

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

January 4 & 5, 2025

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St. Mary - Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00 PM

WEEKLY
offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Christmas Eve — \$2,659

Christmas Day — \$2,115

Sunday, Dec. 29 — \$1,358

ACH — \$925

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Christmas Eve — \$949

Sunday, Dec. 29 — \$2,838

ACH — \$1,364

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Christmas Eve — \$1,545

Saturday, Dec. 28 — \$831

ACH — \$890

FROM THE DESK OF

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Dear Parishioners,

The Epiphany of the Lord is significant in this feast for all ages, from the wonder of the Magi story to the mature understanding of God's presence everywhere for everyone. Epiphany comes from the Greek word *epipháneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." In Catholic Tradition, it refers to the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world. Epiphany commemorates several key events in Jesus' life where His divine nature was revealed, like **The Visit of the Magi** (Wise Men): The revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi who came to worship Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The **Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan**: Celebrating the moment the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God's voice declared Him His beloved Son. The **Miracle at the Wedding at Cana**: Jesus' first public miracle, turning water into wine, revealed His divine power.

The events remind us to recognize and honor the divine daily and be open to how God manifests in our world. For the young, seeds are planted in their hearts and minds to seek God, the light of truth and love. For the old, it reminds them of the enduring promise of God's guidance and grace.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to enrich our parish life throughout 2024. Your dedication to music and song, decorating our sacred spaces, ministering at the altar, ushering, greeting, and so many other acts of service has been invaluable. Your financial support is also essential, and I am happy to say we have paid our bills and completed much-needed maintenance on our buildings. Again, thank you. On a personal note, I am overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity at special moments throughout the year, including this Christmas.

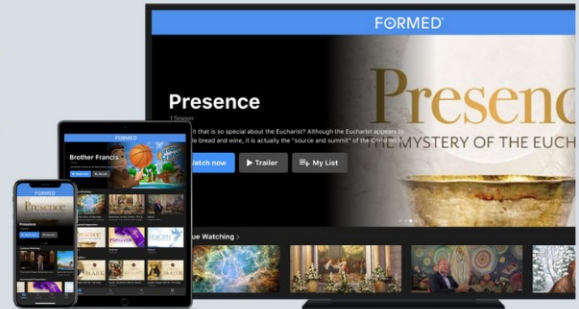
May your new year be filled with blessings, joy, and peace, surpassing the year that has passed.

With gratitude,

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MASS intentions



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Sun., Jan. 5 at 8:00 AM – Deceased members of Barb & Dave Ryan's family

Sun., Jan. 5 at 9:30 AM – Duane Clark

Tues., Jan. 7 at 5:30 PM – George, Miranda, Maritza & Raphael

Wed., Jan. 8 at 8:00 AM – Orville Leinen

Thurs., Jan. 9 at 8:00 AM – Living members of the Ziller family

Fri., Jan. 10 at 8:00 AM – Joann Reil

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Thurs., Jan. 16 at 8:00 AM – Orville Leinen

Fri., Jan. 17 at 8:00 AM – Bernadette Clark



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.

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We carry sizes 00-28, have dressing rooms available and will be opening for walk-in shopping on the following Saturdays:

February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22,
March 1

Private appointments won't start until February 20th, but feel free to get on the calendar now by calling or texting Dona @ 712-830-7825.

We accept donations of gently used, current floor-length gowns all year 'round as well. Text Dona for drop-off locations, or bring yours to shopping days/appointments.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we are reminded of Jesus's immersion in the waters of the Jordan and the voice from heaven proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." It marks the beginning of his public ministry, which is focused on sharing God's love and salvation with the world. This week, let us reflect on our baptism and how we are called to live as God's beloved children, sharing His love with those around us, especially within our families.

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of activities—school, work, and numerous extracurriculars—but while these pursuits can be valuable, it's crucial to ensure they don't overshadow the importance of God and family.

While extra-curricular activities provide valuable experiences and skills, it is crucial to prioritize time spent together as a family. Family activities foster strong bonds, improve communication, promote emotional well-being, and offer opportunities to teach values and traditions.

Parents might consider setting boundaries by saying no to some extra-curricular activities to ensure ample time for meaningful family interactions. Remember, the time we spend together as a family is an investment in our relationships and our children's future.

Family time is essential for growing faith, strengthening relationships, and building a foundation of love and trust. It's where values are taught, memories are made, and our children learn what it means to live as disciples of Christ. Shared meals, prayer, and even simple moments of laughter create a sense of belonging and help families navigate life's challenges.

