

March 18, 2012 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010



SAINT CECILIA

Lenten Services

Palm Sunday

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

Holy Week

Holy Thursday 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

Stations of the Cross—Friday nights at 6PM

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

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

- Jn 3:20-21



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.

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www.stceciliaparish.org

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:30AM—5:00PM

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

No preschool/kindergarten Faith Formation on Sun. Mar. 18
No Youth RCIA Sun. Mar. 25

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Next EDGE Night is on Fri., **Mar. 30:**
1st Annual EDGE Idol Chef at 7:9PM @ Saint Cecilia

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9-12

March 18: Full-Filled
(A Life Night on Living Sacramental Grace) 7-9PM
March 24-25: Spring Retreat (tentative)

CONFIRMATION

Next Confirmation Class: Apr. 1

9th Grade Confirmation: 4-6PM (St. Louis Room)

10th Grade Confirmation: 7-9PM

Life Teen Mass for All Parishioners & Families, 6PM

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

10th Grade Confirmation:
Sun., Apr. 15 @ St. Cecilia at 2:30, Arrive by 1:30PM

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 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!!



HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE MAR. 24/25

Next weekend, Mr. Imad Qumseih who represents Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land will once again be here offering for sale hand carved olive wood religious items. These "one of a kind" pieces of art make memorable gifts for the upcoming First Communion, Confirmation, graduation and wedding seasons. Also, if you are looking for a unique Christmas Creche check out the selection Mr. Qumseih will be bringing. By purchasing these carvings you are helping Christian families to remain in their cultural and religious homeland. Today, due to the political situation in the Holy Land, native Palestinian Christians who have been there for centuries reaching back to apostolic times are, in many cases, being forced to abandon their families and homeland. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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: "I am the Light of the World."

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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

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Wed., 03-21: 9 AM All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal
Fri., 03-23: End of 3rd Quarter
Wed., 03-28: 9AM All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal

SCRIP NEWS—SCRIP IS NOW ONLINE!

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place your order. Paper order forms are available 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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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
Melinda Luzbetak & Helen Nelson Families
after 8:30 Mass.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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



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 to Holy Family's sister parish in Anse Rouge, Haiti: she will be sharing her experiences, too. The **Social Justice Committee** will have a brief business meeting following the presentation.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS

will meet Tues. Mar. 20 at 9:30AM at Jane Misra's home. Anyone wishing to make rosaries, please call 233-1393.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Resumes Tues. Mar. 20 at 7PM in the St. Cecilia gym. All skill levels welcome. Questions contact Jim Schoenrock 232-1149.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES

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



Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is this weekend. The Mid-Iowa Community Food Pantry is one of the many organizations you support through your donations to the Good Samaritan Fund. In addition to the food and supplies you donate, Saint Cecilia also provides monthly funding for transportation so that MICA can buy and bring food from the *Food Bank of Iowa* in Des Moines. That food, available only to non-profit organizations, is very low cost (e.g., sometimes as low as 12 cents for a can of vegetables) and helps MICA keep a supply of food on hand. Thank you for your generous donations of food, supplies, and money!

Noon Potluck Mar. 27 in the South Social Hall.

The program will feature Jane Jackson from *First Nurse*, who will talk about her profession. Any questions call Nancy Habing at 232-0782. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to pass and come have some fun!



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.

Pro-Life Book Drop

"Please bring any used books, dvd, tapes, CDs, games, and puzzles in the narthex at the third Knights of Columbus Lenten fish dinner on Fri., Mar. 30 between 5-7PM. Craft and cooking magazines only please. Book items will be taken to Des Moines for the bi-annual *Iowa Right to Life Book Sale* to help crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state. The next sale is from **Apr. 17-21** in West Des Moines at the Jordan Park camp building at 2251 Fuller Rd.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

COMMUNITY

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Nevada presents **Journey on-Parish Mission**. A cluster mission on Mar. 21-23 from 7-8PM. Jon Leonetti will be the presenter of this 3 evening event. A meal will be offered each night at 6:30PM. If you wish to attend the meal, Registration is required. Pre-registration is due by Mar. 14th to Barb Kuebler at St Patrick's. If you just want to attend the Mission, no pre-registration is needed. God bless your lenten journey!

