

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

April 19 & 20, 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



Confirmation

Confirmation will be held at St. Patrick's in Bayard on April 26th at 4:30PM.
Students will meet with the bishop an hour prior to confirmation.

First Communion

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

May 4th- St. Mary at 9:30 AM

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.



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603 MAIN STREET
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214 PRAIRIE STREET
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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



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.

St. Mary's Parish— CYC tuition grant

St. Mary's parish offers tuition assistance for families of children going to Catholic Youth Camp.

Complete the form that will be in the back of St. Mary's church or online if you would like to receive tuition assistance from St. Mary's to attend Catholic Youth Camp at St. Thomas More this summer.

Please turn in the form into the offering plate at church by Sunday, April 27th.



MARRIED COUPLES: Is it time to disconnect from the world and reconnect with one another? Busy lives can take away from our relationships. Put your relationship on track for more communication, love and harmony.

The upcoming weekends in Iowa are April 25-27 in Epworth and September 12-14 in Dubuque.

For more information contact Greg and Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on wwme.org. Early registration is highly recommended.





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., April 19 at 4:30 PM — Leah Lynch
Sun., April 20 at 8:00 AM — Dick & Diane Zapf
Sun., April 20 at 9:30 AM — Jennifer Cohorst
Tues., April 22 at 5:30 PM — Matt Murrane
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
Wed., April 30 at 8:00 AM — Miranda & George Holland
Thurs., May 1 at 8:00 AM — Novena for Holy Souls
Fri., May 2 at 8:00 AM — Ken Schmit & Be Rudloff

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— \$1,769
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$16,880

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$5,407
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$10,599

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$495
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$9,532