

Saint Cecilia



Christ
is risen

FROM THE DEAD,

TRAMPLING DOWN

DEATH BY DEATH,

AND UPON THOSE

IN THE TOMBS

BESTOWING LIFE.

THE TROPARION OF PASCHA



Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

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 15.**

Mondays 6:15-7:30PM—Grades 1-8
Wednesdays 4-5:15PM—Grades 1-5
7-8:15PM—Grades 6-8

1st Eucharist dates for 2nd Graders during regular Mass times
Apr. 28 & 29 and May 5 & 6. Please notify the Faith Formation office of your preferred Mass time if you have not done so already.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, April 11: Regular EDGE Night “Called by God,”
7-9PM @ Saint Cecilia

CONFIRMATION

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9 -12

Apr. 8: No Life Teen (Happy Easter!)
Next Life Night: Apr. 15
Morality/Spring Semester Kick-Off, 7-9PM

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 May 7. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



EASTER, 2012
Christ our life,
you are alive
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space

Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are live
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude

Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive
in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
the dreariest task
the most threatening event

Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive
to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart

Alleluia

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and surges
through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is the grace, dying we live.

So let us live.

(Kathy Galloway [Iona Community])

May this Eastertide be one of re-discovery of the presence of Jesus in each of our lives.

My prayers are with you always!

Father Jim

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 Thurs-**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

“Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wed. 04-11: 2:15PM-Early Dismissal
 Wed. 04-18: 9AM-All School Mass & 2:15PM-Early Dismissal
 Fri. 04-20: Preschool Hearing Tests

SCRIP NEWS—SCRIP IS NOW ONLINE!

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place an order. Paper order forms are available in the Narthex, School Office, Parish Office and the School web page. Profits from Scrip sales benefit all education programs at Saint Cecilia. This year, grants have been used towards the NCYC Youth Ministry trip and various teacher needs. For more information on the Scrip, please contact Shannon Schroeder or Bev Williams at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org.



The final numbers are in! Thanks to so many volunteers, sponsors and supporters, the St. Cecilia 2012 Gala raised over \$120,000 for St. Cecilia School and Faith Formation programs. 90% of those proceeds will be placed in the St. Cecilia Education Endowment Fund to ensure the future of quality Catholic education for our community. The remaining funds (10%) are used to satisfy "immediate needs" for the school and faith formation programs. The Fund-a-Need auction item raised over \$32,000. Money from Fund-a-Need will be spent on new textbooks for St. Cecilia School, books and bibles for faith formation, and religious picture books for the preschool. Thanks to those of you that completed the gala survey. We appreciate the feedback and will use it in improving future galas. If you would like to volunteer for the 2013 Gala or have any other feedback to share, please send an email to stceciliagala@stceciliaschoolames.org. The 2013 Gala has been scheduled for February 9, 2013.

Join us for "A Knight of Murder!" Fundraiser

Fri., Apr. 13, 2012

6-8PM in Saint Cecilia Social Hall

A Medieval Mystery Dinner for all Parishioners
 14 years and older!

Tickets are available for \$25 and will benefit teens attending Leadership Conferences this summer.

Purchase your ticket and pick up your character assignment from any LTLC/CLI Participant, or in the Faith Formation Office.

Hosted by Saint Cecilia Life Teen



Many thanks for the Pastoral Council and Business Office to our wonderful volunteers who helped with Spring Cleanup Day to clean the inside and remove yard debris from St. Cecilia's. We really appreciate your taking time to help keep St. Cecilia beautiful.

REMINDER

Sign-up for Pictorial Directory appointments can be done on the St. Cecilia Parish Website: www.stceciliaparish.org under the Pictorial Directory Sign-Up Tab



Coffee and Donuts will be not be served after the Masses this weekend due to the holiday.

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW)

All ladies of Saint Cecilia Parish are invited to a Salad/Dessert Supper, Thur., Apr. 12 at 6PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a salad to serve eight. Table service and beverage are provided. The speaker will be Judy Gilger, "Silver or Silver Plate?" All women of the parish are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other women in the parish. If you have any questions or need a ride, contact Judy Brown, 231-6589.

Saint Gerard Circle's Anniversary Lunch will be on Sat., Apr. 14 at 11:30AM at Olde Main Brewing Company. After lunch, we will go to Kil'N' Time. Please e-mail Janice Grove or Jolene Johnson by Apr. 6 if you plan to attend.

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors Group will meet on Apr. 15 at Oddfellows (formerly Café Shi) at noon. Please call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering. Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games or just conversation next Sunday, April 15 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). Any questions please call Jean at 450-5715.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays 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.