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) his proud to celebrate National Social Work Month. Without the dedication, passion and commitment of its social workers, LSI could not provide services to families in need. For more information on LSI, visit www.LSIowa.org. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

BIRTHRIGHT OF AMES CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Birthright of Ames will celebrate 40 years with an evening with Melissa Ohden, abortion attempt survivor
Sat., Mar. 31, 6:30PM Refreshments, 7:00PM—

Program Stonebrook Church, 3611 Eisenhower, Ames

Tickets: \$5/students; \$10/adults, available at the door or in advance at Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward, Ames Phone; (515) 292-8414

Seminarian Greg Stejskal instituted into the Ministry of Reader.

Recently, Greg Stejskal a seminarian for the Archdiocese who spent several months with us in 2009-2010 was formally instituted into the Ministry of Reader by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky at St. Meinrad Seminary where he is doing post-graduate studies in preparation for eventual ordination to the priesthood for service to us here in the Archdiocese. The Ministry of Reader is the first of two preliminary formal ministries an individual preparing for eventual ordination receives, the other being Acolyte.

If you'd like to send Greg a note of congratulations and continued prayerful support you can do so at the following address.

Mr. Greg Stejskal
St. Meinrad Seminary
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577

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. 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).

Lenten series of talks on the Spiritual Works of Mercy

Thur. nights 7–8:30PM in the Prophets & Martyrs Room
March 22—Bear wrongs patiently & forgive all injuries
March 29—Pray for the living and the dead
Questions: Contact Bob Horton—292-5486

Stewardship: All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly His handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds with God prepared for us in advance.”

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Despite the countless efforts undertaken by road planners and highway departments throughout the country, dangerous conditions still exist on many of the roads that are used for daily travel. Treacherous curves, hazardous hills, and intersections with low visibility can all make driving a perilous endeavor in some areas. Alcohol and distracted driving continue to be major factors in many crashes, but improved vehicle safety and better road design have been credited with lowering the total number of fatalities, a trend that is even more notable given the increase in the number of drivers and vehicle miles driven through the past decade. Still, if one drives along any highway for some distance, there is likely to be a marker at some point memorializing a person who was involved in a fatal accident.

These roadside markers often have a cross, something that has become a ubiquitous sign of remembrance after a crash. This emblem marks the spot of the death of a loved one. It is often surrounded with flowers, and may sometimes have other memorabilia attached to it. While a gravestone may mark a loved one's final resting place, a roadside memorial becomes a more public tribute to the one who has been taken in death. But the cross is more than a token of a deadly event. For us, it is the ultimate sign of life, which is why we use it on ourselves over and over again. Before and after prayers, we make the sign of the cross. We use the cross to bless, tracing it on our children's foreheads, making the sign over people and things, signifying a consecration to holiness. That this emblem of death should become a sign of life is the ultimate triumph of the power of Christ's resurrection. John writes in his Gospel that the Son of Man will be lifted up. Jesus is lifted on the cross, and in his death we are lifted to life as he rises on the third day.

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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 and in baskets on either side of the back entrance. 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, 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: Zambia. 77% of workers in Zambia earn less than \$1 a day.

Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.

CRS runs microfinance programs in Zambia to help individuals start small businesses to earn better incomes.

Challenge for the Week: Give \$1 to your Rice Bowl for every wage earner in your family.

ISU Spring Blood Drive 2012. Mar. 19-22 from 10AM-5PM at the Memorial Union Great Hall. Contact isublooddrive@iastate.edu for more details.

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Saturday, March 17

5:00PM: Robert Walz †

Sunday, March 18

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Margaret Lubitz †

5:00PM: Mary Nogel †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 20

8:00AM: Judge Family

5:30PM: Ben Treadway †

Wednesday, March 21

9:00AM: All-School Mass

5:30PM: Ruth Wenckus

Thursday, March 22

8:00AM: Leo Blanchet †

5:30PM: Catholic Daughters

Friday, March 23

8:00AM: Bob Miller †

5:30PM: Michelle & Tony Valdez & Family

Saturday, March 24

5:00PM: Ken Mueller †

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2012

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Contributions	\$ 25,706	\$786,676
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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
stcecilia@prayerchain@gmail.com



Bulletin announcements for the Apr. 1
bulletin will be due by noon on **Wed. Mar.
21. Deadline** for the Apr. 8 bulletin will be
noon on **Wed., Mar. 28** due to Easter.

I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Name and Address the way you would like it to appear.

Name:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

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.

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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