

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH
2900 Hoover Avenue Ames, IA 50010

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March 4, 2012
Second Sunday of
Lent



Saint Cecilia Parish is a Roman Catholic community formed by the Word of God, united by the Holy Eucharist and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. By our commitment to the teachings of Christ and His Church, the sacraments and charity, our parish strives to build up the body of Christ through worship, life-long faith formation and evangelization.



SAINT CECILIA *Lenten Services*

Stations of the Cross—Friday nights at 6PM

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

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

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. 30-April 1)
Permission form and \$80 fee were due March 1.

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)**

Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry needed for full-time year-round position. Submit resume to ames@manpowerdm.com with "St. Cecilia Church" in the subject line. Deadline is March 9th.



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: Lent. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend! See you there!!**



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@stceciliaparish.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

*At the transfiguration of Jesus, God says:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*

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.

Please Join Us! St. Cecilia's "Adopted Priest", Fr. Andy Vogel is coming to celebrate Mass with the grade school students, **Wed., Mar. 7 at 10AM**. (note the time change from usual morning mass). Please join us after mass for a brief question and answer period with the grade school students. Fr. Vogel is the first Adopted Priest for the St. Cecilia "Adopt a Priest" Program which is was established by the Vocations Committee in 2011. Fr. Andy grew up in Ames and attended St. Cecilia grade school, AHS and ISU. He is the son of Mary Kay and William Vogel and currently serves as the priest at Sacred Heart Church in Owatanna, MN.

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Mon., 03-05: Regular School and Preschool Day
 Tues., 03-06 to Thur., 03-08: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Book fair,
 1:30PM Early Dismissal for School and No Preschool Classes
 Tues., 03-06: 9AM Think First Assembly
 Wed., 03-07: 10AM All School Mass with Father Vogel
 Fri., 03-09: No School or Preschool
 Mon.-Fri: 03-12/03-16: Spring Break-No School or Preschool

Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund

The Board of Education and Formation of St. Cecilia Parish is the recipient of a \$12,365.13 grant award from the Educational Development Fund of the Archdiocese of Dubuque for the purpose of providing tuition assistance to those families who can least afford the cost of a Catholic School education. Grant awards were received from the Archbishop Kucera Grant Awards for the Tuition Assistance and/or the Minority Grant programs supported by the Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund. The Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund provided over \$460,000 for these two programs for the 2011/2012 program year.

The Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund has also provided an additional \$80,000 in grant awards during the 2011/2012 for catechists' formation resources and leadership development.

The Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund was developed for the purpose of supporting the educational programs of the Archdiocese. This is the twenty-sixth year that grants have been awarded. Over 7.2 million dollars have been distributed since the Archdiocesan Educational Development Fund was established. Grants are made possible through the generous donations of contributors and parishioners throughout the Archdiocese.

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@stceciliaschoolames.org.



Tithing through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is easy and convenient. EFT saves time having to write checks and remembering to bring checks or envelopes to Mass or mail them when you are on vacation. If you are interested in EFT please call Char at 233-3092. For those who already tithe by EFT and you wish to put something in the collection basket, there will be baskets placed at all entrances to the church containing yellow EFT acknowledgement cards that you can pick-up before mass to place in the collection basket. The ushers will be able to direct you to the cards.

Mentoring opportunity!

We have an immediate need 2-3 men to mentor to other men. Training is available. Please contact Deacon Ron at 515-441-0480 or DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Jack Compton, Brother of Karen Popelka and Betsy Schroeder, Mother of Will Schroeder. 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



Sunday Afternoon Gathering

Sunday Afternoon Gathering. Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games or just conversation. Sun., Mar. 11 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). Any questions please call Jean Kuhl at 450-5715.

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.



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.

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.



Fish Supper

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers will be held in the Social Hall on Fri., Mar. 9 & Mar. 30 from 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.



Lent/Easter Choir Rehearsal

Saturday Morning Choir Rehearsal resumes on Sat., Mar. 10 from 9-10:30AM in Room 530 of the Education Center. Contact Bob Hauser at the parish office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Potluck—Wed., Mar 14 at 5:30. Please Join us for good food and conversation! More information to follow soon!

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.



Spring Clean up Sat., Mar. 24 from 9AM-2PM. Rain Date Mar. 31. Come join the cleaning crew and get St. Cecilia spic and span inside and out for Easter Week. Bring Rakes, Brooms, vacuums, extension cords, Pruning equipment and gloves. We will provide Coffee, donuts and lunch. Call Parish office to volunteer at 233-3092 or complete form found in narthex near Silver box.

Coffee and Donuts will be served by St. Mary's Circle after the 8:30 & 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"

420 The victory that Christ won over sin has given us greater blessings than those which sin had taken from us: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (*Rom 5:20*).

