny Ludwig
Wed., March 11 at 8:00 AM – Marilyn Sweetnam
Thurs., March 12 at 8:00 AM – Deceased members of Higgins Family
Fri., March 13 at 8:00 AM – Paul & Agatha Sailer

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— \$2,299

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,504

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$590

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