

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

August 29 & 30, 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's Annual Chicken Dinner - We need your help!

We are seeking volunteer chairs for our Annual Chicken Dinner on October 4, 2026.

As a chair, you will coordinate volunteers and assist with planning, setup, service, and cleanup. You will be fully supported by experienced volunteers who are ready to ensure the day's success.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our parish family, share your gifts, and help continue a St. Cecilia tradition. We would be truly grateful for your consideration and support.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering. If you are interested, please contact John McDermott at 641-431-0042.



St Cecilia's Knights of Columbus

will be serving beverages and rolls in St Cecilia's basement after Sunday Mass on August 30th.

St. Cecilia's RE program

We are in need of Religious Education teachers to help guide our children as they grow in their faith and relationship with Christ.

You don't need to have all the answers—just a willing heart, a love for God, and a desire to share your faith.

Please prayerfully consider saying yes to this important ministry. Your time and example can make a lasting difference in a child's life and in the future of our parish.

If you would like to help, please let us know
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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parishioners,

What am I becoming?

The choices we make shape who we are. Over time, our choices turn into habits, our habits shape our character, and our character influences the kind of person we become. **Virtues are good habits that, with God's help, help us think, choose, and love more like Christ.**

Starting **Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.**, we invite everyone to join us for a **12-week journey into the virtues**. Our sessions will be practical and conversational. We'll talk not just about what Christians should do, but also why change can be hard **and how God's grace and our daily choices can truly change us.**

Our 12-Week Journey

Sept. 10 — What Am I Becoming? — How choices shape who I become

Sept. 17 — How Character Is Formed — Choices become habits

Sept. 24 — Grace & Human Effort — Does God change me, or do I change myself?

Oct. 1 — Prudence — How do I know what's right?

Oct. 8 — Justice — What do I owe God and others?

Oct. 15 — Fortitude — Doing what's right when it costs me

Oct. 22 — Temperance — Who's in charge—me or my desires?

Oct. 29 — Faith — Learning to see through God's eyes

Nov. 5 — Hope — What keeps me going when life gets difficult?

Nov. 12 — Charity — Learning to love like Christ

Nov. 19 — The Battle Within — Why do I keep doing this?

Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving — No Class

Dec. 3 — A Rule of Life — How do I make change last?

You don't need to be a theologian or have all the answers. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to **bring a friend!**

Let me know if you're interested so I can plan for **snacks and drinks. Feel free to bring your own beverage!**

Jesus doesn't just call us to believe something. **By his grace, he calls us to become someone and to grow more like Christ.**

Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • September 10–December 3

God bless you all.

Fr. Ray

Beginning this week, Saturday night, August 8th St. Cecilia's mass will be at 6pm instead of 6:30 pm for the rest of the summer.

UPCOMING events



Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

When: September 26 & 27, 2026

Where: Casey's Center Des Moines

Why: To hear world-class speakers, learn more about our faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community with thousands and experience the joy of His presence!

How: Attend in person or livestream

Cost: \$30 for the entire weekend
23 and under FREE!



Scan the QR code to
to purchase tickets

For more information, go to:
ChristOurLifelowa.com

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

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For information call Denise and Greg - 563-920-9419 or register at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque.

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 and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.



Pastoral Care — Nourish for Parents Support Group for Children with Disabilities and Mental Health Challenges

Christ-centered support group to encourage and empower parents in their caregiver, offering practical, emotional, and spiritual support through faith. We'd love for you to join us. The meetings are on the **second Saturday of every month, 10:00-11:30.**

Here's our schedule:

- * September 12, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1627 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
- * October 10, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- * November 14, Sacred Heart Parish Center
- * December 12
- * January 9
- * February 13
- * March 13
- * April 10
- * May 8

Childcare is provided. If you will be bringing your child (ren), please submit the childcare registration form.

Learn more about the Nourish Curriculum at www.nourishforcaregivers.com and help this ministry to meet the real needs of families like yours.

Questions? Contact:

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What is Alpha?

Simply put, guests in an Alpha Course meet weekly for dinner, a video, and open discussion! Alpha helps create a safe space for honest conversation around some of **life's biggest questions**. It's designed to provide guests an opportunity to connect with one another and share thoughts, ideas, and opinions about faith in an open, non-judgmental environment.

The Alpha Course at St. Boniface will meet Thursday evenings September 10 - November 12 from 6:30-8:15pm. The course also includes a "Day Away" on Sat, October 24 from 9am-4:30pm

Event Time & Date(s):

- * Fall 2026 Weekly Sessions Thursdays Sept 10 - Nov 12
6:30pm, Dinner - 8:15pm
- * Alpha Day Away Sat, Oct 24, 9am-4:30pm

Please note that Alpha at St. Boniface is for adults 21 years and older. Childcare available with advance registration.



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
5:30 PM Confessions, Panora
6:00 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

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., August 29 at 4:30 PM — Matt Murrane
Sat. August 29 at 6:00 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., August 30 at 8:00 AM — Joe, Lucy and Jerry Wolterman
Sun., August 30 at 9:30 AM — Baylee Tews
Tues., Sept 1 at 5:30 PM— Crosier Family
Wed., Sept 2 at 8:00 AM — Richard Arganbright
Thurs., Sept 3 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Fri., Sept 4 at 8:00 AM — Deceased members Bradford family

Sat., Sept 5 at 4:30 PM — Gina Derry & Family
Sat. Sept 5 at 6:00 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., Sept 6 at 8:00 AM — John Vogel
Sun., Sept 6 at 9:30 AM — TJ Redfern
Tues., Sept 8 at 5:30 PM— Kenny Ludwig
Wed., Sept 9 at 8:00 AM — Jean Knobbe
Thurs., Sept 10 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family
Fri., Sept 11 at 8:00 AM — Margaret Reinhart

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- \$1,714
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$8,281

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,079
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$284

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering- \$183
ADA-PAID IN FULL



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.