

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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February 26, 2012
First Sunday of
Lent



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.



SAINT CECILIA *Lenten Services*

Stations of the Cross—Friday nights at 6PM

Feb 24-The Way of the Cross-All of you drink of this- Trad.

Mar. 2-The Way of the Cross (Social Justice perspective)

Mar. 9-BVM Way of the Cross

Mar. 16-Way of the Cross-Pope John Paul II

Mar. 23-The Way of the Cross (bereavement themed journey)

Mar. 30-Children's and Family Way of the Cross

Stations in Spanish will take place at 7PM during Lent

Communal Reconciliation

Thur., Mar. 22 at 7PM

Sun., Mar. 25 at 2PM

Palm Sunday

Apr. 1-Procession at the 10:30AM Liturgy

Holy Week

Holy Thur. Liturgy, Apr. 5 at 7:30PM

Good Friday Stations, Apr. 6 at 2PM

Good Friday Liturgy, Apr. 6 at 7PM

Easter Vigil, Apr. 7 at 8PM

Easter Sunday Masses, Apr. 8

7AM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30AM—5:00PM

Faith Formation

There **WIL NOT** be any 2nd grade - 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting on Mon., Feb. 27 or Wed., Feb 29!!

Faith Formation Sessions are as follows unless otherwise noted in the bulletin:

Preschool and Kindergarten ages—Every other Sun.—10:30-11:30AM (During Mass) **Next session is Mar. 4**

Mondays 6:15-7:30PM—Grades 1-8

Wednesdays 4-5:15PM—Grades 1-5

7-8:15PM—Grades 6-8

****There WILL NOT be any Faith Formation during spring break Mar. 12-17**

No preschool/kindergarten Faith Formation on Sun. Mar.18**

Middle School Youth Ministry

No EDGE this month due to Spring Break!

See you **Fri., Mar. 30** for our 1st Annual EDGE Idol Chef, 7-9PM @ Saint Cecilia

Confirmation

Next Confirmation Class: Apr. 1

Confirmation homework and service/worship opportunities have been posted on our website at <http://saintcecilielifeteen.net/confirmation>

High School Youth Ministry – Grades 9 -12

Feb. 26: More than Meets the Eye (A Life Night on Sacramentals) 7-9PM

Mar. 4: Wipe Out! (A Life Night Challenge to Worship) 7-9PM

Mar. 11: No Life Night (Spring Break)

Mar. 18: Sign up Deadline for Spring Retreat! (Mar. 24-25)

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—
Evangelio 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)**

Theology on Tap: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at **7PM on March 5**. Topic is: "Life and Dignity of the Human Person" Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



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Absence from the Parish

I will be taking part of my annual vacation from February 27 through March 7. Father Richmond will be here for Masses next weekend and will cover any funerals in my absence.

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".

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.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Monday, March 5

Walter B. Hoye, Keynote Presenter

Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church, 1552 Maple St., Des Moines

9:30AM-Registration; **9:45 AM**-Rev. Hoye speaks; **11AM**-Panel

Discussion; **12:00**-lunch; **12:30PM**-Lobbying 101 session;

1:00PM-Lobbying

Lunch provided following the morning sessions—\$10 requested to defray the cost

3:00PM—State Capitol Rotunda, 1007 E Grand Avenue, Des Moines

RSVP: 515-255-4113 or iowansforlife@msn.com



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you a Catholic, age 17 or older, who has never celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?

Join a 7 week Confirmation Preparation Program and celebrate Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012.

Program location: St. Cecilia Parish-St. Louis Room

Thursday, March 29—May 24: 7-8:30PM

OR

Wednesdays, March 28—May 23: 4-5:15PM

For more information contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at

jdalhoff@stceciaparish.org or 515-233-3092

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 April 12, 2012 at 6:30PM in the St. Louis Room.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"This is the time of fulfillment. . . Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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@stceciaparish.org or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.



Coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses by the Knights of Columbus.

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Tues., 02/28: 4-6pm-STO Application Help Night #2 of 2 (computer lab)

Wed., 02/29: 9am-All School Mass and 2:15pm-Early Dismissal

Thur., 03/01: 6-7pm-Preschool Round Up in Social Hall (parents only)



St. Cecilia Preschool Round Up for 2012-2013 will be held Thur., Mar. 1, in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. This meeting is for parents only. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, physical exam, immunization record and a one-time \$50 registration fee. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at [515-232-5290](tel:515-232-5290).

St. Cecilia School Kitchen is in need of a part time cook starting the school year of 2012-2013. The hours for this position are Mon., Tues. and Wed. 8AM-1:15PM. The applicant must be a team player and able to work in a fast paced, fun atmosphere. Please contact Judy Anderson in the school kitchen at [515-232-5290](tel:515-232-5290) or pick up an application in the school office.