As we begin a new year, I encourage you to evaluate your family's schedule and make room for shared activities, prayer, and rest. When prioritizing family life, we honor God and strengthen the domestic church, the heart of our parish community.

May God bless you and your families,

Fr. Ray

St. Cecilia

Thank you to those parishioners who helped take
Christmas Decorations down after mass.

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Sun., Jan. 19 at 8:00 AM — Dan Donahy
Sun., Jan. 19 at 9:30 AM — Blake & Katie Faucher
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St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$4,986

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St. Patrick Weekly Offering

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St. Patrick's Ladies Guild Meeting

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Year of Jubilee- What is the Jubilee Year?

- + The Jubilee Year is a time for renewal and forgiveness in the Catholic Church.
- + It is a year when the faithful can receive plenary indulgence, which is the forgiveness of sins for themselves or deceased relatives.
- + The Jubilee Year is celebrated every 25 years.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we reflect on the profound moment captured in our first reading, where Ezra, the priest, reads the Law of God to the Israelites upon their return from exile. As the people listen, they weep, recognizing how far they have strayed from God. In this moment of sorrow, Ezra and Nehemiah remind them that this day is holy and calls for joy, for reconnecting with God's Word is a cause for celebration. This powerful reminder emphasizes the importance of Scripture in our lives—it invites us to reflection and repentance while also bringing the joy of renewal in God's love.

In the Gospel, St. Luke begins with his purpose: to provide an orderly account of Jesus' life so that we may believe. He recounts a pivotal moment when Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue, declaring the prophecy fulfilled in Him. This declaration reveals Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, and healing to the brokenhearted. For us, it serves as a call to recognize Christ as the fulfillment of God's promises and to share in His mission of bringing hope and healing to the world.

Both readings underscore the transformative power of God's Word. Nehemiah highlights the joy of rediscovering and living by God's Law, while Luke presents Jesus as the living Word, fulfilling the Scriptures and bringing salvation. These passages invite us to let Scripture shape our hearts, renew our faith, and inspire us to act daily.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day, we bless the candles used in the Church throughout the year and the candles used to bless throats in honor of St. Blaise. The Church invites all to bring their candles used at home (or a representative sampling of candles), and I will bless them with the candles used at Mass and other Holy occasions. I intend to extend the blessing to your candles at home as well. These candles include those you use for prayer and atmosphere light around the house, especially during Holy Days or other special occasions like dinner and during storms when the electricity goes out (to name a few). The blessing of these candles serves as a reminder of Christ's presence in your homes. We will offer throat blessings after next Sunday's Mass. Please consider bringing your candles next weekend, February 1 and 2, and I will bless them during our Masses.

May we all embrace the joy of reconnecting with God's Word and sharing in Christ's mission, being a light and Christ-like example to those around us.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



St Pius X Catholic Church in Des Moines is hosting the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit and Relic visit on Saturday Feb 15th
Public viewing is 10:00 am to 4:30 pm with Mass at 5:00pm

Bl. Carlo will be Canonized Apr 25-27 in Rome by Pope Francis.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to spend some time with the soon to be newest Saint in the Catholic Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vtKnAOF0A4>
<https://carloacutis-en.org/>



<https://people.com/the-little-rascals-cast-where-are-they-now-7502680>

Save the Date

Tuesday, March 25 &
Wednesday, March 26
Lenten Retreat

St. Patrick's Church, Bayard IA

Speaker: Bug Hall

Bug is a former actor, starring as Alfalfa in the 90's movie "The Little Rascals" and a convert to Catholicism.

He will speak of his time in Hollywood and his conversion to the Catholic Faith.

Start time-both nights- 6:30PM



St. Patrick's Church

Bayard, Iowa

Beef 'N Noodle Dinner

Homemade noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Roll, Drink, and Homemade Dessert



Sunday March 16th

11 am-1 pm

\$10.00 per person

4 and free

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Bayard Community Building



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Immediately following Mass today, we will have the blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise. St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr, was known for his miraculous healings, and this blessing is a powerful reminder of God's care for us in body and soul.

I also want to encourage everyone in our parish to use Formed.org, a valuable resource for Catholic formation and inspiration. Sometimes called "the Catholic Netflix," Formed offers a vast library of movies, talks, Bible studies, and children's programs to help you grow in faith. If you haven't signed up yet, I highly encourage you to do so—it's free for our parishioners!

