

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

July 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 by 8PM Tuesday.



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



PARISH announcements

Summer Mass time added!!!

We will be starting a 6:30PM Mass time at St. Cecilia's in Panora during the summer.

ADULT FAITH SESSION DATES:

Aug 20 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia

All parishioners welcome to attend.

Laptop computer needed at St. Cecilia

Do you have a functional laptop with a SD disc port that you would be willing to donate to St. Cecilia?

If so, please contact Paul Nagel at 515-480-9894 or Connie Ziller at 515-371-6135.



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.



COUNCIL meetings

St. Cecilia - Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 PM

St. Patrick - Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM

St. Mary - Wednesday, August 13th at 6:00 PM

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's readings from Ordinary Time, Year C (Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28; and Luke 10:38-42) offer us a powerful reminder of what matters most in the life of faith: welcoming the presence of God with attentiveness and hospitality.

In the Gospel, we encounter the well-known story of Martha and Mary. Martha is busy serving and attending to the necessary tasks of hospitality. Mary, on the other hand, sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him speak. When Martha asks Jesus to intervene, He gently reminds her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is a need for only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

The essential message is this: Our activity must flow from our attentiveness to the Lord. In a world that constantly pulls us in a hundred directions, Jesus invites us to sit at His feet, to listen, and to be filled. Only then can our work, our service, and even our suffering (as Paul writes in Colossians) become fruitful offerings united with Christ.

This Gospel is not about choosing between being like Martha or Mary, but about putting first things first. When we take time for prayer, the Eucharist, and Scripture, we are choosing "the better part"—the source of our peace and strength.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus for hosting our beautiful outdoor Mass at Boulder Beach and for the excellent meal that followed. Many thanks also to Deacon Dennis, our musicians and singers, altar servers, lectors, and ushers—your joyful service makes our worship richer and more welcoming. And a special thank you to Fr. Francis Higgins for his excellent homily, which reminded us of the joy of being together and the importance of being mindful of who our neighbor is.

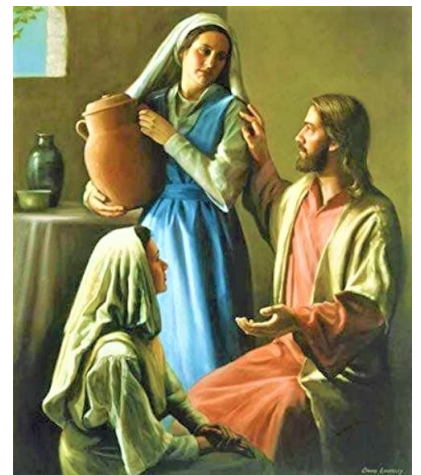
As our parishes continue to grow in faith and fellowship, I invite you to stay tuned to the bulletin and parish announcements for upcoming adult faith formation opportunities. Whether you're just beginning your journey or have walked with the Lord for many years, there is always more to discover—and more ways to grow.

Please also note that I will be away **from Sunday, July 20, through Friday, July 25**, to spend time in Branson, Missouri, with family and friends. Daily Masses will continue as scheduled, and Fr. Francis will cover them during my absence.

As we go forth this week, may we all take time to be still in the presence of Christ and listen. May we find in Him the peace that orders our days and gives meaning to our work.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Ray Higgins



JULY pilgrimage

Jubilee Year of Hope July Pilgrimage

Thursday, July 24th we will travel to Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Council Bluffs:
3304 4th Ave.

We will leave St. Cecilia's parking lot at 2:00 p.m. arriving at approximately 3:00 p.m. for a Holy Hour.

Afterward we will have a meal together before travelling back home.

Please let us know if you are planning to travel with us. As always, you may travel on your own that day, or any day you choose.

Again, remember to bring your "passport".

MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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 Denise and Greg at (563)920-9419 or visit



AL-ANON START UP 2025 TUESDAYS 7PM (BACK DOOR) AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 119 E. MAIN ST. PANORA, IA

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help. Leave your name, phone and email address.
Emily 641-332-2778

HEARTLAND FOR KIDS presents a benefit concert for MARY'S MEALS

JASPER WINERY
Thursday, August 28 6:00-9:00
2400 George Flagg Pkwy, Des Moines, IA 50321

Enjoy a fun evening with Nashville musicians Phoenix Mendoza and Josh Leo and Kitty Steadman at Jasper Winery while raising money for Mary's Meals. Any monetary donation will help the world's most vulnerable children receive an education and provide them with enough to eat. Bring a friend to have fun and make a difference. Food sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be available for a free will donation.

\$25.20
FEEDS A CHILD FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

MARY'S MEALS is currently feeding 2.49 million children in 20 of the poorest countries in the world. The life changing meals they provide make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class.

To donate online please go to: www.marysmealsusa.org

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FOOD ASSISTANCE DURING SUMMER BREAK



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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
6:30 PM Mass, Panora
7:30 PM Confessions, Panora

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., July 19 at 4:30 PM — Marie Murrane
Sat., July 19 at 6:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., July 20 at 8:00 AM — Jerry Suther
Sun., July 20 at 9:30 AM — Deceased members of Callahan & Holland family
Tues., July 22 at 5:30 PM — Crosier Family
Wed., July 23 at 8:00 AM — Scott Bauler
Thurs., July 24 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen & Kennebeck Family living & deceased
Fri., July 25 at 8:00 AM — Kirk Klohs
Sat., July 26 at 4:30 PM — David & Rita Halsey
Sat., July 26 at 6:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., July 27 at 8:00 AM — Lansink Family living & deceased
Sun., July 27 at 9:30 AM — Len Snyder Family
Tues., July 29 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig
Wed., July 30 at 8:00 AM — Living & deceased members of Bauler Family
Thurs., July 31 at 8:00 AM — Delphine Demers
Fri., August 1 at 8:00 AM — Lucille Sewell

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— \$2,345
ADA Goal \$24,220 ADA Balance Due \$8,265

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$688.05
ADA Goal \$15,849 ADA Balance Due \$3,539

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$944
ADA Goal \$11,272 ADA Balance Due \$4,142