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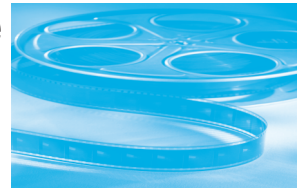
February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



**Join us on the Red Carpet
Saturday, February 11, 2012
for the 7th Annual St. Cecilia Gala
"For Our Stars of Tomorrow."**



The Gala will begin at 5:30PM at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center. There is still time to register! Online registration is available at www.stcamesgala.org until Monday!



If you have questions about the gala, please contact one of this year's co-chairs

Matt & Jessica Loecke: [515-292-3298](tel:515-292-3298)

Nate & Lezli Pelzer: [515-232-8744](tel:515-232-8744)

Troy & Lisa Weary: [515-292-0488](tel:515-292-0488)

or email: stceciliagala@stceciliaschoolames.org



Gala Raffle Grand Prize: Trip to Disney World valued at \$7,500

Tickets: \$20 for 1, \$50 for 3, \$100 for 7.

Purchasing a raffle ticket is a great way to support the Gala even if you aren't able to attend that night. Tickets are still available...contact Mindy Stahr at [515-268-0782](tel:515-268-0782).



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Mon. 8:00AM– 7:30PM & Wed. 8:00AM – 8:15PM
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8:00AM – 3:30PM

Faith Formation NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please notice the new office hours of faith formation/youth ministry

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION DATES

No faith formation sessions for grades 1-8 due to catechist in-service on **Feb. 6 & 8.**

No 6-8 grade faith formation sessions on **Feb. 15** due to Matt Maher concert.

2nd grade - 1st Eucharist Parent Meetings

Parents of all 2nd graders are asked to attend one of the meetings on Feb. 27 or 29. These meetings are to assist you in your role as primary catechist for your daughter/son. These meetings will take place at the regularly scheduled afternoon/evening faith formation sessions.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Wed., **Feb. 8:** Regular EDGE "Actions=Words," 7-9PM @ Saint Cecilia

Don't miss out on a chance to vote for our EDGE Movie Night,

Feb. 24! 7-9PM @ Saint Cecilia

Confirmation

Confirmation Class: This Sunday **Feb. 5**

9th grade Confirmation, 1-3PM (Social Hall)

10th grade Confirmation, 3-5PM (St. Louis Room)

High School Youth Ministry – Grades 9 -12

Feb. 12: Rise & Walk (A Life Night on the Sacraments of Healing) 7-9PM

Feb. 19: At your Service (A Life Night on the Sacraments of Initiation) 7-9PM

Catholic Heart Work Camp Update

Mar. 1: 2nd payment Due (\$300)

Small Group Ministry

High Schoolers are encouraged to join a weekly small group bible study. To join a small group, please contact the Faith Formation Office to receive your Group Leader's information!

View the St. Cecilia Youth Ministry calendar at

www.stcomes.org/youth-ministry.

Have you found us on Facebook? Search for "StCecilia LifeTeen"!

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Mon., 6-7PM (Spanish) in St. Louis Room–
Evangélio según San Juan**

Mon., 7:30-9PM in the St. Louis Room – Isaiah 40 - 55

**Tues., 10-11AM in the St. Louis Room – Letter to Ephesians
Social time begins at 9:30AM**

**Wed., 6:30PM, St Cecilia Good Shepherd Center, Jewell
(Sunday readings)**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

God appears in surprising ways and in Christ we are given courage and challenged to do unbelievable things. **Are you ready to seek Christ in the waters of Baptism?** If you are an adult or know an adult or child over the age of 7 interested in becoming a Catholic and celebrating Baptism, Confirmation or First Eucharist with this community, contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at RCIA@stceciliaparish.org or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.



Communal Anointing, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, February 11/12.

Next weekend, Feb. 11/12 the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at all Masses. This annual parish administration coincides with the annual "Day of the Sick" established by Blessed Pope John Paul II as part of the Great Jubilee in 2000 and is observed each year on the calendar on Feb. 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Marian shrine at Lourdes from its beginning has been associated with physical healing and is, still today, a pilgrimage site to which the physically and otherwise afflicted people travel to petition God through the Blessed Mother for the grace of healing.

Father Richmond will be here to concelebrate the Masses and assist me in the rite of anointing.