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February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, March 1

Private appointments won't start until February 20th, but feel free to get on the calendar now by calling or texting Dona @ 712-830-7825.

We accept donations of gently used, current floor-length gowns all year 'round as well. Text Dona for drop-off locations, or bring yours to shopping days/appointments.

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Our takeaway is simple: Do not let fear or a sense of unworthiness keep you from answering God's call. Whether in family, work, or service to others, trust that His grace is sufficient, and like Isaiah, may we say, "Here I am, send me."

A brief travel note: After Sunday Masses, I will be heading to Arvada, CO, to help my aunt move back to Iowa. There will be no daily Masses from Tuesday, February 11, through Thursday, February 13. I plan to return for 8:00 am Mass on Friday, February 14.

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Please email Mary Calmer to get signed up marystaley23@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday Mass times

Wednesday, March 5th

St Cecilia– 8AM

St Mary– 4:30PM

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Dear Parish Family,

The readings this weekend call us to one of the most difficult yet powerful aspects of Christian living: **Mercy**. In **1 Samuel 26**, David has the perfect opportunity to take revenge on Saul, who has been hunting him down, yet he chooses mercy instead. Likewise, in **Luke 6**, Jesus commands us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and be merciful just as our Heavenly Father is merciful. The message is clear: **True strength is found not in retaliation, but in mercy**. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, this call to mercy invites us to reflect on our own hearts—how do we treat those who challenge us? Do we seek revenge or do we imitate the mercy of Christ?

Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming up on **March 5**, marking the beginning of Lent—a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a time to turn our hearts back to God, to repent, and to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter. It is a time to let go of resentment, sin, and distractions so we can grow in holiness. I encourage you to enter Lent with an open heart, seeking God’s mercy and extending that same mercy to others. **See the bulletin for the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday.**

Upcoming Travel

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Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, Lent begins—a 40-day season of spiritual preparation for Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. It reminds us of our need for God's grace and His eagerness to give it.

A meaningful Lenten tradition is giving something up, whether small (like chocolate) or challenging (like digital entertainment). This practice strengthens Christian hope, reminding us that true happiness lies in heaven, not on earth. By sacrificing something we enjoy, we unite to Christ's sacrifice and refocus on our eternal goal.

As Ash Wednesday approaches, let's prayerfully decide what to give up or ask God what He wants you to give up.

Jesus renews His commitment to us in the Eucharist in today's Mass. Let us renew our confidence in Him, keeping our friendship with Him and our journey to eternal life as our top priority.

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Hearing Assistance technology available at St. Cecilia

Three methods are available for either our parishioners or for our visitors.

Works well for persons with hearing aides of any kind.

One separate method is for persons without hearing aides but who have a smart phone (& ear buds) in order to download an app to connect to the sound - volume is then controlled with the phone.

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Peanut butter and Jelly

Spaghetti Sauce

Ramen Noodles

Canned Chicken or Tuna

Money for ground beef

Paper products like kleenex, toilet paper

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First Sunday of Lent – Year C

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Reminder: Stations of the Cross will occur immediately following each Lent Mass. Confessions will be available before each daily and Sunday Mass, except at St. Mary's in Guthrie Center, where Confessions will take place after Mass or Stations of the Cross.

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Unwrapping God's Gifts:
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Keynote Speaker: Jean Gatz

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- Mass with Bishop Joensen & Offertory for Catholic Youth Camp Sponsorship fund
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We live this out through the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), which funds over 70% of our Diocese's ministries—including seminarian formation, faith education, Catholic Charities, and parish support. Every parish has a goal, and funds raised beyond it stay within our parish. Please consider making a gift—every contribution matters!

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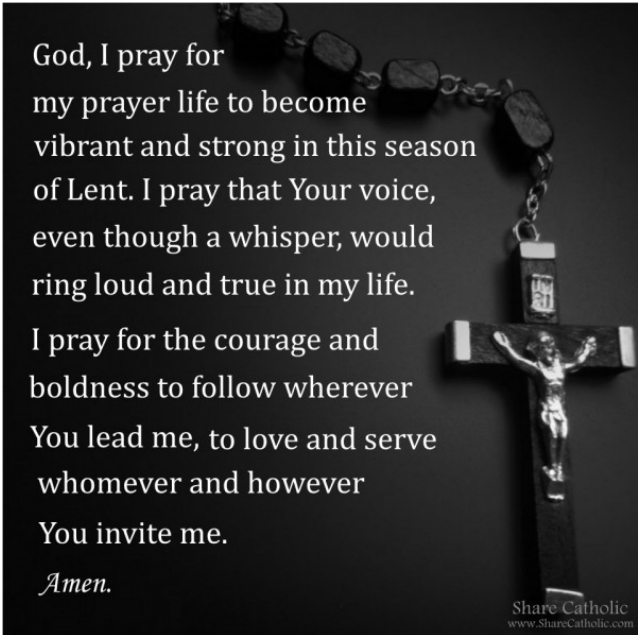
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God, I pray for
my prayer life to become
vibrant and strong in this season
of Lent. I pray that Your voice,
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Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