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@stceciliashoolames.org.



Custodian needed for 20 hours per week. Submit resume or pick up application at Parish office. Deadline is February 29.

Help Enrich Marriages in Our Parish In response to the new initiative "Caring for Marriages" through the Diocesan Family Life Office and with the approval of Faith Formation Commission, we will be starting a new marriage ministry called Covenant of Love. Covenant of Love is a ministry that strives to strengthen marriages by educating couples about the splendor and truth of God's plan for marriage. We are looking for 5 - 10 couples to join our Core Team and help coordinate the monthly gatherings. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) or email - DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com. Learn more at www.covenantoflove.org.

Opportunity to "re-gift" or properly dispose of Religious Items - Rosaries, medals, statues. Items in good condition are offered to the Catholic patients at Mary Greeley Medical Center and to the Pre-Canas couples following the "Living Out a Christian Marriage" presentation. Items that cannot be re-gifted will be properly disposed of by Fr. Secora. Please contact Janine Greenwood [515-232-1359], Melissa Bortle [515-232-8354], or the Parish Office [515-233-3092]. Thank you!

Hope: A Vital Christian Virtue for Our Time

Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology Day, Mar., 8, 6-9PM, American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, IA. Join Fr. Dale Launderville, OSB, to learn how our ancestors in faith thought about how God acted in history, and how promises God made to our ancestors still influence us today. Fr. Dale teaches at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the undergraduate Department of Theology of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Free event. Light meal provided. Registration required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Come to the Saint Cecilia Noon Potluck

Tues., Feb. 28 in the Social Hall. Please bring a dish or two to share along with your own table service. Beverages provided. Plan to eat at noon.

Following the meal Jerry Wiebel, editor of *Our Iowa* Magazine will speak on "Our Iowa and Iowa Pride". Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.



Adult volleyball is held on Tuesdays at 7PM in the St. Cecilia gym. Drop in and play. All skill levels welcome. Any questions contact Jim Schoenrock 232-1149.

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



Sat Morning Choir Rehearsal has been canceled for Mar. 3. Rehearsals will resume on Sat. Mar. 10 from 9-10:30AM.

K of C Fraternal Benefits Night A complimentary steak supper and evening of conversation about Knights of Columbus member fraternal benefits is planned for Tues., Feb. 28, in the South Social Hall. 5:30 Registration and Social with 6:00 Dinner. All Knights and their wives are encouraged to come. Contact Charles Stastny (515-344-0962; Charles.Stastny@kofc.org) to RSVP. Those interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus are also welcome to attend.

St. Mary Circle will meet Thur., Mar. 1, at 1:30PM in the South Social Hall. Vic Moss will present information on the Homeless Shelter in Ames. Guests are welcome.

St Gerard's Circle will meet on Thur., Mar. 1 at 7:00PM at the home of Melba Gschneider, 2216 Duff Ave. Diana Shonrock will give a presentation on "Cookbook Archives." Please bring items for Birthright.

Catholic Daughters will meet Mar. 8 in the South Social Hall at 6:15PM (after Mass) for dinner. Meeting and program will follow. The program, by Ursula Von Godany, is "Life in Nazi Germany." Guests are welcome to attend. Please call Regent Sharon Jenkins (232-2570) for dinner reservations.



Fish Supper

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers will be held in the Social Hall on Fri., Mar. 9, and Mar. 30, 5-7PM. Baked Tilapia and Cod, macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked potato, and desserts. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, and Free for children 4 and younger. Proceeds go to support People with Intellectual Disabilities and other charities.

Knights of Columbus: New Families Wanted

The Knights of Columbus are the largest global Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million strong. More information about Knights of Columbus can be found by visiting: <http://www.kofc.org>. Men interested in joining the St. Cecilia Knights Council can attend an initiation ceremony on Sun., Mar., 11 at 2:30PM in the South Social Hall. Please contact Dan Rajewski at 515-290-4374 or danrajewski@gmail.com if you would like to attend or have any questions. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are eligible.

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"

419 "We therefore hold, with the Council of Trent, that original sin is transmitted with human nature, 'by propagation, not by imitation' and that it is . . . 'proper to each'" (Paul VI, *CPG* § 16).

The Women's Lincoln Highway Christian Experience Weekend at Pilgrim Heights is Mar. 2-4. We invite you to come join us. CEW will make your weekend experience memorable and help you find the joy of Christ. Brochures are at the church entrance. Call Alan Christy at (515-231-8099) with questions.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"Sister Parish Partnerships with ISU classrooms." Mon., Feb. 27, 7PM in the St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Lounge. Park on the street or in the ISU Memorial Union ramp. Learn more about our Sister Parish, Dulce Nombre de María, in Copan, Honduras. ISU faculty member, Carl Bern will then lead a discussion about his student projects in partnership with our sister parish in Honduras. ISU faculty and staff (and anyone else!) are invited to brainstorm ways you can integrate partnerships with our sister parish in your own classroom discussion or curriculum! Wine & cheese refreshments provided.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CALLING GARDENERSADOPT 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 get suggestions. Time to get planning, and be ready when April comes.



