

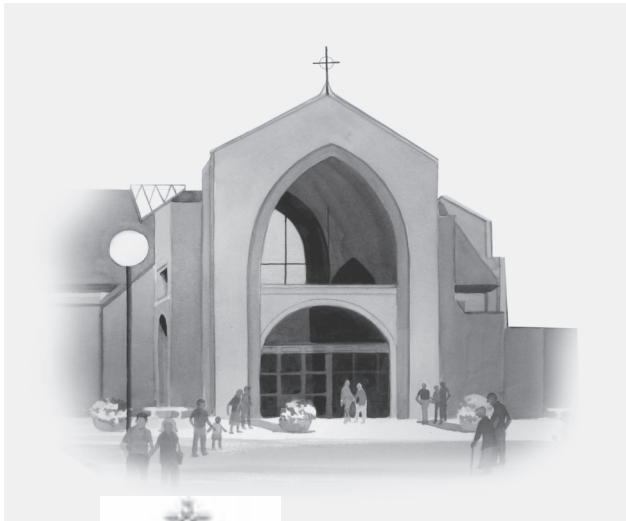
Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

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May 2, 2010

**Fifth Sunday
Of Easter**



We 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.



Develop a Eucharistic Lifestyle

You are invited to the
1st Annual Eucharistic Day of Renewal

An opportunity to renew your spiritual life and
grow in your love of our Eucharistic Lord!

Everyone is welcome to all or any part of this Spiritual Event.

Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

Friday, May 7: 5:30PM Mass,

Conference following until 9:00PM.

Saturday, May 8: 8:00AM – 3:00PM Conference; Mass at 9AM.

Reconciliation offered: Friday: 6:30-9PM; Saturday: 10AM to 2PM.

Please bring a sack lunch or, if you are able,
Please join us in fasting and prayer throughout the Conference
Visit www.stceciliaparish.org for more details.

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-3:30PM
Or by Appointment 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.saintcecilialifeteen.net

May 7: XLT with Father Richmond, 6-9PM, Church

May 9: Defending the Faith, planned by Archangels

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

Wednesday, May 5: More Than Words/Personal Prayer

MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E.: Last class was April 28th

YIKES:

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

Teen Mass

Sunday, May 2, 6:00 PM

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.

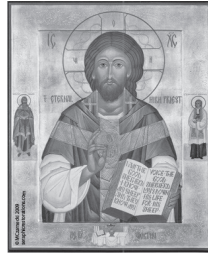
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the North Social Hall. Social time begins at 9:30AM.



Saint Cecilia Youth Ministry will sponsor a Bake Sale after the Sunday Masses on Mother's Day, May 10. Proceeds will benefit youth ministry.



SCCCW (Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women) will be serving coffee and donuts in the Social Hall after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this weekend.



Year for Priests

Please join the Eucharistic Adoration committee in praying the Rosary for Priests in honor of the Year of the Priest. We will meet after 5:30 pm Mass (approx. 6:15) in the Church sanctuary on

Wed, May 5. For those not able to join us, "Rosary for Priests" pamphlets are available in the Chapel sacristy booklet rack. Please continue to pray for priests. Our prayers vitally support our priests' spiritual well-being and ability to increase in holiness.



BABY-SITTING AVAILABLE: Saturday, May 8, 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.

Graduation Mass will be May 16

at 10:30AM followed by a brunch in the Social Hall. All 2010 high school graduates and their families are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Anna Steele at 232-3514.



Join Father Dismas Veeneman, Conventual Franciscan, on an 11-day Italy Pilgrimage visiting Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, and Munich, including the PASSION PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU, September 20-30, 2010. The citizens of Oberammergau have presented this spectacular production every ten years for the past 370 years in thanksgiving for being spared the destruction of the black plague; the performance takes place on an open-air stage in a 4700-seat covered auditorium. For a trip brochure or more information contact: Father Dismas Veeneman at 502-935-1223

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Nellie Weisshaar, mother of Mary Metzger. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



SCHOOL NEWS

School News:

Tuesday, May 4: Spring Concert at Ames City Auditorium, 7PM



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.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School June 14-18. Children 4-10 will have a blast on an awesome High Seas Expedition. Look for our registration table after all Masses May 15 and 16 or pick up a form in the RE office. **We are in need of youth, teens and adults to serve as crew leaders for the week. Please consider volunteering.** A terrific childcare program is available for the children of all volunteers. Contact Susan Vernon susvernon@gmail.com for more information or a registration form.

Catholic Fraternity at ISU

In the early days of the Greek System at Iowa State, Catholics were denied membership into the traditional fraternities. In 1920 a group of Catholic men formed the Amician Club a "Catholic-Only Fraternity" at Iowa State. In 1924 we became part of Phi Kappa which was a National Catholic Fraternity. They used Greek letters to represent English word acronyms; Phi Kappa stood for "Fellowship of Catholics."

Because the Amician Club was formed 26 years before St. Thomas Aquinas, our members went to Mass at St. Cecilia. At that time, an electric trolley ran from the campus to downtown Ames. On Sundays it would stop at St. Cecilia (then located on Lincoln Way) and drop off the Catholic students.

We are still the only Catholic house on campus. All Catholic men from St. Cecilia attending ISU are welcome. The house attends Mass, prays before meals, observes the Holy Days and follows a Lenten meal schedule. Please contact *Phi Kappa Theta* (292-5684) for more information.

At The Advertisers

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Please **reciprocate our advertiser's generosity** by supporting their businesses when you are in need of their products and services. Remember their support makes it possible for our bulletins to be printed weekly *at little or no cost* to the parish. The bulletins are our main tool of communication and are vital to the parish.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The Spring 3-in-1 Appeal, which is taken up in our parish this weekend supports the annual collections for **Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Communications**. Please be as generous as possible, using the envelope which you received in the mail. If you forgot your envelope, please remember to bring it next weekend.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for these important efforts of the universal Church.