As we enter the Third Sunday of Lent, the readings call us to reflect deeply on God's mercy, patience, and call to conversion. In Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, we hear of Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, where God reveals His name, "I AM WHO AM," and His plan to deliver Israel from slavery. This passage reminds us that God is actively present in our struggles, sees our suffering, and desires to lead us to freedom and renewal.

In Luke 13:1-9, Jesus addresses tragedies and the need for repentance. He teaches that suffering is not always a punishment for sin but rather an urgent call to conversion. The parable of the barren fig tree illustrates God's patience and mercy, giving us time to bear fruit in our spiritual lives. However, this time is not limitless—we must respond to God's grace and turn our hearts toward Him. One crucial takeaway: God offers us His mercy and time to change, but we should not delay responding to His call. Lent is a time to repent, renew our faith, and bear fruit through prayer, fasting, and charity.

A big thank you to everyone who made the Beef and Noodle Dinner at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bayard delicious and successful! Seeing so many working together in fellowship and service was a joy. Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus of St. Cecilia Catholic Church for a fantastic fish fry and everyone who braved the bad weather to participate.

I invite everyone to St. Mary's Fish Fry on Friday, April 11—details will be in the bulletin. Additionally, I encourage you to stay after the Masses for the Stations of the Cross as a meaningful Lenten devotion. Take advantage of the extra time for confession before and after Mass to prepare your heart for Easter.

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Retreat at St. Patrick Church on March 24 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and focus on your relationship with Christ. Details are in the bulletin.

Lastly, please remember to make your gift or pledge to the Diocese of Des Moines Annual Appeal. Your generosity supports our diocese's vital ministries and mission.

Let us continue this Lenten journey together, striving to grow in faith and bear fruit in our lives. May we not delay responding to God's call to conversion and renewal.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



<https://people.com/the-little-rascals-cast-where-are-they-now-7502680>

Save the Date

Tuesday, March 25 & Wednesday, March 26

Lenten Retreat

St. Patrick's Church, Bayard IA

Speaker: Bug Hall

Bug is a former actor, starring as Alfalfa in the 90's movie "The Little Rascals" and a convert to Catholicism. He will speak of his time in Hollywood and his conversion to the Catholic Faith.

Start time-both nights- 6:30PM

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What Catholics Believe



Foretold

Annunciation Men's Club Spring Breakfast

Serving Pancakes, Eggs and Sausage

Sunday, March 23rd

Annunciation Parish Center

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Adults \$8.00

Children 10 & under \$4.00

Carry outs available Call 999-2472



Are you homebound, in a care facility, or ill and unable to get to Mass?

Every Sunday, the Mass at St. Cecilia is recorded and given to Panora Fiber

It is then broadcast on Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. You can find it on channel 900 on fiber or channel 12 on analog.

Another option to watch is EWTN. Daily & Sunday Mass is broadcast live at 7:00AM on channel 342 on fiber or channel 10 on analog. It is re-broadcast at 11:00AM and 6:00PM each day

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Thurs., March 27 at 8:00 AM — Paul Sprick
Fri., March 28 at 8:00 AM — All parish musicians

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy Closing Prayer

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WEEKLY offerings



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Sunday weekly offering— \$4,698

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$790

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

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St. Mary's Church hall in Guthrie Center

Dine-in or Drive-thru

Adult \$12- Kids \$6

Hand breaded fish, homemade cornbread muffins, coleslaw, au gratin potatoes and dessert.

Lemonade, tea & beer included

Cheese pizza option for kids



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This Fifth Sunday of Lent, our Gospel reading from John (8:1-11), presents us with the powerful story of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus' encounter with her and her accusers is a profound reminder of God's boundless mercy and our call to compassion. He challenges the self-righteousness that seeks to condemn and offers a path of forgiveness and a new beginning: "Go, and from now on, do not sin again."