You should consider presenting yourself for the sacrament if:

- You are scheduled to undergo major surgery or are scheduled or are undergoing major medical intervention such as chemotherapy.
- You have some form of chronic disease whose symptoms have noticeably increased.
- You have received a diagnosis of a serious or possibly terminal illness.
- You notice a significant decline in overall health and stamina due to increasing age.
- You suffer from some form of long-term or intense psychological or emotional illness.

Children who exhibit any of the above criteria may also be presented or present themselves as candidates for the sacrament.

This sacrament is not only a prayer for physical and/or emotional healing it is also, along with the Sacrament of Penance, a sacrament of the forgiveness of personal sin as evidenced in the sacramental formula, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

As we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Dubuque this year, it is a time to reflect and express gratitude for the establishment of social ministry outreach in our Archdiocese that began with women's religious communities and pioneer priests through the creation of hospitals, schools and other forms of social ministry. Over the past 80 years, these efforts have evolved into an organized structure, **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.**

As Catholics, we are called to love and provide help for our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities' continued success is dependent on the volunteerism, financial support and prayers of each of us.

Once a year, Catholic Charities requests your financial assistance through their annual appeal weekend, this year held Feb. 11-12. A letter will be mailed to the home of all parishioners who have made a donation to Catholic Charities in the past, requesting your support for this worthy cause. Your contributions can be mailed to Catholic Charities in the envelope provided with the appeal letter. Please be as generous as you can. If you do not receive a letter in the mail but would like to make a tax-deductible gift, please visit the website www.charitiesdbq.org to make your secure online donation.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Numbers of people have requested the internet address whereby they can access the U.S. Bishops statement on political responsibility "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" which I noted in last weekend's homily. It can be accessed at:

FormingConsciencesforFaithfulCitizenship.org. You can read the document on-line or print a personal copy for yourself. The parish office will have a few hard printed copies available for those who do not have computer access and who stop by and request a copy.

Theology on Tap: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at **7PM on Feb. 6.** Topic is: Catholic Teaching on Social Justice. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Wednesday, 02/08: 9AM-All School Mass and 2:15pm-Early Dismissal

Thursday, 02/09: 6-7PM-Kindergarten Round Up (parents only)

Friday, 02/10: 9:30-11AM-2012/2013 Kindergarten Student Visit



Scrip News—Scrip is now ONLINE! Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place your order. Paper order forms can still be found in the Narthex, School Office, Parish Office and on the School web page. Profits from Scrip sales benefit all education programs at Saint Cecilia. So far, this year, grants have been used towards the NCYC Youth Ministry trip and various teacher supplies. For more information on the Scrip program, please contact Shannon Schroeder or Bev Williams at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org.

It is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School 2012. Mark the week of June 4 on your calendars! Last year our program served more than 200 children as participants and youth assistants. We'd love to welcome even more but we need your help. If you are a high school student or adult (of any age) interested in becoming a part of our team, plan to attend an informational meeting Feb. 20 6:15 - 7PM in the St. Louis room. We promise a week you will love and not soon forget! Contact Susan Vernon with questions susvernon@gmail.com.

Stop by and see the new updates that have recently been added to the historical display.



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY #43 CONCLUDING RITES (PART IV)

In this same exhortation, the Pope acknowledges a need for new dismissal options. In the revised edition of *The Roman Missal*, the priest or deacon may say, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," or "Go in peace." "Announce the Gospel" and "glorifying the Lord by your life" both convey the meaning of the Concluding Rites. Namely, we are called to take inside ourselves God's Word, Body and Blood and allow God to change us in holiness and to live this change in everything we do.

After the proclamation of the actual dismissal, the priest venerates the Altar-table with a kiss and then a bow. The Mass has ended. Although not required, a concluding song or hymn is common for the departure of the liturgical ministers from the liturgy. In some parishes, the organist will play a postlude during the recessional.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Please call 233-3092 for registration.

Godparents are also expected to attend.

Next session is Feb. 9, 2012 at 6:30PM in the St. Louis Room.

**** Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months.****



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Bill & Marie Lauer, father and stepmother of Jean Kresse. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Adult volleyball meets every Tues. at 7PM in the St. Cecilia gym. Drop in and play for fun. All skill levels welcome. Any questions contact Jim Schoenrock 232-1149.



The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet on Sun., Feb. 19 at noon at the Fuji Japanese Steak House. Call Pat Rood for reservations or information 232-3594.

Second Language (ESL) Classes at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church meet from 10-11:30AM and 7-8:30PM on Thursdays and are usually one tutor to one student depending on numbers. Please contact Lloyd Anderson (515-296-1002) for morning classes or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582) for evening classes.



