

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
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April 11, 2010

Second Sunday  
Of Easter



**W**e are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.

**SARAH HART**  
IN CONCERT

**Sunday, April 11 at 7PM**  
in the **Saint Cecilia Narthex.**

Sarah composes music for Oregon Catholic Press, specifically for the Spirit and Song division. Sarah's lively blend of contemporary folk, pop, and rock welcomes and delights listeners of every age and background. She has performed at NCYC, LA Congress and World Youth Day. It will be a night to remember. Don't miss it!!!



**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 11**

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM**  
**Church Sanctuary**

## Parish Potluck

April 14 At 6PM in the Social Hall  
Chicken, Cheesy potatoes, and  
beverages will be provided  
Bring a dish to share.

After the Potluck, stay to hear  
Fr. Jon Seda, Pastor of  
St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames.

Father's topic will be *Future Priest.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday—Friday.

**LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers  
Meets from 6:30-9PM each Sunday!**

**Our Spring Calendar is available on our website at:  
[www.saintcecilielifeteen.net](http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net)**

**April 11 & 18: Life Night**

### **Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:**

**Wednesday, May 5:** More Than Words/Personal Prayer

### **Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:**

**Wednesday, April 21: Mystagogia**—Sponsors & Parents are welcome—6:30-8:30

**\*\*MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E. meets from 7 to 8:30PM  
on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays!!\*\*  
Last class is April 28th**

**April 21: 7-8:30PM** Topic: Role of Sacraments & Grace in Living Life in Christ

### **YIKES:**

**April 14: Service Night**

**May 12: Sock Hop & Ice Cream Social, 7-9PM**

## **RCIA**

Call John Hayes for information about joining the Catholic Church at 232-3514.

## **Baptism Class**

**All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Next class: June 3.**

To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the Parish office at 233-3092.

## **Adult Education**

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9PM in the North Social Hall.

**Bible Study in Spanish:** Meets Mondays, 6:00-7PM in the North Social Hall.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the North Social Hall. Social time begins at 9:30AM.



Teams of our Lady will be serving coffee and donuts in the Social Hall after 8:30 and 10:30 e& donuts Masses this weekend.

## **Clergy Sexual Abuse/ Safe Environment Protection.**



The past few weeks have witnessed news reports of sexual abuse by priests and the mishandling of these crimes by bishops in Ireland, Germany as well as the Netherlands, Austria and Poland. As Catholics, and in particular for me as a priest, these latest reports of sexual crimes against children or vulnerable adults are appalling. They open still fresh wounds from our own nation's and archdiocese confrontation with these crimes in the recent past and bring feelings of anger, sadness, confusion and, for some, loss of faith and active church practice and/or loss of faith in God himself. As Archbishop Hanus has done repeatedly, and as I have done in my pastoral work, I once again condemn such gravely sinful actions by priests and offer to the victims a sincere apology and the promise both to try and help heal the wounds that have resulted, as well as continue to take steps to assure that our parish properties are places where all are welcome and all can worship, study, play and socialize in safety.

Steps the archdiocese and our parish have taken to foster and create a safe environment are the following:

1. All priests, deacons, salaried staff and volunteers who have direct contact with children or other vulnerable persons have had criminal background checks as well as mandatory sexual abuse recognition training (VIRTUS) as mandated by the archdiocese. These records are on file with the archdiocese. Also, priests, deacons and some others are mandated to on-going training through the VIRTUS on-line program each month and compliance is monitored.
2. Posted in various areas throughout our facilities are posters with an image of St. Raphael (our archdiocesan patron) alerting persons who may have experienced sexual abuse by church personnel to help that is available to them via information cards included with the poster and phone numbers to contact members of the Sexual Abuse Prevention Board of the archdiocese.
3. Each year the archdiocese is monitored by an outside agency for its compliance with the above and a report is published in THE WITNESS our archdiocesan newspaper and notice is also posted on the archdiocesan web-site.
4. Doors to classrooms and offices of staff, teachers and other meeting spaces have (or soon we will complete) installed a glass "side light" which allows for visual monitoring of any encounter between an adult with a child or another adult while affording privacy.

The Reconciliation Room (Confessional) in church at my direction will also soon have a side-light window installed affording visual contact from the outside with the priest and penitent while still preserving the sacramental seal.

I hope that these brief reflections help to assure you that I as pastor and everyone in our parish leadership takes this issue seriously and is working to help heal our church, and at the same time, to take steps to help prevent such behavior from happening in the future.

*- Fr. Jim Secora*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School News:

Monday, 4-12: School dismissal at 3:53 p.m.  
Tuesday, 4-13: School dismissal at 3:53 p.m.  
Wednesday, 4-14: School dismissal at 2:48 p.m.  
Thursday, 4-15: Grades 2 & 4 Mass at 9 a.m./School dismissal at 3:53 p.m.  
Friday, 4-16: School dismissal at 3:53 p.m.