I will attend the State of Iowa Knights of Columbus Convention in Dubuque this weekend. I am deeply grateful to Fr. Mike Peters for his willingness to celebrate Mass and minister to you in my absence. His generosity in sharing his time and priesthood "truly" blesses our community. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on our need for God's mercy and strive to extend that same compassion to others. Let us examine areas where we might be quick to judge and instead choose the path of understanding and forgiveness.

As part of our commitment to the wider Church, I also want to mention our Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) briefly. This important appeal provides vital funding – over 70% of the operating revenue – that enables our Diocese to support

essential ministries throughout our 23 counties. Your contributions to the ADA directly impact the formation of future priests, outreach to the poor, youth faith formation, support for our Catholic schools and teachers, care for our active and retired clergy, and numerous other crucial services provided by Catholic Charities and diocesan offices. Please prayerfully consider pledging to the ADA. No matter the size, every gift makes a real difference in advancing our local Church, where God's love is encountered, shared, and celebrated.

Finally, please check the schedule of our annual Ecumenical Holy Week Services. These Services are a fantastic opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other denominations as we prepare to enter into the Paschal Mystery.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

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Holy Week Ecumenical Services— Guthrie Center

Monday, April 14th— First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, April 15th— St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, April 16th— Methodist Church

Thursday, April 17th— 17th Day Adventist Church

Friday, April 18th— Lutheran Church

*All services start at 7AM and light breakfast will be served following each service.



COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 PM

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Story Time with Brother Francis



The Slugs and Bugs Show



Holy Week & Easter Special Laugh and Grow Bible for...



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Don & Joan Staver
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Tues., April 8 at 5:30 PM – Seidl Family
Wed., April 9 at 9:00 AM – Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., April 10 at 8:00 AM – Helen Sprick
Fri., April 11 at 8:00 AM – Reg Galles
Sat., April 12 at 4:30 PM – Helen Quinn
Sun., April 13 at 8:00 AM – Deacon Dick, Deacon Dennis & their
families
Sun., April 13 at 9:30 AM – Marietta Alesch & her family
Tues., April 15 at 5:30 PM – Crosier Family
Wed., April 16 at 9:00 AM – Mike Harris
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Fri., April 18 at 8:00 AM – Paul & Agatha Sailer



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ACH- \$900

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$16,880

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ACH- \$1,424

ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$10,599

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

Easter is the heart of our Christian faith—the celebration of Jesus Christ rising from the dead, conquering sin and death, and opening the way to eternal life. His Resurrection is not just a historical event; it’s a living truth that brings hope, healing, and the promise of new beginnings for everyone everywhere.

For Christians, Easter reminds them that love is stronger than hate, light is greater than darkness, and life triumphs over death. But this message is not just for believers—it is a gift for the whole world. In a time when many feel overwhelmed, lost, or divided, the Risen Christ offers peace and unity, purpose, and eternal hope.

Today, we especially rejoice in welcoming our new brothers and sisters in Christ—those who have entered the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Welcome to the family of faith! May you always know the joy and strength of walking with the Lord and His Church.

A heartfelt thank you to all who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful—those who decorated the Church, served in our liturgical ministries, prepared music, coordinated OCIA, and supported us in prayer and service. Your dedication brings the joy of Easter alive for all of us.

I pray that God bless each of you abundantly this Easter Season. May your hearts be filled with the joy of the Risen Lord, and your lives reflect His love for all you meet.

Happy Easter!

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Ray



**Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Christ the King
on Sunday, April 27th.**

The "caravan" will leave St Cecilia's parking lot promptly at 1:30 p.m. that day for the 3:00 p.m. Chaplet and 3:30 p.m. Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday.

This is an opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence for yourself or a loved one in purgatory!

Our Bishop has designated 5 sites in our diocese for our "pilgrimages". We will pick up our "passports" at the church upon our arrival.

We will take our passports with us to each of the other 4 sites when we visit those.

Please see last week's bulletin article for more information on the Jubilee Year as well as the conditions for a plenary indulgence.

Should you have questions about this pilgrimage, please call the Zillers at 515-371-6135

You may choose to go earlier for confessions from 1-3.

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Wed., April 23 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Thurs., April 24 at 8:00 AM — Richard Robert Higgins
Fri., April 25 at 8:00 AM — Cindy & Dave Ahrens & Family

Sat., April 26 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., April 27 at 8:00 AM — Mary & Max Glovas
Sun., April 27 at 9:30 AM — Karen Bellas
Tues., April 29 at 5:30 PM — Marie Murrane
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St. Cecilia

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Dear Parish Family,

As we gather to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are drawn deeply into the heart of Christ, who revealed to St. Faustina the boundless mercy flowing from His Sacred Heart. Today's feast reminds us that no sin is greater than God's mercy and that we must be instruments of that same mercy in a world that desperately needs it.

