

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

May 10 & 11, 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

## PARISH announcements



### First Communion

May 24th— St. Patrick at 4:30 PM

### 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.



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



### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

DEAR LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD. TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF MOTHERS, BOTH BIOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL, WHO NURTURE AND GUIDE US IN YOUR WAYS. BLESS THEM WITH JOY, STRENGTH, AND LOVE TO CONTINUE THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION. MAY THEY FEEL DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND HONORED NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERY DAY. AMEN.

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# FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel from John (10:27-30) offers us profound reassurance:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

In these powerful words, Jesus reminds us of the intimate and loving relationship He desires to have with each of us. Like a shepherd who knows his flock intimately, calling each sheep by name, Jesus knows us, our joys, sorrows, strengths, and weaknesses. He calls us to follow Him, not with blind obedience, but with a trust born of love and recognition of His voice.

The promise of eternal life and the assurance that no one can snatch us from His or Father's hand offers immense comfort and security. In a world often filled with uncertainty and fear, this Gospel passage reminds us that we are held securely in the loving embrace of our Good Shepherd. Let us take time this week to listen for His voice in our lives through prayer, scripture, and the love of our community. May we respond to His call with open hearts and follow Him with unwavering faith.

This weekend, as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we also joyfully celebrate Mother's Day. We take this special opportunity to acknowledge and sincerely thank all mothers for the immeasurable gift of their love, dedication, and nurturing spirit.

Mothers play an indispensable role in developing and forming their children, shaping their character, instilling values, and providing the foundation for healthy relationships throughout their lives. Their love is often the first and most profound experience of God's unconditional love that we encounter. Whether through biological ties, adoption, or the selfless act of nurturing, mothers are pillars of strength, compassion, and unwavering support within our families and community.

We pray for all mothers—those present with us, those far away, and those who now rest in God's eternal embrace. May they know the depth of our gratitude and the abundance of God's blessings upon them. May their love continue to inspire and guide us all.

As May progresses, we also turn our hearts and minds towards Memorial Day, a solemn occasion to remember and honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Their courage and dedication have secured the freedoms we cherish, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Please mark your calendar for our annual Memorial Day Mass, which is scheduled for Monday, May 26th, at 8:30 am at Resurrection Cemetery. We encourage all to join us as we pray for the souls of our fallen heroes and offer thanks for their selfless service.

In addition to our "All Parishes" Mass, I also want to encourage everyone to participate in the Veterans' Memorial Day events taking place in your respective communities. These local observances provide an essential opportunity to come together as a community, remember specific individuals who have served, and show our support for our veterans and their families.

I will offer the Prayer Invocation at 10:00 am at the Veterans Memorial Day Event at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Panora. I encourage those in the Panora area to join me as we honor our local heroes.

Let us all take time this Memorial Day to reflect on the cost of freedom and express our sincere gratitude through prayer to those who have paid the ultimate price. May their sacrifices never be forgotten.

May the peace and love of our Risen Lord be with you always.  
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ray

St. Mary's

# GRADUATING seniors



Bryce Betts



Jayla Hoover



Grace Lavoy



Payton Policky



Paige VanMeter



Mason Wahl

*Congratulations!*

St. Patrick's



Lucas Obert





## 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 & 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., 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

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Sat., May 17 at 4:30 PM — Deceased members of Callahan & Holland family  
Sun., May 18 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family  
Sun., May 18 at 9:30 AM — Don Reinhart  
Tues., May 20 at 5:30 PM — Fr. Higgins & Higgins family  
Wed., May 21 at 8:00 AM — Deacon Dick, Deacon Dennis & their families

Thurs., May 22 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf  
Fri., May 23 at 8:00 AM — Souls in Purgatory

### 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— \$2,257  
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$14,835

### St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$635  
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$8,049

### St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,202  
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$7,112