

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

June 6 & 7, 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.



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



St. Mary's RAGBRAI Supper

July 20, 2026

430PM until food is gone (feeding 1000)

Beef and noodle sign up

Needs:

- 300lbs beef roast, 45 pans of bars (24 count) and volunteers
- Beef will need to be delivered to the hall refrigerator by Thursday, July 17th
- Bars will need to be delivered to the hall by 10AM on July 20th

Cash donations and questions can be directed to: Kim Patrick 641-757-1605

Geri Thompson 641-757-1696

Robyn Corkins 515-321-0762

Please take this opportunity to show hospitality and serve our RAGBRAI guests.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Please see letters in pews for more info.

Ragbrai– St. Mary

St Mary's will be holding a Ragbrai Mass on
Monday evening July 20, at 5:00PM

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.
Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



Pastoral Letter for Iowa Faithful: Preaching During Election Season

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Iowa begins its primary elections and looks ahead to November, we will see many strong opinions and changes in public life. The Church's role is to bring the light of the Gospel to our consciences and the common good, without taking sides with any political party or system.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that Christ did not give the Church a direct mission in politics, economics, or social matters: **"The purpose which He set before her is a religious one."** Still, Vatican II says that from this religious mission, the Church can and should offer "a function, a light and an energy which can serve to structure and consolidate the human community according to the divine law." The Church helps society not by controlling it, but by living out faith and charity.

Vatican II also emphasizes that the Church is independent from politics and helps people grow in political freedom, while priests stay focused on sharing Christ's message.

Priests are asked to focus on

- **Gospel-centered preaching:** teach the faith, illuminate social doctrine, and form consciences in light of Christ.
- **Moral truth in public life:** when needed, speak about public issues in ways that protect basic rights or the salvation of souls, always using methods that fit with the Gospel and serve the common good.
- **Conscience and citizenship:** remind everyone that Christians are responsible for their own actions as citizens, guided by a Christian conscience. The Church's job is to teach, guide, and offer moral judgment when needed.

Respectful charity in tone: share the truth without putting others down, using stereotypes, or showing hostility. Always remember that the Church works for unity and respects the dignity of every person.

Priests are to avoid

- **Turning the pulpit into partisan electioneering:** do not identify the Church with a political party or system.
- **Crossing the line from moral guidance to political manipulation:** the Church is free to teach, but this does not mean turning the Gospel into campaign-style persuasion.

Unjust invasion of privacy: keep "an appropriate reserve concerning persons' private lives," and avoid media-style comments that could harm fairness, privacy, or freedom.

As Iowa's elections get closer, let us pray for wisdom, humility, and charity. May our preaching bring people closer to Christ and help build peace and the common good.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Annunciation Church Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Annunciation Parish Center
Coon Rapids, IA

Serving: Broasted Chicken from
Lidderdale County Store

Scalloped Potatoes / Salad Bar
Homemade Pies & Desserts

Adults \$12.00 Children 10 Yrs & Under \$8.00

All Carry outs are \$12.00

Carry Outs Available 712-999-2472

Women of Faith Luncheon— United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:30AM– 1:00PM

Come & Go Salad luncheon

G.C. UMC Fellowship Hall

¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NKJV)



CONGRATULATIONS! First Communicants



Adeline & Cecilia Muell

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:
ChristOurLifeIowa.com

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



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., June 6 at 4:30 PM — Crosier Family
Sun., June 7 at 8:00 AM — Francis & Lyla Kastner
Sun., June 7 at 9:30 AM — Len Snyder Family
Tues., June 9 at 5:30 PM — Seidl Family
Wed., June 10 at 8:00 AM — Joe, Lucy and Jerry Wolterman
Thurs., June 11 at 8:00 AM — Ed & DeeDee Buchanan
Fri., June 12 at 8:00 AM — David & Rita Halsey

Sat., June 13 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., June 14 at 8:00 AM — Brennen Cox
Sun., June 14 at 9:30 AM — Travie & Bodie Clark
Tues., June 16 at 5:30 PM — Kenny Ludwig
Wed., June 17 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Thurs., June 18 at 8:00 AM — Viola Rohe
Fri., June 19 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— \$3,319
ACH- \$750
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$10,256

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$1,120
ACH- \$1,839
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$4,735

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$556
ACH- \$1,210
ADA Goal \$9,572 ADA Balance Due \$1,746