

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

March 22 & 23, 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



Adult Faith Formation - Save the Dates!

April 2 – 6:30 PM at St. Cecilia

Confirmation– TIME CORRECTION

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. Mary's Fish Fry

St Mary's will be hosting a Fish Fry on
Friday April 11th from 5-7PM

Holy Week and Easter Mass

Holy Thursday: St. Patrick's at 7:00PM

Good Friday: St. Patrick at 3:00PM

Good Friday: St. Cecilia at 7:00PM

Easter Vigil: St. Mary at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday:

St. Patrick at 8:15AM (Fr. Peters)

St. Cecilia at 8:00AM

St. Mary at 9:30AM



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 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

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now. Contact Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. **Upcoming dates:** April 25-27 in Epworth, IA and September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA.



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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



Annual Women's Conference

April 5, 2025 ~ 9:30 to 3:00
St John the Apostle Parish, Norwalk

All women are invited!

Unwrapping God's Gifts:
Hope, Faith, Joy
Keynote Speaker: Jean Gatz

LAST DAY TO REGISTER March 29

To register, use your camera app on your phone to scan this ==>

or Facebook - Des Moines
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

More info? Email
DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com
Call/text 712-310-2922

Organized and supported by your Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

- ~ Cost of \$30 includes a light breakfast & a delicious lunch
- ~ Mass with Bishop Joensen & Offertory for Catholic Youth Camp Sponsorship fund
- ~ Vendors & Exhibitors & Silent Auction





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 & Rosary, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM Prayer Group, Panora
4:00 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center

Thursday

7:45 AM Confessions & Rosary, 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., March 22 at 4:30 PM — John & Linda Hoffmann

Sun., March 23 at 8:00 AM — Dick & Diane Zapf

Sun., March 23 at 9:30 AM — Trudy Shoepfer

Tues., March 25 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig

Wed., March 26 at 9:00 AM — Richard Arganbright

Thurs., March 27 at 8:00 AM — Paul Sprick

Fri., March 28 at 8:00 AM — All parish musicians

Sat., March 29 at 4:30 PM — Ryan Hagan

Sun., March 30 at 8:00 AM — Marie Steffen

Sun., March 30 at 9:30 AM — Karen Fitzpatrick

Tues., April 1 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig

Wed., April 2 at 9:00 AM — Theone Harris

Thurs., April 3 at 8:00 AM — John & Marsha McDermott & Family

Fri., April 4 at 8:00 AM — Cindy & Dave Ahrens & Family



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.

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— \$4,698

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$790

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$856