

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

July 25 & 26, 2026

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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.

## PARISH announcements



### Reminder St Patrick Second Collection

A second collection will be taken at Mass next week (August 1) and quarterly for the Coon Rapids-Bayard Food Pantry. Your donation could be cash or check. Checks should be made out to Coon Rapids-Bayard Food Pantry.

Your cancelled check is your receipt.

### Reminder St Mary's Parish Second Collection

A second collection will be taken next week (August 1) and quarterly at St. Mary's for New Opportunities and Association of Churches food pantry.



## ST. MARY religious education

As we prepare for a new Religious Education year, we're refreshing and organizing our classroom supplies.

If you'd like to support our RE program, we'd be grateful for your help! You can purchase needed items from our Amazon Wish List at <http://bit.ly/stmaryRE> or contact Jamie Terwilliger if you would prefer to make a monetary donation.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us provide a welcoming, faith-filled learning environment for our students!



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

# FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Ray Higgins



**Dear Friends,**

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a hidden treasure and a pearl of great price. These parables remind us that God's Kingdom is worth everything because God has already given everything for us.

Many people know that God loves them, but few truly grasp how deep that love is. Throughout Scripture, the Father's sorrow is that His children forget how dearly they are loved. This week, take a quiet moment each day to pray: "**Lord, help me to see how much You love me.**" As we discover His love more deeply, we naturally place Him at the center of our lives.

**Thank You!**

I am deeply grateful to everyone who helped make our recent parish events such a success.

A special thank you to the **St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus** for their leadership and service at the Outdoor Mass. If you would like to learn more about the Knights and the brotherhood they offer, please speak with Rick Langel or any Knight after Mass.

Thank you as well to everyone who helped with the **Outdoor Mass at Boulder Beach** and the **RAGBRAI Beef and Noodles Dinner**. Whether you planned, cooked, served, welcomed guests, provided music, cleaned up, or worked behind the scenes, your generosity reflected the love of Christ and strengthened our parish family. May God bless each of you for your generous service.

Finally, I will be away **July 26–31**, traveling with my mother and friends to Branson, Missouri. **Fr. Francis** will be caring for the parishes while I am away.

May God bless you and your families.

**Fr. Ray**



## UPCOMING events



# CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE Chris Stefanick



Inspired by his great love for Jesus, Chris inspires millions as founder and president of Real Life Catholic, his non-profit organization. He is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author, podcast and TV host. Join Chris and eight other world-class speakers for a life-changing, powerful weekend this fall.

**September 26 & 27, 2026**

**Casey's Center Des Moines**

(Formerly Wells Fargo Arena)

Scan the QR code to buy tickets

Go to [ChristOurLifelowa.com](http://ChristOurLifelowa.com) for complete information



**In person or Livestream**

*Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!*



### St. Thomas More Center— Job Opportunity

Home of Catholic Youth Camp in  
Panora

#### NOW HIRING FACILITIES MANAGER

This is a full-time, year-round position with benefits.

On-site housing available.

[stmcenter.com/job-openings](http://stmcenter.com/job-openings)

Contact Jason Anderson: [jason@stmcenter.com](mailto:jason@stmcenter.com)



Thank you, thank you, thank you! We could not have pulled off feeding beef and noodles to 800-850 ragbrai riders without everybody who donated money, bars and time. It was a great success! Final numbers will be shared when expenses are tallied.

**Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years?** Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

**MARRIED COUPLES.** Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next weekends are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque. Register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419.



**COUNCIL**  
meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, August 6 at 6:30PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00PM



## WEEKLY calendar

### Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard  
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard  
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard

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4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard  
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard  
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard  
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard  
6:00 AM Confessions, Panora  
6:30 PM Mass, Panora

### Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora  
7:45 AM Divine Mercy, 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  
3:30 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center (TIME CHANGE)

### 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

## MASS intentions



Sat., July 25 at 4:30 PM — Eva Fiedler

Sat. July 25 at 6:30 PM — Living & deceased members of Callahan  
& Holland Family

Sun., July 26 at 8:00 AM — Mass for the People

Sun., July 26 at 9:30 AM — David & Lori Faucher

Tues., July 28 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family

Wed., July 29 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of Tim &  
Carla Fitzgerald

Thurs., July 30 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family

Fri., July 31 at 8:00 AM — Milo Rees

Sat., August 1 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People

Sat. August 1 at 6:30 PM — Dan Donahey and James Ward  
Families

Sun., August 2 at 8:00 AM — Dan Donahey and James Ward  
Families

Sun., August 2 at 9:30 AM — Don Reinhart

Wed., August 5 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family

Thurs., August 6 at 8:00 AM — Marilyn Ludwig

Fri., August 7 at 8:00 AM — Jean Knobbe

### 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- \$2,601  
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$9,061

### St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,121  
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$1,694

### St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$543  
ADA Goal \$9,572 ADA Balance Due \$896