It is with both sorrow and hope that I share the passing of Pope Francis. A shepherd with a heart for the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized, Pope Francis touched the world with the tenderness of Christ. From the slums of Buenos Aires to the halls of the Vatican, his witness to mercy and humility has changed lives and challenged the Church to live out the Gospel more fully. Let us pray for his soul's repose and thank God for his profound example of pastoral love.

We also lift in prayer Fr. Michael Burner, a devoted priest of our Diocese, who has entered into eternal life. May the Lord reward him for his faithful service and welcome him into the joy of His Kingdom. We pray for his family, brother priests, and all who mourn his loss.

This weekend, we are honored to welcome Bishop William Joensen, who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our students. The presence of a bishop among us reminds us of our unity with the wider Church and the apostolic foundation upon which our faith is built. Confirmation seals our young people with the gift of the Holy Spirit, strengthening them for a life of discipleship. Please keep them in your prayers so that they may be courageous witnesses of Christ in the world.

And in the spirit of joy and thanksgiving, we congratulate Susie and Dale Seidl on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! This weekend, they will renew their vows, a powerful witness to the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage and the enduring love that reflects God's covenant with His people. May the Lord bless them with health, happiness, and years of love together.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may our hearts be open to the mercy of Christ, and may we share that mercy freely with others.

In the peace of the Risen Christ,

Fr. Ray

Welcome to the Catholic Church!!

We want to welcome
Monique Hoffman, Cari Gruber,
Jacob Calmer and Tessa Hansen!!

Tribunal Advocate Training Information

Time: 12-5 pm

Dates: Thursday, May 8: – Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave

Saturday, May 10: – St Patrick Parish, Neola

Saturday, May 17: – St Francis Parish, West Des Moines

Role of an Advocate:

An Advocate is a person with technical training in Tribunal procedures and grounds for marriage nullity, who can assist a person during the progression of his or her petition for a declaration of nullity, making sure that quality evidence is gathered and the person is as well represented as possible throughout the process.

This person is not required to assist in starting a case (that person is usually called a “case sponsor” but instead accompanies a party during their case.

We are planning to enhance and role of Advocates in our Diocese, which will result in more direct engagement between Advocates and those they represent. The biggest changes that individuals will notice are the following:

Advocates will interact directly with represented parties, during the stage of the process where information is submitted with the Tribunal.

Advocates will assist represented parties to help identify the most relevant grounds for potential nullity, and what information would be most helpful to support their petition or case.

At the conclusion of the case, Advocates will submit written arguments to the judge to assist him in his discernment.

Because of the substantial increase in investment in cases, Advocates will be offered a \$150 stipend per case.

Who:

Any properly trained Catholic in our Diocese can potentially serve as an Advocate, whether that be a priest, deacon, or layperson. The most important qualities that we are looking for in an Advocate are the following: (1) A understanding and belief in the Church’s teaching on the permanence of marriage, (2) a pastoral heart, and the willingness to patiently and lovingly accompany people through a petition for a declaration of nullity, and (3) an attentive mind, and the capacity to present thoughtful legal arguments on behalf of the represented party.

How:

This five hour training will provide a solid foundation for future Advocates, describing the Church’s teaching on marriage, how to understand potential grounds for nullity, how the procedure for adjudicating a petition for a declaration of nullity progresses, and the specific role of an Advocate.

A person will not immediately step into the role of Advocate after this training, but instead will enter into an ongoing formation and training process, and they will only be asked to serve as an Advocate once they feel fully equipped. Lunch will be provided at each training.

If you are personally interested in serving in this way, or would like to learn more, please reach out directly to Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056.

The RSVP deadline for each training will be seven days in advance of the event.

Thank you so much for considering serving the people of God in the Diocese of Des Moines in this important ministry!



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Sat., April 26 at 4:30 PM – Mass for the People
Sun., April 27 at 8:00 AM – Mary & Max Glovas
Sun., April 27 at 9:30 AM – Karen Bellas
Tues., April 29 at 5:30 PM – Marie Murrane
Wed., April 30 at 8:00 AM – Miranda & George Holland
Thurs., May 1 at 8:00 AM – Novena for Holy Souls
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Sunday weekly offering— \$4,209
Holy Land- \$249

ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$16,880

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$902
Holy Land— \$315

ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$10,599

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,892
Holy Land- \$252.85

ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$9,532

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May 4th- St. Cecilia at 8:00 AM

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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

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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



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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. Cecilia's



Cameron Betts



Ezekiel Hernandez



Jamison Chaloupka



Kolby Riggen



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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

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**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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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.

