THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

ST. CECILIA • ST. MARY • ST. PATRICK

May 3 & 4, 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



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PARISH announcements



First Communion

May 4th- St. Cecilia at 8:00 AM May 4th- St. Mary at 9:30 AM May 24th- St. Patrick at 4:30 PM

St. Cecilia

We will be celebrating our three First Communicants and our graduating senior on May 4th.

Please plan to join us after Mass for coffee and rolls and a chance to congratulate them!

St. Patrick's Communion

There will be Communion given in the back of church for all those who have difficulty walking to the front of the church.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO
WAS SLAIN TO RECEIVE
POWER AND RICHES AND
WISDOM, AND STRENGTH
AND HONOR AND GLORY
AND BLESSING!
REVELATION 5:12

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

This Third Sunday of Easter brings us face to face with one of the most tender and powerful moments in the Gospels—Jesus' appearance to His disciples by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1–19). In this beautiful scene, our risen Lord prepares breakfast for His weary disciples and restores Peter with a threefold question: "Do you love me?" Peter's reaffirmation of love and Jesus' command to "feed my sheep" speaks to all of us who sometimes falter and fail but are still called to return, love more deeply, and follow Christ with new courage.

In this Easter light, we acknowledge Pope Francis's passing with deep sorrow and hope for the Resurrection. His humility, steadfast witness to mercy, and love for the poor touched the hearts of millions. Let us fervently pray for the repose of his soul and also for the Cardinals who now gather in Conclave to elect his successor. May the Holy Spirit guide the Church in this historic moment, choosing a shepherd after God's heart.

Our parishes are especially blessed this weekend as many of our children receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to each of them and to their families! This moment is not just a milestone but a beginning—the start of a life nourished by the Most Holy Eucharist, the very heart of our Catholic faith. Jesus gives us not a symbol but His very Body and Blood to strengthen, guide, and remain with us always.

To the parents and guardians of our First Communicants: thank you for helping your children arrive at this sacred day. But remember, the greatest gift you can now give them is the habit of regular Sunday Mass, where they continue to meet the Lord who feeds and loves them. Let us not allow the "busyness of the world"—sports, schedules, and screens—to distract us from the One who waits for us on the shore of our lives, ready to feed us with Himself.

Let us all renew our devotion to the Eucharist. Jesus longs for each of us, not once, but every week. The altar is our Galilee, and here we hear again His gentle call: "Follow me."

In the Risen Christ, Fr. Ray

st. Mary's



FIRST COMMUNION candidates



St. Cecília's



Cameron Betts



Ezekiel Hernandez



Jamison Chaloupka



Kolby Riggen



Henry Lacey



Ainsley Schreiber



Cooper Strehle

GRADUATING





Sawyer Simmons





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 & 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.





Sat., May 3 at 4:30 PM — Robert & June and Ed Vanderheiden

Sun., May 4 at 8:00 AM - Alan Nagel

Sun., May 4 at 9:30 AM — Marietta Alesch & her family

Tues., May 6 at 5:30 PM - Iola Muhlbauer

Wed., May 7 at 8:00 AM - Delphine Demers

Thurs., May 8 at 8:00 AM - Eddie Dorsett & Family

Fri., May 9 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer

Sat., May 10 at 4:30 PM - John Werden

Sun., May 11 at 8:00 AM — Dave Thomas

Sun., May 11 at 9:30 AM — Marvin Finnegan

Tues., May 13 at 5:30 PM — David & Rita Halsey

Wed., May 14 at 8:00 AM - Novena for Holy Souls

Thurs., May 15 at 8:00 AM - Orville Leinen

Fri., May 16 at 8:00 AM - Kirk Klohs

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.



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,199 ACH- \$900

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$14,835

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$222 ACH— \$1,424 ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$8,049

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$917 ACH- \$780 ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$7,112