

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF  
**ST. CECILIA • ST. MARY • ST. PATRICK**  
October 12th & 13th 2024

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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  
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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

**PARISH**  
announcements



**Adult Faith Formation - Save the Dates!**

Wednesday, November 6 at St. Mary

Wednesday, December 4 at St. Cecilia

All sessions begin at 6:30PM

**Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction** will be offered by Fr Ray, Deacon Dennis and Deacon Dick in November as follows:

Thursday, Nov 7 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

Thursday, Nov 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia

Thursday, Nov 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick

Opportunity for confession will be available each time.



October is the month of the Rosary, the Rosary will be said prior to Mass

**HELP needed– St Cecilia's**

Meals on Wheels (formerly Congregate Meals) in Panora has been revived and need to have volunteers who can help deliver. We deliver for one week, next time being December 2-9. We have to drive to Sneakers Café in Guthrie Center to get the meals and the list of people in Panora; then deliver to residents and return container to Sneakers. Please contact Page Arganbright at 641.757.0119, if available to help.

**Guthrie Center Methodist Church Harvest Dinner**  
Wednesday, October 16 5-7PM  
Free will donation

# FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's readings challenge us to live in a way that reflects the wisdom of God and the depth of His word. In Wisdom 7:7-11, we see how Solomon prioritized wisdom over riches, knowing that nothing could compare to the understanding that comes from God. In Hebrews 4:12-13, we are reminded that God's word penetrates the depths of our hearts, discerning our thoughts and intentions. Finally, in Mark 10:17-30, Jesus calls the rich young man to follow Him, showing us that worldly possessions must never precede our relationship with God. These readings remind us to align our lives with God's will and be open to His transformative word, no matter the cost. It matters that we live these readings because they challenge us to place God first in all things, knowing that true joy comes from seeking Him above all else.

I would also like to congratulate St. Cecilia Parish for hosting a wonderful Chicken Dinner. It was a great success, and I want to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this event possible. Your efforts bring our community closer together and provide a beautiful witness of service.

For those wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church, we have an Inquiry Night at 6:00 p.m. this Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church. If you are Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic Faith, you may join the Inquiry Night. Also, know that we have Adult Faith Education on the first Wednesday of each month, which would be a perfect opportunity to ask questions and explore the beauty of our faith.

Additionally, our altar servers will soon be using patens during the distribution of Holy Communion in our parishes. The paten, a small plate held beneath the host, ensures that no part of the consecrated Eucharist is lost. This practice reflects our deep reverence for the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, where every fragment contains His Body. As we adopt this sacred practice, let it remind us to approach the Eucharist with the utmost care and reverence.

Please join me in keeping in prayer the priests who have passed away this year: Msgr. Frank Chiodo, Fr. Bob Aubrey, Fr. Marty Chevalier, and Fr. Nelo Leto. May their souls rest in peace.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Ray

# UPCOMING events



## Are you curious about or interested in learning about the Catholic faith?

An inquiry session will be held Thursday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia.

This session is an informal meeting, informational in nature and designed for interested persons seeking to deepen their love of and relationship with God to ask questions about the faith, clarify some questions and explore the process of converting to Catholicism. Please join us on October 16th at St. Cecilia.

### 3 Day Women's Ignatian Retreat

Come away to the silence. Renew and center yourself before the holiday preparations begin. Steep yourself in God's love as you contemplate resting in Him, "For He is Gentle and Humble of Heart". Lori Stevens will present reflections for you to sink into a deeper conversation with God through Ignatian Contemplation. This 3-day silent retreat offers abundant time for enjoying the rhythms of quiet reflection and prayer, wandering in nature, and journaling. There will also be opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist, meet with a spiritual director and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals as well as the rest of the days will be in prayerful silence. Held November 7-10, 2024 at the Creighton University Retreat Center near Griswold, IA one hour east of Omaha. Retreat cost \$425, beginning Thursday with check-in 4:00-5:00 p.m. concluding Sunday at 2:30. Registration required at [Creighton.edu/CURC](http://Creighton.edu/CURC) or scan the QR code:



## COUNCIL meetings

St. Patrick - Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM  
St. Mary - Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM  
St. Cecilia - Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 PM



LET'S "RAKE IN SOME BLESSINGS!" St. Mary's Church landscape clean-up day will be October 27th (the last Sunday of the month) directly following Mass. Please bring: power or manual hedge trimmers, chainsaws, blowers, rakes and large garbage bags. Please join us in making the grounds around God's house beautiful while raking in extra blessings doing it! Questions or to RSVP text or call Cindy @641-740-1100

## HOLY DAY mass schedule



### ALL SAINTS

Thursday, Oct 31 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia  
Friday, Nov 1 - 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary  
Friday, Nov 1 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick

**ALL SOULS** - will incorporate into the weekend Masses, we plan to read names of those deceased in 2024 and have candles carried in for each

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday Nov 28 - 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec 8 falls on Sunday this year, Sunday observance takes precedence but one Mass will be offered on Monday, Dec 9 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, Dec 24 - 4:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia  
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 5:45 p.m. at St. Mary  
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 7:15 p.m. at St. Patrick

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, Dec 25 - 9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, Dec 31 - 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick  
Wednesday, Jan 1 - 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary



# WEEKLY calendar

## 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 Rosary,, 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 & 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 & Divine Mercy, 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 designation of offering in the memo line.

# MASS intentions



Sat Oct 12th at 4:30 PM - Mass for the People  
Sun Oct 13th at 8:00 AM - Art Ryan  
Sun Oct 13th at 9:30 AM - Don Reinhart  
Tues Oct 15th at 5:30 PM - Rose Marie McAlister  
Wed Oct 16th at 8:00 AM - Ward & Gen Gustafson  
Thurs Oct 17th at 8:00 AM - Art Ryan  
Fri Oct 18th at 8:00 AM - Duane Clark

Sat Oct 19th at 4:30 PM - Anita Sheehan  
Sun Oct 20th at 8:00 AM - Ron Schafer  
Sun Oct 20th at 9:30 AM - Sarah Clark  
Tues Oct 22nd at 5:30 PM - Jeremy Biondi  
Wed Oct 23rd at 8:00 AM - George & Miranda Holland  
Thurs Oct 24th at 8:00 AM - Orville Leinen  
Fri Oct 25th at 8:00 AM - Viola Rohe

**PRAIRIE FIRE MINISTRIES**  
**HEALING**  
*Service*

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY

**ST. AMBROSE CATHEDRAL**  
607 HIGH STREET, DES MOINES

MASS BEGINS AT 4:00 PM  
HEALING SERVICE BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

# WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering - \$1,338<sup>00</sup>  
ADA Goal \$22,535 ADA Balance Due \$5,300  
St. Mary Weekly Offering - \$647<sup>24</sup>  
ADA Goal \$16,169 ADA Balance Due PAID  
St. Patrick Weekly Offering - \$687<sup>37</sup>  
ADA Goal \$11,945 ADA Balance Due \$1,775