As part of our Lenten activities, the parish is participating in OPERATION RICE BOWL, a program initiated and administered by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice bowls are available at a table in the Gathering Space as you leave the church. They are also in baskets on either side of the back entrance to the church. Please pick one up at your convenience. 75% of the contributions to Operation Rice Bowl go to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and support, in developing countries, a wide variety of projects including agriculture, water, microfinance, health, and education. 25% of the contributions stay in our diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. For specific information regarding the sponsored projects, pick up a rice bowl and home calendar or visit <http://orb.crs.org/> on the web. The calendars, which are inside the rice bowl, are available in English and Spanish.

This Week's Country: Madagascar. 80% of the people in the country are farmers. Many natural disasters, such as cyclones, droughts, and floods leave people homeless and destroy crops and farms.

Catholic Social Teaching: Care for God's Creation. We are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

Challenge for the Week: Give 80 cents to support CRS' work with farmers which includes soil conservation and improved planting techniques.

Stewardship: The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism . . . that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service and in and through the Church."

1st Sunday of Lent

It was just two months ago that we celebrated Christmas. Remember back to that holiday season? Festive lights, glorious decorations, glittering trees, colorful poinsettias, family meals, joyous celebrations, Christmas gifts. Somewhere in all of that mix, it was likely that there was also a Christmas Nativity scene. Maybe it was a family heirloom carefully set up in a corner so that it wouldn't be disturbed. Or possibly your family Nativity scene last Christmas was hand-drawn artwork by one of your school children that was proudly displayed on the refrigerator. (Maybe it's even still there!)

Wait a minute! Isn't this the First Sunday of Lent? Why all the talk about Christmas? Because like Christmas itself, the First Sunday of Lent always has a Gospel that reminds us that Jesus is truly human! With all the stories of the past few weeks (healings of Peter's mother-in-law, a leper, a paralytic, and the casting out of a demon) we could begin to think of Jesus only as some kind of miracle-worker. To do that would remove him from a clear and concrete association with us. For centuries, the church has clearly taught that Jesus is completely and thoroughly human just as he is completely and thoroughly divine.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus was tempted, just like we are tempted. He had the opportunity to accede to the wiles of Satan. Instead, he emerged from the desert to proclaim a Gospel of repentance. We hear this story of Jesus' humanity as we begin Lent to give us encouragement for the next forty days. We often begin Lent with a lot of enthusiasm. We are ready to change our lives. But changing how we live is difficult, and temptations are rampant. The Gospel tells us that angels came and ministered to Jesus while he was being tempted. Start Lent by asking a friend or a family member to be an angel for you in the next forty days, to ask you occasionally how your Lent is going.

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COMMUNITY

40 Days for Life: Christians throughout the Ames area are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from Feb.22 – Apr.1. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood in Ames, during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. During last fall's campaign over 135,000 participated in 301 cities and saved over 732 babies! You may sign up at http://www.vigilcalendar.com/ames2/login/login_page or by contacting Jeff Dybvik (319)560-0761 or yeaff@yahoo.com.

Celebrate the Ames global community at World Friendship Day 2012. Wed., Feb 29 from 6:30-8:30PM in the Farwell T. Brown Auditorium at the Ames Public Library. All ages are invited to enjoy the cross cultural presentations and tasty treats from around the globe. Entertainment from both youth and adults from Brazil, Germany, Mexico and Czech Republic.

World Day of Prayer Service. The public is invited to observe the 2012 World Day of Prayer at Northminster Presbyterian Church 1416 20th St., Ames on Friday, March 2 at 7:00PM. Women in Malaysia prepared the service around the theme *Let Justice Prevail*. Participants from Malaysia, Korea, and Northminster will lead worship with prayer, music, stories and reflection. An offering will help fund grants for non-profits addressing suffering and injustice throughout the world. Childcare available.

Your Financial Stewardship

	2/7-2/13	YTD
Contributions	\$ 9,463	\$725,449
Contributions Last Year	\$11,606	\$661,353
Building Improvement fund	\$ 270	\$ 47,746



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 25

5:00PM: Ken & Pauline Mueller †

Sunday, February 26

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: John Vaclav

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 28

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Linus Putz †

Wednesday, February 29

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's intention

5:30PM: Lori Reecer

Thursday, March 1

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bonifacio & Children

Friday, March 2

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Chuck Kranz

Saturday, March 3

5:00PM: Sharon Nail-Magee †

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 26, 2012

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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.