

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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March 11, 2012
Third 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. 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 April 1.**

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

10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal (Candidates only):
Wed., Apr. 11 @ St. Cecilia 7:15PM

10th Grade Confirmation:

Sun., Apr. 15 @ St. Cecilia 2:30PM. Arrive by 1:30PM

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

High School Youth Ministry – Grades 9 -12

Mar. 11: No Life Night (Spring Break)

Mar. 18: Sign up Deadline for Spring Retreat! (Mar. 30-April 1)

Next Life Night: March 18

Full-Filled (A Life Night on Living Sacramental Grace), 7PM

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.saintceciliailifeteen.net

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

****No Adult Bible Study from Mar. 12-14.****

**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)**

Coming Soon! The Missionary Image of Our Lady Guadalupe will visit St. Cecilia Parish Mar. 29-30. Watch upcoming bulletins for information.



Theology on Tap: young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at **7PM on April 2.** Topic is: Easter Triduum. 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.

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 today, **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.

Catholic Men's Conference

The **16th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** will be held **Mar. 31** at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be **Fr. Larry Richards.** **Jon Leonetti** will lead a break-out session entitled "No Excuses—Becoming a Man of Prayer." There will be a youth track again this year. For more information and to register, go to www.catholicmenonline.org. For help carpooling to the conference, please contact Deacon Ron Smith at: DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or call 515-441-0480.



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

Jesus says: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Mon., 03-12 to Fri., 03-16: Spring Break No School or Preschool
 Wed., 03-21: 9AM—All-School Mass 2:15PM—Early Dismissal
 Fri., 03-23: End of 3rd quarter

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.

Come and see what is new! A guide will be on hand during the St. Cecilia **Library Open House** to show you how the categories are arranged. There is a small collection gathered for Lent on how to begin to pray. Also, you may browse any time the parish is open. The light switch is to the right of the door. May God bless you this Lent!

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE: Mar. 10—One hour after 5PM Mass

Mar. 11— 8:30AM—noon

Mar. 11— One hour after the 5PM Mass



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.

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



SPRING CLEAN UP AT ST CECILIA

Saturday, **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.

America Needs Fatima's life-like Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be displayed in the home of Mark and Melissa Bortle, 1923 Bel Air Dr. on Tues., Mar. 20 from 6-8PM. The program includes an inspiring audio-visual presentation of the 1917 apparitions. Call Melissa at 232-8354 for details.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Steve Franco, brother of Terry Franco, and **John Harrigan**, brother of Marietta Blanchet. 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 today 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.

St. Anne's Circle meets on Tues., **Mar. 13** at 9AM in the Social Hall. Hostesses are Marlene Michaud and Marilyn Joensen.

Adult volleyball will not be held on Tues. Mar. 13. Resumes Tues. Mar. 20 at 7PM in the St. Cecilia gym. Drop in and play. All skill levels welcome. Questions contact Jim Schoenrock 232-1149.



Parish Potluck—Join us on Wed., Mar. 14 at 5:30PM for good food and conversation! Fried Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Rolls, Coffee, Milk and Water will be provided. If your last name falls in A-M please bring a side dish. Last name N-Z bring a dessert. **SEE YOU THERE!**

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.



Saturday Morning Choir Rehearsals for the Lent/Easter season from 9-10:30AM in Room 530 of the Education Center. Contact Bob Hauser at the parish office for more information.

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund and MICA

Food Shelf Collection Weekend. Suggested food pantry items include canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, baby food, packaged shelf-stable main meals, pasta, spaghetti sauce and cereal. Also, non-food items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued generous support!



The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet on Sun., **Mar. 18** at noon at El Azteca on Stange Road. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.



Trip to Haiti

Representatives from the Holy Family Cluster (Wright County) will give a presentation on their recent medical mission trip to Haiti on **Mar. 19** at 7PM in the North Social Hall. St. Cecilia parishioner Sarah Ledvina accompanied them on the trip to Holy Family's sister parish in Anse Rouge, Haiti: she will be sharing her experiences, too. If you'd like to be more informed about the situation in Haiti, this is an excellent opportunity!

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers will be held in the Social Hall on Fri., **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.



SEDER SUPPER. Save the date. Mark your calendar for the annual Seder Supper to be held Holy Thurs., Apr. 5 at 5:30PM in the Social Hall. If you are interested in attending or serving on the committee to plan, prepare and serve the Seder, contact Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison 296-2966 or email gaitchis@iastate.edu.



Coffee and Donuts will be served by Life Teen and 11/12th Grade Leadership Team 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"

421 Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one . . ." (GS 2 § 2).