Choir rehearsals for the Lent/Easter season are on Sat. mornings 9-10:30AM in Rm 530 of the Education Center. More information, contact Bob Hauser at the parish office.

Matt Maher is Coming to Ames! Eight-time GMA Dove Award nominee Matt Maher will perform in Ames, Wed., Feb. 15. Audrey Assad, an amazing vocal artist will be opening for Matt. Doors open at 6PM with the concert beginning at 6:30PM. People of all ages & denominations are welcome! The event will be held at Ames Middle School and is expected to sell out so get your tickets today. This concert is sponsored by Saint Cecilia Catholic Church. Buy your tickets online now at: <http://www.itickets.com/events/279664>. Find out more about Matt at www.mattmahermusic.com!!



CALLING GARDNERS ...ADOPT AN ISLAND.....

To beautify the ISLANDS around St Cecilia, you have the opportunity to "adopt an island" by planting annuals or perennials in the areas around the trees in the front parking lot or around the lamp post in the south parking lot area, among other spots. Plant the area for summer of 2012 and tend to them all summer. Then clean the beds when fall arrives. Show off your gardening talents and beautify your parish. Submit your plan for part or all of an island to the parish office, or ask for suggestions. Time to get planning, and be ready when April comes.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholicism 101

WHAT: a non-credit, six-session course on the principal teachings and practices of the Catholic Church, with opportunities for participants to ask questions; taught by St. Thomas Aquinas parish staff.

WHEN: for two hours (7-9PM) on Mon. nights, beginning Feb. 6

WHERE: Our Lady of Guadalupe, (classroom on basement level of STA) To register and/or for more information, please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Kathy White at kathy@staparish.net

St. Thomas Aquinas Church presents a series of talks on Christian Joy. **Prophets and Martyrs room on Thurs. at 7PM.**

Feb. 9 — Joy, the Reward of Forgiveness

Feb 16 — Joy, the Gift of the Eucharist

Counselor to Talk about Shame/Guilt . Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf, a local counselor with Catholic Charities, will speak about healing from shame and guilt following a divorce Thur., Feb. 9, 7-8:30PM in the St. Martin room at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center. Lean Into the Wind, St. Thomas' divorced and separated support group, will host the event. The group will meet for dinner at 5:15PM at La Fuente Restaurant, 217 S. Duff. All faiths are welcome. Free childcare available with prior request. To RSVP for dinner or childcare by noon Wed., Feb. 8, contact Cosette Bergman at (515) 298-1508 or cb6234@gmail.com .



Coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

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 7. The Fall

III. Original Sin

The consequences of Adam's sin for humanity

IV. "You Did Not Abandon Him to the Power of Death"

IN BRIEF

416 By his sin Adam, as the first man, lost the original holiness and justice he had received from God, not only for himself but for all human beings.

In today's gospel, we heard the words, "He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Jesus took some time in between His good works to pray. Do you need a secluded peaceful place to pray? Sign up to attend **Lincoln Highway Christian Experience Weekend** at Pilgrim Heights. The Men's CEW is Feb 24-26 and the Women's CEW is Mar. 2-4. We want you to put aside some of those anxieties and join us in a weekend retreat. Brochures are at the church entrance. Call Alan Christy at (515-231-8099) with questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PARISH ELECTIONS

Are you being called to participate?

Saint Cecilia Parish Catholic School Board, Faith Formation and Pastoral Council would like to encourage you to consider becoming part of one of these organizations. Nominations will take place the end of March with elections in mid-May. Please contact our parish office for information on any one of these three important councils/committees.

COMMUNITY

The importance of positive parenting

LSI recognizes the critical importance of parent leadership. Through LSI's early childhood and family services we help strengthen families, prevent child abuse and neglect, and build stronger communities. For more information on LSI, visit www.LSIowa.org. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

MEN, is it time to pay attention to your relationship with God? Sign up for the Feb. 17-19 Christian Experience Weekend(CEW) at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny. Spots are limited. You won't want to miss this opportunity to expand your horizons. Call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263 or the parish office at 964-3038.

NAMI Central Iowa (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be offering the **Family to Family** course for family members of adults with mental illness, beginning at 7PM on Feb. 20. This 12-session class focuses on the major mental illnesses, discussing treatments and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. All classes and materials are free. Registration is required. For information contact Deb at 292-9400 or namiofci@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed to serve as head cooks for Food at First on the third Tues. of each month. Duties include menu planning, obtaining (from the free market) or buying food, and cooking for the free evening meals at First United Methodist Church. Training will be provided by other head cooks from St. Cecilia. For more information, contact Julie Haas (232-7138).