It's not too late to register your child for Saint Cecilia School's 3-year-old preschool or kindergarten classes for the 2010-2011 school year. You can pick up an application from the school office or contact Mrs. Vidimos at 232-5290 with questions or for additional information.

### **For Sale:**

**Sealed bids are being accepted for a 2007 Chrysler Town & Country van owned by the parish.** The van is in excellent condition but is being sold "as is" with less than 14,000 miles. Minimum bid is \$19,500 (original list price was \$36,985). Deadline for bids is noon, April 13. Send bids to: Attention Jerry Greving, Business Manager, Saint Cecilia Church, 2900 Hoover, Ames, 50010. For more information, call the parish office (233-3092).

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Saturday, April 10

6-8 PM

Social Hall

Spaghetti Supper. Refreshments,  
and Gelato provided.

Music provided by the Polashek Family.

**BABY-SITTING AVAILABLE:** Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Cecilia A/Y Room, 5-10pm. High schoolers attending World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain are starting an outreach for young families by hosting a night of baby-sitting every second Saturday from April of 2010 to May of 2011. A group of responsible teenagers and an adult supervisor will be available in the A/Y Room at Saint Cecilia Education Center to take care of your child while you are welcome to spend the evening as you wish! Dates when child care will be available in 2010: May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9 & December 11. Children ages 0-10 years are welcome. Recommended donation is \$5 an hour per child. Some Suggestions: Please bring your child's favorite toy or game. We aren't able to anticipate the dietary needs and ages of children, so please bring dinner (cold or microwaveable) for your child. To help us plan ahead, you may call us at 232-3514 to let us know you are coming.

***We hope to see you there, & thank you for your support!***

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**The Sanctity of Human Life Meeting** will be held April 11 at 9:30AM in the Saint Clare Room

**The Knights of Columbus are holding an Ice Skating Party** for the altar servers on April 11 from 2:00-4:00PM at the Ames Ice Arena, 1505 Gateway Hills Drive (south of Mortenson Road). Please call Robert Dahlgren at 232-0916 for information.

**Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup** meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net) or 232-2075 or Mary Cowan at [mary.cowan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.cowan@hotmail.com) or 291-7409. All are welcome to attend.

### **Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women (SCCW)**

All ladies of Saint Cecilia Parish are invited to a Salad/Dessert Supper, Thursday, April 15 at 6:00PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a salad to serve 8. Table service and beverage provided. Marla Miller will present a program on *Historic Old Town Neighborhood Association*. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other women of the parish. Bring a friend. Need a ride? Call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.



### **Next Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food**

**Shelf Collection Weekend.** *Items needed this month include laundry detergent, shampoo and bars of soap.*

Suggested food items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged, shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and

canned fruit. The following non-food items are needed: dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued generous support!

**Parenting Program: The Temperament God Gave You - Learn to understand and motivate your children.** See how the intrinsic nature each person is born with affects their perceptions and decisions. This 8 session small group program was designed to help men, women or couples understand the gifts God has given in each persons temperament. Use this knowledge to unlock motivation, real communication and conflict resolution with your kids, your spouse and those you work with. An informational meeting to be held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia. Please call Bud or Chancey Montang at 515-432-1950 or 515-230-8546 or email [cmontang@msn.com](mailto:cmontang@msn.com) with any questions.

**Volunteers needed** to help clear the church gardens. Contact Char at 233-3092 if interested.

**The Ames Choral Society** will host its annual Messiah Sing-Along on Friday, April 9, 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave., Ames. Singers, instrumentalists, and listeners are encouraged to participate in the event directed by Steve Hoifeldt, ACS Music Director. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Ames charities. For info call 515-232-5545.

**Spaghetti Supper** Saint Mary Catholic Church Of Williams Sunday, April 18 from 4:30-6:30PM Spaghetti, lettuce salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults: \$7 Ages 4-12: \$4.50 3 & Under: Free Carryout available. Handicapped accessible.



**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**PART ONE: SECTION TWO**

**CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER**

**Article 1— I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven & Earth**

**Paragraph 4. The Creator**

*Providence and the scandal of evil*

**314** We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face," will we fully know the ways by which—even through the dramas of evil and sin—God has guided his creation to that definitive sabbath rest for which he created heaven and earth.

**Parish Nomination/Elections**

For Pastoral Council (formerly Parish Council), Board of Education & New Faith Formation Commission

- Nominations will be accepted now thru the weekend of April 24/25 in the Parish Office.
- May 15/17: Parish Elections

Please take time to think of fellow parishioners who would provide good leadership for the Parish. You may also nominate yourself.

**Pastoral Council**

The Council is the vehicle for dialog about the life and activities of the parish, a forum for planning and evaluation. The role of the Pastoral Council is, through on going pastoral planning, to maintain the integrity of the parish mission and the goals and objectives related to it. The pastor seeks a collaborative relationship with the Pastoral Council, considering its guidance and active involvement in reaching consensus. The council meets monthly and members elected to serve a 3-year term.