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

Saint Mary Circle will attend Mass in the chapel on May 6 at 7AM, followed by breakfast at Audubon's in the Gateway Hotel.

Saint Gerard's Circle will meet on Thursday, May 6, at 7PM at the home of Nancy Besch, 2913 Northwood Dr. There will be a service to our Blessed Mother. Please bring items for ACCESS. If you would like to attend the meeting, need a ride, or have any questions, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.



Renewal of Marriage Vows

A renewal of marriage vows will be held Sunday May 16 at 2 PM at the Church. All Married couples in the parish are invited to take this special occasion to renew their marriage vows. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

COMMUNITY

Worldly Goods, 223 Main St. Ames, will be donating 10% of all proceeds sold today, May 2 from 1-4:00PM to **11 Days of Global Unity** - Central Iowa. **11 Days** is an annual promotion of peace, justice and environmental sustainability in communities around the world. It runs from September 11 to September 21, the International World Day of Peace. For more information visit 11daysames.wordpress.com

For handcrafted gifts from around the world suitable for Mother's Day, graduations, weddings and birthdays, come to Wordly Goods on Sunday, May 2. Please call 956-3186 for further information.

MEALS ON WHEELS HELP NEEDED

A volunteer is currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in Ames on the second Monday of the month. Time commitment is only one hour per month. For more information, please call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

Discerning Our Giftedness Program

Over the last few years St. Thomas Aquinas has been facilitating a program of spiritual gifts discernment initiated by the archdiocese. The next session starts in June. Members of St. Cecilia are invited to take part in this program. You can download a brochure at www.staparish.net/information/discern.pdf or call St. Thomas (292-3810) and one will be mailed to you. There is a limit of 30 participants per session.

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

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God created the world to show forth and communicate his glory. That his creatures should share in his truth, goodness, and beauty—this is the glory for which God created them.

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God created the universe and keeps it in existence by his Word, the Son "upholding the universe by his word of power" (*Heb 1:3*) and by his Creator Spirit, the giver of life.

Parish Elections—May 15-17

For Pastoral Council (formerly Parish Council), Catholic School Board & New Faith Formation Commission

Please take the time to learn about these positions before our upcoming elections!

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 ongoing 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 are 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 Commission 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.)

Catholic Radio: Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for "Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa." You can obtain a schedule of their radio programs at their website:www.kwky.com.

If you have brought food for a Saint Cecilia event and are missing a favorite cake pan or casserole dish, please check in the old usher's.



Stewardship: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

5th Sunday of Easter

One of the great lines of the Bible, and one of its most important theological concepts, appears in today's second reading from the Book of Revelation. The author testifies that he hears the One who sits on the throne say: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). Recall that when Revelation was being written, the church was undergoing persecution. Those Christians familiar with Jewish writings (what we Christians call the Old Testament today) looked to the past to seek out the ways that God had acted before. They found resonance in the oracles of deuterot Isaiah, who promised a Messiah after the leaders of Israel had been taken to captivity in Babylon. In chapter 43 of Isaiah, God proclaims that he will restore Israel, he will do something new by rebuilding the city of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem becomes symbolic of the eternal dwelling of God's chosen people. It is the place of peace and contentment. It is God's dwelling to which every nation on earth comes to dwell. And so it is no surprise when the writer of Revelation proclaims to the persecuted Christian community (who saw themselves as God's new chosen people, enduring trials just like the Hebrews of long ago) that a new Jerusalem is coming down out of heaven as a dwelling place for God and his people.

This promise of hope in a time of persecution is meant to encourage those who may be tempted to falter. In our own day, so many of us have been battered by difficult times. Each of us may have our own tale of woe. The Gospel for today reminds us that Jesus gave us a new commandment: to love one another. No matter how difficult things may be, that commandment endures. It also gives us hope, for we are united in love.

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Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 4/19/10

Forecasted Cost		\$150,000
Funds Collected	\$71,684	
Funds Pledged	\$42,075	
Total Funds Committed		<u>\$113,759</u>
Balance needed		\$ 36,241

Your Financial Stewardship

	4/20-4/26	FYTD
Contributions	\$15,720	\$839,801
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$846,541
Contributions (building)	\$ 246	\$ 87,362

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

Planned Giving – Gift Annuities Explained

Supplement your retirement income immediately. How it works: You transfer cash, securities or other property to Saint Cecilia Parish. The parish pays a fixed amount each year to you for life. When you die, the remaining principal passes to the parish. You get an immediate charitable income tax deduction, fixed income guaranteed, income may be partially tax-free, may save capital gain tax, and reduce estate taxes. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager, at 515-233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 1

5:00PM: Germain Mullenbach †

Sunday, May 2

8:30AM: John & Theresa Hudak

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Alvera Irlbeck

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 4

7:00AM: PFC Jessi Mullenbach

5:30PM: Gibbons Family

Wednesday, May 5

7:00AM: Laurence Weigel †

5:30PM: MJ & Carolyn Weydert †

Thursday, May 6

7:00AM: Kathy Pelzer †

5:30PM: Irene Earnest †

Friday, May 7

7:00AM: Mary Lawler †

9:00AM: Alvera Irlbeck †

5:30PM: Frank Pershern †

Saturday, May 8

5:00PM: Mary Heman †

Sunday, May 9

8:30AM: Marian Putz †

10:30AM: Margaret Harrington

5:00PM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

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.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2010

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29

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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

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packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.