

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

May 17 & 18, 2025

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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



First Communion

May 24th— St. Patrick at 4:30 PM

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.

FATHER IN HEAVEN,

everything comes from You, even
the rain that sustains our crops.

We pray for rain, especially in
this hot season, so that our crops
won't go to waste. Sustain us and
our crops with Your grace.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

AMEN.



MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.



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603 MAIN STREET
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ST. PATRICK PARISH
214 PRAIRIE STREET
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FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to reflect on perseverance in faith and the renewal God offers to each of us. In Acts, we see Paul and Barnabas encouraging the disciples, reminding them that faith often requires endurance through trials. Revelation assures us that God dwells with us, making all things new. And in John's Gospel, Christ gives us His commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

These readings remind me of a moment that deepened my understanding of faith and relationships. Years ago, a man in one of the parishes I had served—let's call him Tom—had stopped attending Mass regularly. Life's burdens weighed heavily on him, and he felt distant from God and his community. One day, I noticed him sitting in the back pew after Mass. I walked over and sat beside him.

He hesitated before speaking, then admitted that he felt unworthy to return, uncertain if God was still there for him. I reminded him that God's love never wavers—He is always present, constantly renewing us. Faith is not about perfection; it is about returning, about continuity, even when we falter. After that conversation, Tom slowly began re-engaging with the Sacraments, attending Mass more often and rebuilding his prayer life. Over time, his heart was transformed—not through a dramatic event, but through the quiet persistence of grace.

This Easter season, let us take that same step of renewal. Continue in the Sacraments—attend Mass, receive the Eucharist, and embrace the rhythm of prayer in your daily life. Strengthen your relationships with God, loved ones, and each person you encounter. In moments of doubt or distance, know that God is always inviting us back, always making all things new.

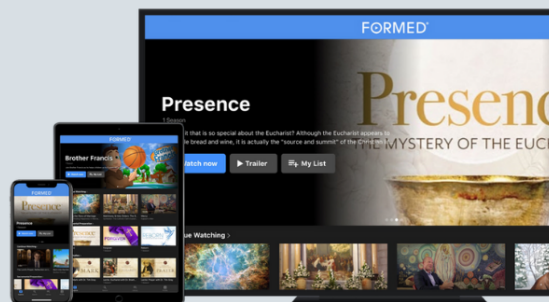
May His peace sustain you, and may His love guide you in all your ways.

In Christ's joy,

Fr. Ray

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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., May 17 at 4:30 PM — Deceased members of Callahan & Holland family

Sun., May 18 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family

Sun., May 18 at 9:30 AM — Don Reinhart

Tues., May 20 at 5:30 PM — Fr. Higgins & Higgins family

Wed., May 21 at 8:00 AM — Deacon Dick, Deacon Dennis & their families

Thurs., May 22 at 8:00 AM — Dick Zapf

Fri., May 23 at 8:00 AM — Souls in Purgatory

Sat., May 24 at 4:30 PM — Seidl Family

Sun., May 25 at 8:00 AM — Novena for Holy Souls

Sun., May 25 at 9:30 AM — TJ Redfern

Tues., May 27 at 5:30 PM — George, Miranda & Maritza Holland

Wed., May 28 at 8:00 AM — Ron Galles

Thurs., May 29 at 8:00 AM — Jack Stringer

Fri., May 30 at 8:00 AM — Len Snyder Family

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— \$1,186
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$14,835

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$2,805.10
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$8,049

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$820
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$7,112