

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

September 27 & 28, 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.



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



PARISH announcements

St. Cecilia's Chicken Dinner

Are you ready for some good chicken? Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 5th to attend St. Cecilia's chicken dinner!! Please we need your help and spread the word!



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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

Remember that next Sunday, October 5, St. Cecilia's will be hosting its Annual Chicken Dinner at the Veterans Auditorium in Panora, IA. Please support this great effort and invite all your family and friends.

There is a great urgency from the Word of God this Sunday. The prophet Amos warns those who grow complacent in their comfort while others experience suffering. St. Paul urges Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." And in the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus: one man who feasted every day, blind to the poor man at his very doorstep.

The rich man's sin was not wealth itself, but indifference. He never saw Lazarus. That blindness cost him eternity.

The same challenge comes to us: Who is the Lazarus outside our door? Who is lonely, struggling, overlooked, or suffering, while we are tempted to look the other way?

- For men, this message calls us to true strength. Possessions or achievements do not measure our lives, but rather by how we use our strength to protect, provide for, and lift others.
- For women, it calls forth the gift of compassion. Women so often notice what others miss. The Lord asks you to extend that gift toward those who feel invisible or forgotten.
- For young adults, the Gospel is a challenge to choose purpose over comfort. The true meaning of life is not found in self-indulgence, but in building a life of love, service, and faith.

The Psalm reminds us that the Lord "raises those who are bowed down" and "loves the just." If God's heart beats for the poor and forgotten, then our hearts must also be in rhythm with His.

This week, let's not wait for another sign. God has already spoken through His Word. Let us open our eyes, see the Lazarus at our doorstep, and respond with love. In doing so, we serve Christ Himself and prepare our hearts for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Stand up for life!



Show your support for the sanctity of human life, especially the unborn.

Join the annual
Carroll, Iowa

LIFE CHAIN

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 5th

We will gather in the Carroll County Court House parking lot at 1:45. Refreshments served after the event.

Sponsored by: C.A.I.F.L. (Carroll Area Iowans for Life)

Guthrie Center First United Methodist Church Harvest Supper

Wednesday, October 15, 5-7PM

405 Prairie St., Guthrie Center

roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans, rolls, homemade salads & pies

For Carry outs— come to church from 4:45-6:30PM
(15 minute parking on the east side)

FREE WILL DONATION

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 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are February 13-15, 2026 both in Dubuque, Iowa. Sign up soon as space is limited.



St. Mary's Food Drive

We will have a food pantry due the month of September. Please, please any canned or other non-perishable items in the box in the vestibule of the church.

If you wish to donate money, checks should be made out to the First Presbyterian Church with "food pantry" on the memo line. Please contact Judy Bauler if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity.



Rosary at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll, Iowa

Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary
October 7th
7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church

"Helping Our Family and Friends back to Christ through the Rosary."

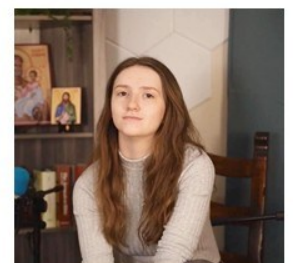
Join us for Mike's presentation, Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary and a reception to follow.



Dr. Mike Scherschligt

Dr. Mike Scherschligt is the founder and executive director of the Holy Family School of Faith. Mike has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Marianum in Rome.

Pray the daily Rosary with Dr. Mike Scherschligt and his daughter, Teresa, through his podcast from the Holy Family School of Faith.



Teresa Scherschligt

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Rosary Foundation



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
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 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
4:00 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

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., September 27 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., September 28 at 8:00 AM — Brad Rose
Sun., September 28 at 9:30 AM — Viola Rohe
Tues., September 30 at 5:30 PM — For the soul of Kathy Kretsinger
Wed., October 1 at 8:00 AM — Scott Bauler
Thurs., October 2 at 8:00 AM — Susanne Follet
Fri., October 3 at 8:00 AM — Spencer Sloss

Sat., October 4 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., October 5 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf
Sun., October 5 at 9:30 AM — Ray & Lois Tunning
Tues., October 7 at 5:30 PM — For the soul of Kathy Kretsinger
Wed., October 8 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer
Thurs., October 9 at 8:00 AM — Shelly Bauler
Fri., October 10 at 8:00 AM — Madison Tunning

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— \$5,628
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$7,030

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,224
ADA— PAID IN FULL

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$748
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$522