

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

October 18 & 19, 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

The St. Cecilia's Church Councils sincerely thank everyone who supported our annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. Your time, desserts, and company made it a wonderful success!

Because of your generosity, we raised enough to donate \$1,000 each to the local food pantry, New Opportunities, and The Giving Christmas—organizations that bring hope and help to families in need within our community.



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ST. PATRICK PARISH

214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



“Persevere in Prayer, Stay Watchful in Spirit” — Gospel of Luke 18:1–8

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. “Pray always and do not lose heart,” He says. The widow’s persistence teaches us a valuable lesson: God desires that we remain steadfast in our faith and prayer, even when challenges arise or the world seems unjust. Perseverance in prayer strengthens our trust in God’s providence and sharpens our awareness of what is true and what is false.

This call to remain vigilant in faith also extends to how we live and interact in the world around us. In recent weeks, we’ve been made aware of people trying to scam parishioners using my name or the names of other church leaders. They often send emails or text messages pretending to be me, asking for money or gift cards under the guise of a “discreet matter” or “urgent help.” These are not from me.

Let me be clear:

- I will never ask for money or personal information through text messages or emails.
- Our parish does not solicit donations this way.
- If you receive a suspicious message, check the actual email address or phone number. Scammers count on people not looking closely.
- Always contact me directly through my official parish phone number or email address — never the one the scammer provides.

Church bulletins and public communications are often accessible online, making it easy for scammers to mimic church leaders. Please be alert, and help spread the word to those who may not be as tech-savvy.

Jesus reminds us to pray always and not lose heart. Part of that vigilance is protecting one another — especially our elderly, neighbors, and fellow parishioners — from those who would seek to harm or deceive. Together, let’s stand firm in faith, trust in the Lord, and look out for one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Annunciation Men's Club Fall Breakfast

Serving Pancakes, Eggs and Sausage

Sunday, October 19th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Annunciation Parish Center, Coon Rapids

Adults \$8.00 Children 10 & under \$4.00

Carry outs available by calling

999-2472

carry-out meals are \$8.00



All

Drive thru Harvest Dinner– Main Street Fundraiser

Guthrie Center Activity Center

Wednesday, October 22, 4:45-6:30PM

2 ham balls, green beans, mashed potatoes,
roll and pumpkin bar

\$10/meal

209 State Street, 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.

AMERICAN LEGION
POST 44

ANNUAL FALL BRUNCH

FREE WILL OFFERING

OCTOBER 25 7-11 am

BAYARD COMMUNITY CENTER
MAIN ST BAYARD, IA 50029
DINE IN / CARRY OUT

- MADE TO ORDER EGGS
- SAUSAGE
- PANCAKES
- BISCUITS WITH GRAVY
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Ignatian Retreats





The cost is \$400 for room, all meals, and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 would be requested at registration.



FALL & WINTER DATES

Thurs-Sun Oct 23 - 26, 2025

Thurs-Sun Dec 4 - 7, 2025

Thurs-Sun Jan 22 - 25, 2026

If you have been on retreats before and looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check-in between 4:00-5:00pm for the 6pm supper and conclude at 3pm the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Register at
creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats
or scan code.



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WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard
4:15 PM Rosary, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard
6:30 PM Mass, Panora
7:30 PM Confessions, Panora

Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
9:15 AM Rosary, 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 & Rosary, Bayard
5:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Wednesday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM Prayer Group, Panora
4:00 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center

Thursday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora

Friday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, Guthrie Center
8:00 AM Mass, Guthrie Center

All Parish Reminder for Weekly Offerings

Offerings can go directly to the general fund, the building fund, cemetery or ADA.

Please put your parish and chosen offering designation in the memo line.

MASS intentions



Sat., October 18 at 4:30 PM — Anita Sheehan
Sun., October 19 at 8:00 AM — Ed & Jeane McDermott
Sun., October 19 at 9:30 AM — Len & Leona Troshynski
Tues., October 21 at 5:30 PM — Healing for Darla Davis
Wed., October 22 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Thurs., October 23 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., October 24 at 8:00 AM — Samantha Sloss

Sat., October 25 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., October 26 at 8:00 AM — Kim Lubeck
Sun., October 26 at 9:30 AM — Sue Schmit
Tues., October 28 at 5:30 PM — Soul of Greg Kenyon
Wed., October 29 at 8:00 AM — Jerry Suther
Thurs., October 30 at 8:00 AM — Family of Jim Meyer
Fri., October 31 at 8:00 AM — Travis Clark

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Dates of upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend November 7-9 in Ankeny and a residential weekend February 13-15 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise - 563-920-9419



WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,481
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$6,485

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,504
ADA— PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$635
ADA— PAID IN FULL