**Faith Formation Commission**

The Faith Formation Commission determines goals and objectives to meet the educational & faith formation needs of the total parish community, which include: the religious education program, youth and child ministry, spiritual growth opportunities, adult and family education, and sacramental preparation. Members are elected to serve a 3-year term.

**Saint Cecilia Parish Catholic School Board**

This Board is a permanent standing committee of the Faith Formation Commissions specifically charged with governance of Saint Cecilia School subject to the policies and regulations that proceed from the Archdiocesan Catholic School Board, the Archdiocesan office of Faith Formation and Education, and in conformity with verification standards of the State of Iowa. Members are elected to serve a 3-year term . (This is a new governing body established under the revised Pastoral Council structure.)



**Saint Cecilia Parish Council** met on March 23 and discussed a number of items of importance. In new business, the enrichment fund, made

up of monies collected at the past St. Cecilia Gala, was discussed. Under old business, the council has established a long-term facilities committee to investigate options for meeting the long-term space needs of the church and educational operations. The council also continues to look at the parish mission statement and the process of fitting existing parish organizations into the new archdiocesan guidelines for parish structure. Developing a broader base of volunteers and a mentoring/recruiting structure for parish leadership are important ongoing discussions.

**Stewardship:** "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

During the Easter season this year, we will read from the Book of Revelation as the second reading. Revelation uses apocalyptic language, rich in symbolism, to describe experiences of the early Christian community near the end of the first century. In a time of persecution and distress, hyperbole was used as a literary convention to express the difficulties seen by the author, as brother turned against brother in the face of pressure to turn from the faith. The language of apocalyptic writing—so popular in the first century—was used to convey the extreme circumstances in which the church found itself. While the selections chosen for the Easter season provide a vision of hope, it is good to recognize that the hope they convey comes out of book written at a time when Christians found themselves under siege and threatened by Jewish leaders who were expelling them from the synagogues and Roman officials who were persecuting them as apostates.

And so, we begin today with a testimony from a man named John, incarcerated in a Roman penal colony, the island of Patmos. Biblical scholars tell us that this John is not the same person as the author of the fourth Gospel because the grammar and style of writing are so different. He may have been a disciple of John the Evangelist, or someone who was familiar with his work through the Johannine communities in Syria. In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples who had sequestered themselves behind closed doors out of fear. He comes to give them hope. Though by a different author, the Book of Revelation presents the same theme: Jesus appears in order to give hope, to remind the faithful that he lives—an Easter message for today as well.

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| <b>Garage Meeting Room Remodel</b> |                             |                  |
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|                                    | Project update as of 4/4/10 |                  |
| Forecasted Cost                    |                             | \$150,000        |
| Funds Collected                    | \$59,812                    |                  |
| Funds Pledged                      | \$46,650                    |                  |
| Total Funds Committed              |                             | <u>\$106,462</u> |
| Balance needed                     |                             | \$ 43,538        |

| <b>Your Financial Stewardship</b> |                 |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                                   | <b>3/29-4/5</b> | <b>FYTD</b> |
| Contributions (Easter!)           | \$ 31,093       | \$781,345   |
| Needed to meet expenses           | \$ 19,687       | \$787,480   |
| Contributions (building)          | \$              | \$ 86,310   |

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, April 10

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

## Sunday, April 11

8:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

10:30AM: Vivien Smith †

5:00PM: Ardella Berg †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, April 13

7:00AM: Ileen Diederich

5:30PM: Eileen Freers †

## Wednesday, April 14

7:00AM: Jack Gehm †

5:30PM: Nick Gowdy †

## Thursday, April 15

7:00AM: Anne Gibbons

9:00AM: Alvera Irlbeck

5:30PM: Rose Warren †

## Friday, April 16

7:00AM George Lemanczyk

5:30PM: Arnold Winslow †

## Saturday, April 17

5:00PM: Maxine McGovern †

## Sunday, April 18

8:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

10:30AM: Mildred & Gregory Gundrum †

5:00PM: Loretta Lane †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Prayer Opportunities

*Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.*

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday 7:00 AM

**Intercessory Prayer Group** Sunday 9:00-10:00 PM

**Rosary** Monday 7:30 PM\*, Tuesday-Friday before 7:00 Mass

(\*The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.)

**Christians in the Spirit** Tuesday 7:15-9:00 PM

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Friday 3:00 PM

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 7:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration** The chapel is open daily.

Keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information or to sign up for an adoration hour.

## Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or

[stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com).

## Readings for the Week of April 11, 2010

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/  
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or  
21:1-14

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Misa en Español)

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM & 5:30 PM (Chapel)

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

## Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

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## Parish Staff

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Please return via mail or drop in collection basket.  
Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration  
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.