MICA Volunteers welcomed and needed for the Ames Food Pantry and Ames Free Dental Clinic for a few hours during the week. Food pantry volunteers will help with organizing and/or distribution. Dental Clinic volunteers will help in the office. Contact Meghan Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, MICA. Meghan.smith@micaonline.org or 641-752-7162.

Stewardship: Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a year ago that I was in the hospital for the first time in my life. The minor surgery meant that I had to stay overnight. When it came time for the dressing change the next day, I thought that I was going to die from the intense pain. Of course my brief experience of pain was nothing compared to the chronic conditions or acute illnesses that so many people suffer each and every day. When you think of all the people in hospitals or nursing homes, and the countless others around the world who endure without any medical care, the enormity of suffering seems overwhelming.

It is no wonder then that in Jesus' time once the crowds had heard that he cured Simon's mother-in-law, they raced to bring to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. If someone could alleviate the pain, cure the sick, and cast out demons this was definitely an opportunity of which to take advantage.

While modern medicine may help us with our physical illness and psychological pain, there is still a spiritual dimension to sickness that we should not ignore. Sickness separates us. It makes us question our faith. Illness strikes at our heart as well as our body. That is why the church offers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for any who are ill. When we are sick, we are also alone. We need the support of the community of faith and we need their prayers.

When a loved one is ill-or if you are sick yourself-don't hesitate to request the sacrament of anointing. If your illness confines you for a longer time, ask to receive Communion regularly to nurture you spiritually even as you seek to be strengthened physically. People sought out Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. When we or a loved one is ill, we can seek him out.

Hospitality

"Where you do to the least of these, you do also to me." (Matthew 25:40)

We have had several requests to provide the ministry of childcare. The faith formation staff is happy to help organize a "Child-care Ministry". In doing so, we must follow the Archdiocesan policies and guidelines so that we guarantee a safe environment for all involved.

How will the St. Cecilia Church community benefit? Assuming we find a coordinator for this ministry, we may be able to offer the following ministries: childcare for some faith formation events, nursery, children's liturgy of the Word and perhaps more.

So what is needed to start? A group of adults (age 18 and older) to complete Virtus (safe environment) training, meet with Tom Primmer our director of faith formation and begin planning and implementing this ministry of hospitality. For more information please contact Tom Primmer at 515-232-3514.

When will this ministry start? When we have the structure in place to offer it, which begins with Virtus trained adults.

Why can't "baby-sitting" age kids do this? They can, but they must be supervised by adults who have completed Virtus training.



Snow and ice removal is needed!

Could you help out your fellow parishioners and remove snow and ice before Masses or even during the week. Sand and snow shovels are available at the entrances. Please help clear sidewalks and entrances of snow and sprinkle sand on them if they are icy. If you have questions, please contact Char at 292-3092. If everyone helps out, we will have clear sidewalks for all! **Thank you!**

Your Financial Stewardship

	Month of Jan	YTD
Contributions	\$88,505	\$669,305
Budget	\$90,544	\$673,805
Contributions Last Year	\$87,350	\$650,693
Building Improvement fund	\$ 2,701	\$ 44,151



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 4

5:00PM: Mike Dunn

Sunday, February 5

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Stan Olsson †

5:00PM: Edward Arens

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 7

8:00AM: Pauline (Peenie) Lamoureux †

5:30PM: Leo Blanchet †

Wednesday, February 8

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's intention

5:30PM: John Richardson

Thursday, February 9

8:00AM: Paul Lamoureux †

5:30PM: George Simpson †

Friday, February 10

8:00AM: Arnold Klink †

5:30PM: Robert Walz †

Saturday, February 11

5:00PM: Bernard Buelt †

Prayer Opportunities

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

Scriptural Rosary Monday 7:00AM

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

Rosary Monday 7:30PM*, Tuesday-Friday before 8:00AM Mass

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

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Friday 3:00PM

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 7:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration The chapel is open daily, keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM.

Prayer Chain

Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or send to

stceciliapayerchain@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM

& 5:00PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM & 5:30PM (Chapel)

NOTE: During the school year, **Wednesday Mass will be at 9:00AM in the Church.**

Reconciliation

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

Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4PM

Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM

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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.