

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

February 28 & March 1, 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



St. Cecilia Fish Fry

St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 13th from 5-7PM.

St. Mary Fish Fry

St. Mary's fish fry will be March 27th at 5-7:30PM in the church hall.

St. Cecilia

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent from 6-8pm in the church basement starting 2/25/26, where we will be knitting/crocheting prayer shawls. Prayer shawls have been made for centuries. They are universal and embracing; they comfort and enfold; wrap and warm; shelter and embrace. Those who make and receive shawls are blessed. Call Casey 515-720-3919 for details or to RSVP. Crochet lessons available!

St. Mary | Thursday Holy Hours in March

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

6:00–7:00 pm



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



In this Sunday's readings, God asks us for something that is both simple and difficult. To Abraham, He says, "Go." On the mountain of the Transfiguration, He says, "Listen to my beloved Son." Lent centers on these two words: **Go** and **Listen**.

Abraham had to leave what was comfortable. The apostles had to come down the mountain and follow Jesus toward Jerusalem.

We are also invited to keep moving forward, especially when prayer feels quiet, when sacrifices seem small, or when our Lenten resolutions start to fade. If you've stumbled, start again. If you're tired, don't quit. If you've drifted, return. The glory of the Transfiguration reminds us that the Cross is not the end. Christ leads us toward the light.

Thursday Holy Hours – March (5, 12, 19, 26)

St. Mary | 6:00–7:00 pm

To help us stay faithful this Lent, **Holy Hours will be held at St. Mary every Thursday in March from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.**

I am keeping the Holy Hours in one place to avoid confusion and to provide a consistent opportunity for prayer and Confession.

Each Holy Hour will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- A brief spiritual reflection
- Quiet time for personal prayer
- Spiritual reading or private devotions
- Time for Confessions
- Benediction

These are **extra opportunities for Confession**, in addition to the regular times before daily Mass and before or after weekend Masses.

Please take advantage of this grace-filled time.

Fr. Ray

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the dates



**DES MOINES COUNCIL
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

97TH ANNUAL

*Spring
Conference*



Kali Schneiders

This year's annual conference features Kali Schneiders, a popular author (*Truffles from Heaven* and *Confessions of a Formerly "Wicked" Stepmother*), who has inspired audiences across the country by combining her wit with God's wisdom and grace into inspiring stories. Kali's lessons come from her diverse personal background: from modeling to pageants, from corporate America to stay-at-home mom, her mission has been to shine a bright light into the dark corners.

In addition to our guest speaker, attendees will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with Bishop Joensen, enjoy lunch and fellowship with others, visit vendor/exhibitor booths, and bid on silent auction items.

Pre-register using the link or QR code below:

<https://ticketstripe.com/DCCWSpringConference>

Cost: \$30

Deadline: April 1st



Questions: Please email DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com

SS Peter & Paul
Catholic Parish Center
105 West 5th St.
Atlantic, IA 50022



APRIL

11th

2026

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Check-in begins at 8:30 AM

Mass with Bishop Joensen at 11:00 AM

Luncheon to follow



St. Patrick's Church

Bayard, Iowa

Beef 'N Noodle Dinner

Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

Roll, Drink, and Homemade Dessert



Sunday March 15th

11 am-1 pm

\$10.00 per person

4 and under free

Dine in or Carry out

Bayard Community Building



40 Lenten Activities for Catholic Families

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| Give up television and internet for one day. | Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it. | Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity. | Go to a weekday Mass. | Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you. | Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors. | Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food. | Make an almsgiving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate. |
| Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry. | Pray for people in your parish's RCIA program preparing to enter the Church. | Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord. | Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community. | Pray for an increase in religious vocations. | Ask for forgiveness from someone that you have wronged. | Not just Friday: Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent. | Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation. |
| Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life. | Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home. | Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining). | Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart. | Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do. | Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you just don't use. | Pray the Rosary (or even just a decade) as a family. | Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life. |
| Read a religious book individually or as a family. | Listen to religious music while doing a task you have been putting off. | Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross. | Pray for world political and religious leaders. | Make hot cross buns. | Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with. | Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you. | Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God. |
| Do something to help the Earth. | Go to Adoration, even if it's just for a little while. | Pray for the Pope. | Watch a religious movie together as a family. | Give up sweets and other snacks for a day. | Read one book of the Bible. | Do a foot washing with your family members. | Attend a Holy Week Mass. |



WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

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

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 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 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.

MASS intentions



Sat., February 28 at 4:30 PM – Willie Schumann
Sun., March 1 at 8:00 AM – Dominic Higgins
Sun., March 1 at 9:30 AM – Charlotte Holle & Family
Tues., March 3 at 5:30 PM – Living/deceased members of Callahan & Holland Family
Wed., March 4 at 8:00 AM – Brennen Cox
Thurs., March 5 at 8:00 AM – Shelly Bauler
Fri., March 6 at 8:00 AM – Ezri Hernandez

Sat., March 7 at 4:30 PM – Mass for the People
Sun., March 8 at 8:00 AM – Mike, Mag, Al and Bob
Sun., March 8 at 9:30 AM – David & Rita Halsey
Tues., March 10 at 5:30 PM – Kenny Ludwig
Wed., March 11 at 8:00 AM – Marilyn Sweetnam
Thurs., March 12 at 8:00 AM – Deceased members of Higgins Family
Fri., March 13 at 8:00 AM – Paul & Agatha Sailer

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— \$5,145
ACH- \$850

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,150.75
ACH- \$1,824

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$587
ACH- \$1,020
Food Pantry- \$320

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