Gala 2012 Update Thank you so much for supporting the 2012 St. Cecilia Gala. It was a wonderful night full of fellowship, fun, and generosity. Once we have the final results from the night we will share those, but for now we wanted to pass along a few announcements.

* We are so grateful to the many Gala volunteers. Please see the Gala website for a list of all that helped with the Gala this year:

http://www.stcamesgala.org/en/the_gala/gala_team/

* Congratulations to the lucky winner of the Disney raffle: Tom & Mary Sailer.

* If you have ideas, thoughts or suggestions to enhance the Gala or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee next year, please contact us at stceciliagala@stceciliaschoolames.org.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Fish and meatless pasta dinners on Mar. 23 from 5-7PM in STA Lower Lounge. 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!

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.

This Week's Country: El Salvador. 24% of people in rural El Salvador suffer without access to clean water.

Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities. We must protect the rights of all people. These rights include the right to life, food, shelter, education, and employment, along with political and cultural rights. CRS operates water and sanitation projects in El Salvador to bring clean water to families and communities.

Challenge for the Week: Give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each drink of water you take during the week.

Stewardship: "You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us to be less resentful of the gifts of others.

3rd Sunday of Lent

A lot can happen in 3 days. From the issuance of mandatory evacuation orders on Aug. 28, until its dissipation on Aug. 30, Hurricane Katrina wrought unimaginable destruction on New Orleans and surrounding regions of the Gulf Coast. 6 and a half years later, recovery efforts continue because of the enduring effects of those three horrific days in Aug. 2005. This year, it is a different kind of 3 days that will occupy the city of New Orleans as the Final Four of the NCAA Basketball Tournament takes place. Mar. 31 through Apr. 2 will be a time of celebration and agonizing defeat as the last remaining teams pursue the championship in Division 1 college basketball. A lot can happen in 3 days!

While the cleansing of the Temple offers a dramatic scene—and is the subject of many an artistic representation—the actual event is less important than Jesus' discourse about it. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," he says in response to the objections of the onlookers. John, the Gospel writer, makes it clear that Jesus is talking about the temple of his body. Like last week's Transfiguration story, we are once again directed to the Resurrection of the Lord. In the new dispensation under Jesus, the religious identification of a single place is no longer important. Worship, and an awareness of the presence of God, can take place anywhere.

The presence of the risen Lord can be experienced at any place and time. In just a few weeks we will hear how Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection despite locked doors. That the risen Lord can be anywhere is a key insight of early Christianity. Through baptism, the presence of Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is made manifest in each Christian. The three days of the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection have made all the difference. A lot can happen in 3 days!

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COMMUNITY

Spaghetti Supper: St Mary Catholic Church of Williams, Sun., Mar. 11 4:30-6:30PM. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults—\$7; children 4-12—\$4.50; 3 and under—free. Carry out available. Everyone welcome! Handicapped accessible.

Man-Up March: On Thur., **Mar. 15** Catholic (and non-Catholic) men of the Des Moines and Ames area are invited to an evening of prayer, fellowship, food, drink, a faith-enriching speaker and conversation. This month's event will be held at St. Mary of Nazareth Church, 4600 Meredith Drive, Des Moines. Our speaker, Deacon Dave O'Brien will deliver an inspiring talk on Christ's Passion. Come to some or all of the following: 5:45PM—Mass; 6:30PM—Food, drink and Social in the Mansion on St. Mary's campus; 7:10PM—Program; 7:45PM—Discussion. For more information, call 515-984-0874 or info@manupdesmoines.org. The website is: www.manupdesmoines.org. Come to all or some of the events.



The Workspace at the ISU Memorial Union has 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. For information www.littledressesforafrica.org or call the Workspace (294-0970, M-TH 2-10PM. Sat. 12-4, Sun. 1-4PM).

Your Financial Stewardship

	2/28-3/5	YTD
Contributions	\$ 21,347	\$760,970
Contribution last year Mar.	\$ 22,340	\$745,740
Building Improvement fund	\$ 318	\$ 48,316



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 10

5:00PM: Jim Ries †

Sunday, March 11

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Dick Gerz

5:00PM: H. Newell †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 13

8:00AM: Theresa & John Hudak

5:30PM: L.J. & Dorothy Reilly †

Wednesday, March 14

8:00AM: Faithfully Departed

5:30PM: Dennis Opheim

Thursday, March 15

8:00AM: Helena Calder †

5:30PM: Bunny Rickert †

Friday, March 16

8:00AM: Steve Mueller †

5:30PM: Paul Dolan †

Saturday, March 17

5:00PM: Robert Walz †

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 11, 2012

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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City: _____ Zip: _____

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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.