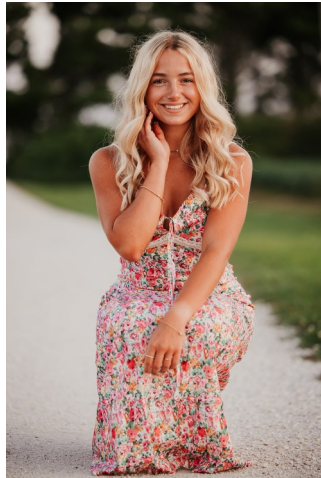
May the peace and love of our Risen Lord be with you always.
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ray

St. Mary's

GRADUATING seniors



Bryce Betts



Jayla Hoover



Grace Lavoy



Payton Policky



Paige VanMeter



Mason Wahl

Congratulations!

St. Patrick's



Lucas Obert



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

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Sunday weekly offering— \$1,202
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FATHER IN HEAVEN,

everything comes from You, even
the rain that sustains our crops.
We pray for rain, especially in
this hot season, so that our crops
won't go to waste. Sustain us and
our crops with Your grace.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

AMEN.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to reflect on perseverance in faith and the renewal God offers to each of us. In Acts, we see Paul and Barnabas encouraging the disciples, reminding them that faith often requires endurance through trials. Revelation assures us that God dwells with us, making all things new. And in John's Gospel, Christ gives us His commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

These readings remind me of a moment that deepened my understanding of faith and relationships. Years ago, a man in one of the parishes I had served—let's call him Tom—had stopped attending Mass regularly. Life's burdens weighed heavily on him, and he felt distant from God and his community. One day, I noticed him sitting in the back pew after Mass. I walked over and sat beside him.

He hesitated before speaking, then admitted that he felt unworthy to return, uncertain if God was still there for him. I reminded him that God's love never wavers—He is always present, constantly renewing us. Faith is not about perfection; it is about returning, about continuity, even when we falter. After that conversation, Tom slowly began re-engaging with the Sacraments, attending Mass more often and rebuilding his prayer life. Over time, his heart was transformed—not through a dramatic event, but through the quiet persistence of grace.

This Easter season, let us take that same step of renewal. Continue in the Sacraments—attend Mass, receive the Eucharist, and embrace the rhythm of prayer in your daily life. Strengthen your relationships with God, loved ones, and each person you encounter. In moments of doubt or distance, know that God is always inviting us back, always making all things new.

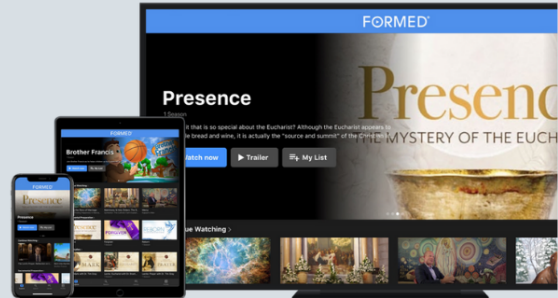
May His peace sustain you, and may His love guide you in all your ways.

In Christ's joy,

Fr. Ray

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ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$8,049

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$820
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$7,112

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

May 24 & 25, 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



Summer Mass time added!!!

We will be starting a 6:30PM Mass time at St. Cecilia's in Panora during the summer.

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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear the gentle yet powerful reminder of God's abiding presence in our readings. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (John 14:23). These words offer a beautiful image of the intimacy God desires to share with us — to dwell with us, to be at home in our hearts and our lives.

This promise of divine indwelling is not abstract. It is made real in our sacraments, worship, and love for one another. Every time we respond in love—to God, to our families, to the Church—we are creating a sacred space for Him to dwell.