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Fish and meatless pasta dinners on March 23 from 5-7PM in STA Lower Lounge, 2210 Lincoln Way (across from the ISU Memorial Union)

Menu: potato crusted cod, potato, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, pasta/sauce, drinks (coffee/lemonade), dessert. Cost: kids under 4 free; kids 4-12 \$4; adults \$7; family \$25 (maximum) All are welcome!

Divorce Group to Help Adolescent/Adult Children of Divorce

St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center will meet Thur., Mar. 8 from 7-8:30PM in the St. Martin room. Topic for discussion will be "Helping Adolescent and Adult Children of Divorce: What to Expect; How to Help". The group will host a potluck at 6PM, also in St. Martin rm. All are welcome. To RSVP for dinner by noon on Wed., March 7, contact Cosette Bergman at (515) 298-1508 or cb6234@gmail.com.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center, which is a vibrant faith community of 700 resident families and 1,000 college students. Full time, 11-month position. Individual collaborates with parish staff to direct a program for 200 students (pre-school through high school), sacramental preparation and programs for adult education www.staparish.net. **REQUIRED:** Practicing Catholic, degree in education or related field, and 3 to 5 years teaching experience. Send resume and letters of recommendation to **SEARCH COMMITTEE**, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014 or search@staparish.net by **Mar. 12**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



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.

Operation Rice Bowl

This Week's Country: **Vietnam.** In Vietnam, it can be hard for children with disabilities to get an education. CRS helps schools get the resources they need to accommodate children with disabilities into the classroom.

Catholic Social Teaching: **Dignity and Equality of the Human Person.** All humanity has been made in the image of God.

Challenge for the Week: **Give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each grade in school you have completed.**

Stewardship: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrifices?

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mountain climbers who ascend the highest peaks spend a lot of time in preparation. Unlike those of us who take a short hike in the woods or amble over rolling hills, serious mountain climbers can spend weeks or months planning an ascent. Often, the expense alone requires a search for sponsors if a trip is to involve a larger group of people. Nepal now requires a permit of up to \$25,000 per person to enter the Mount Everest area for climbing. Mountain climbing for some people has become a thrill-seeking opportunity, if you have the money to spend on it.

Peter, James, and John were fishermen, not thrill-seeking adventurers. But when they climbed up Mount Tabor with Jesus, they had an experience beyond words. In his Gospel Mark describes the transfiguration of Jesus as an appearance in which his clothes became dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the prophet and the lawgiver, appear with Jesus in this startling scene. Mark says of Peter in his Gospel, "He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified."

Every bit of thrill-seeking has some terror in it. A roller coaster is fun for so many people precisely because there is just that little bit of fear that adds to the exhilaration of the ride. But fear can also paralyze, as it did Peter up on the mountain, when he did not know what to say. Fear can also make us run away. That also happened to Peter, on the night when Jesus was arrested, and Peter denied him.

As Christians, we aren't necessarily thrill-seekers, but we are like mountain climbers in one important way: we spend a lot of time in preparation. Throughout our lives we seek the highest goal, life with Christ in heaven. Lent gives us the tools to get even better at reaching that summit. Our prayer, our fasting, our almsgiving can lead us to the peak of perfection in Christ.

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COMMUNITY

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 Lauderville, OSB, 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. Free event. Light meal provided. Registration required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu



The Workspace at the ISU Memorial Union has an on-going project: **Little Dresses for Africa.** Volunteers can make dresses (or shorts for boys) for children in Africa and other areas and bring them to the Workspace or participate in scheduled workshops. A simple dress pattern and sizes needed are available on the website, but the primary requirements are no used clothing and no zippers or buttons; cotton or cotton blends are preferred. Recently, the project gave 100 dresses to Saint Cecilia parishioner Sarah Ledvina to take to Haiti on a medical mission trip. For information www.littledressesforafrica.org or call the Workspace (294-0970, M-TH 2-10PM. Sat. 12-4, Sun. 1-4PM).

AMOS (Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) is pleased to announce that **Project IOWA**, a job-training program for the chronically un/underemployed, is off the ground. There are currently five trainees from Story County: four in the welding program and one training as a Surgical Technician. Each trainee has a job waiting for them with a central Iowa employer. If you know someone in need of a job or an employer in need of skilled workers, call Project Iowa at 515-279-2234.

Your Financial Stewardship

	Month of Feb.	YTD
Contributions	\$ 71,321	\$739,623
Budget	\$ 75,374	\$749,188
Building Improvement fund	\$ 3,847	\$ 47,998



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 3

5:00PM: Sharon Nail-Magee †

Sunday, March 4

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty †

5:00PM: Frank Dowie, Jr.

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 6

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Vasana Patricia Teresa Ripperger

Wednesday, March 7

10:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's intention

5:30PM: Elaine Uthe †

Thursday, March 8

8:00AM: Leo Blanchet †

5:30PM: Bernard Olberding & Family

Friday, March 9

8:00AM: John Richardson

5:30PM: Anna Marie Carr

Saturday, March 10

5:00PM: Jim Ries †

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 March 4, 2012

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn

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.