A Few Parish Updates:

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA 2025):** Thank you to those already participating in this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so. The Annual Appeal is an integral part of our parish stewardship, and you may mark your tithing as "ADA 2025." The Appeal supports the essential ministries of our diocese, which in turn benefit every parish. Your generosity makes a real difference.
- **New Saturday Evening Mass at St. Cecilia's:** Beginning Saturday, May 31, I will begin offering a 6:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Cecilia Church for the summer months. This Mass comes in response to several requests to restart that tradition, and I mentioned it last Sunday to the St. Cecilia community, who seemed enthusiastic about it. We'll keep this Mass simple in format, mindful not to overburden our dedicated cantors and musicians. Let's try it and see how it goes — your presence and feedback will help shape how it continues.
- **Memorial Day Mass** – May 26 at Resurrection Cemetery:

Please join us for Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at 8:30 AM at Resurrection Cemetery as we remember and pray for all who gave their lives in service to our country. This is a meaningful way to honor their sacrifice and commend them to God's mercy. We also pray for all those who have died.

As we continue journeying toward Pentecost, let us stay attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May our parish always be a home where the Lord is welcome — through our prayer, service, and love for one another.

In Christ's peace, Fr Ray

ADULT FAITH SESSION DATES:

June 18th - 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia

July 16th - 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

Aug 20 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary

All parishioners welcome to attend.

Annunciation Parish Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, June 1, 2025 Time: 4:00PM- 7:00PM

Where: Annunciation Parish Center, Coon Rapids, IA

Serving: Broasted Chicken from

Lidderdale County Store

Scalloped Potatoes / Salad Bar

Homemade Pies & Desserts

Adults \$11.00 Children 10 Yrs & Under \$7.00

All Carry outs are \$11.00

Carry Outs Available 712-999-2472

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Eucharist stands at the center of our Faith. We as Catholics are called to believe in the REAL PRESENCE.....that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. However, a 2019 Pew Survey revealed that 69% of today's Catholics do not believe this. 43% erroneously believe the Church teaches that the bread and wine are mere symbols!

A 3 year program for Eucharistic Revival began Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022 and was developed by the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops). The revival is intended to call all Catholics back to the true teaching of the Church in the Real Presence and "to revive the place of the Eucharist in the minds, hearts and lives of all Catholics in the United States."

May 18, 2024 (Pentecost weekend) Eucharistic Pilgrimages began from the 4 corners of our nation. St. Junipero Serra Route (West), Seton Route (East), Marian Route (North), St. Juan Diego Route (South) all converged in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024 for the National Eucharistic Congress. Many of our parishioners participated in some of the pilgrimages in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Imogene and Shenandoah, some also attended the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis!

After a year of mission, May 18, 2025, began the next and final phase of the revival with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Indianapolis and "Drexel Route" pilgrimages leaving there. The pilgrimage will end on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 22, 2025, in Los Angeles after travelling across the nation offering Masses, Holy Hours and other devotions along the way.

This "Drexel Route" will see stops in Davenport, Dubuque and Des Moines.

So, we now have the opportunity to participate in the return pilgrimage for Eucharistic Revival AND a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Hope!

The stop in Des Moines will be Tuesday, May 27 at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Eucharistic Adoration at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Bishop Cozzens, who spearheaded this revival for USCCB said that Catholics who participate in any part of the pilgrimage this year have the opportunity to obtain an indulgence.

Please prayerfully consider participating.

For our May pilgrimage of the Jubilee Year, we will travel to Des Moines:

St. Ambrose Cathedral at 607 High St on May 27

Adoration 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 and Mass 12:10 (come for some, stay for all - your choice)

Remember to bring & stamp your "passport" or obtain one there to begin stamping and documenting your pilgrimages.

Questions? Call 515-371-6135

June, July and August pilgrimage dates to be determined.



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., May 24 at 4:30 PM — Seidl Family
 Sun., May 25 at 8:00 AM — Novena for Holy Souls
 Sun., May 25 at 9:30 AM — TJ Redfern
 Mon., May 26 (cemetery mass) at 8:30 AM — All deceased, esp veterans
 Tues., May 27 at 5:30 PM — George, Miranda & Maritza Holland
 Wed., May 28 at 8:00 AM — Ron Galles
 Thurs., May 29 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer
 Fri., May 30 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family
 Sat., May 31 at 4:30 PM — Matt Murrane
 Sat., May 31 at 6:30 PM — Mass for the People
 Sun., June 1 at 8:00 AM — Mike Holland & Ed Higgins & Raphael
 Sun., June 1 at 9:30 AM — Milo Rees
 Tues., June 3 at 5:30 PM — John & Linda Hoffmann
 Wed., June 4 at 8:00 AM — Barb Galles
 Thurs., June 5 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer
 Fri., June 6 at 8:00 AM — Cindy Ahrens

Bulletin announcements

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Bulletins print on Wednesdays.

WEEKLY offerings



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