ESL is also seeking new volunteers to help out at both the AM and PM classes. If interested please contact Lloyd and JaNelle Anderson (296-1002) or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582).

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

A Renewal of Marriage Vows will be held Apr. 29, at 3PM at St. Cecilia Church. All married couples in the parish are invited to attend and renew their vows. A reception will follow.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH ELECTIONS

On May 19 and 20, Saint Cecilia will have its parish-wide elections for Pastoral Council, Catholic School Board and Faith Formation Council.

Nominations are now being accepted for all three until Apr. 15. You can find nomination forms by the silver ballot box in the Narthex. These important elections allow you to provide our parish with vision and stewardship. Remember it is perfectly fine to nominate yourself. Thank you.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to
www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

COMMUNITY



Volunteer Opportunity working with horses and people. One Heart Equestrian Therapy is training volunteers (ages 12 and up) on Thur., Apr. 5 from 6-8PM at our location in Roland. If you would like to help people with disabilities ride horses one time per week please come for training. Many options including evenings and Saturdays are available. No prior registration is needed to come to training. No experience is necessary. Questions may be directed to Kris Lager oneheart@netins.net, 515-460-5488, www.onehearthorses.org. We are also on Facebook: (www.facebook.com/OneHeartEquestrianTherapy).

PILGRIMAGE TO CATHOLIC POLAND

JOIN Father Ivan Nienhaus and Father David Ambrosy, Oct. 15-22 on a pilgrimage to Catholic Poland and the Land of John Paul II. Round-trip from Cedar Rapids, 6 nights at a deluxe Krakow Hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, local catholic guides, sightseeing, admission, and more. Cost is \$2599.00 per person. Various highlights include Divine Mercy Shrine (home of St. Faustina), Birthplace of John Paul II, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Shrine of Czestochowa, Tatra Mountains in Zakopane, Auschwitz Concentration Camp and more. Deposits needed on or before May 15. For information contact Fr. Nienhaus (563-362-7966), Fr. Ambrosy (319-213-3168) or Mary Johnston (319-560-5138).



Donations for Haiti

The Holy Family Cluster (Wright County) is seeking donations of the following items to ship to Haiti via sea crate: religious items, old eyeglasses, flip flops, small toys, soccer balls, lotion, combs, toiletries, sewing supplies, linens, crafts, school supplies, totes or old suitcases, and two treadle sewing machines. Deadline is **Apr. 12**. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please contact Sarah sjledvina@gmail.com or Mary Ross (232-5080) if you wish to donate.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



We will be collecting **rice bowl envelopes** again next weekend, **April 14/15**. Please convert any change or bills to a check (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia's) and place it in the envelope found in your rice bowl. You can return the envelope by placing it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the church or by putting it in the collection basket. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the Lenten season.

Stewardship: Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

A lot of school districts in the country no longer have Easter vacation. Instead, they have spring break. As Christians, we may mourn the passing of public holidays tied to our religious festivals, but in some ways that may serve to bring us back to the very roots of our faith. The weekend as we know it today is a modern invention, brought about by the movement for a forty-hour work week. The first Christians, like much of the ancient world, worked every day. There was no break, except for occasional festivals. Our ancestors in the faith would arise early on the first day of the week, often before sunrise, so that they could celebrate the day of the Lord. Holding the vigil in the night of Easter or celebrating with a sunrise service is actually hearkening back to the origins of our faith.

The Gospel today tells us the experience of the first Easter. Whether we hear the story from Mark ("Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week...") or from John ("On the first day of the week...early in the morning, while it was still dark...") it is clear that those who went to the tomb found it empty. Jesus had risen from the dead. Everything had changed.

The first Christians continued to live their lives in the culture they inhabited. But because their lives were transformed, the culture began to change as well. They cared for the sick. They helped widows and orphans. They took up collections for the poor. They rejected the pagan gods and the deification of secular power as embodied in the emperor. They formed communities that gathered on the first day of the week no matter what obstacles lay in their path, even if that meant the possibility of death. They did all of this, because they believed in the Lord of life, who is forever risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

2012 Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

An informational meeting for the Christ our Life Catholic Conference will be held on Apr. 12 from 7-8PM at St. Thomas Aquinas in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room. If you would like to know more about the conference or would like to help promote the conference within the Ames community, please consider attending. Questions? Contact Darcie Tallman at 233-5006 or visit www.ChristOurLifeIowa.com

Benediction including The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sun., Apr. 15, 2:30PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel. Of this Feast Day, Our Lord tells us through St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet..... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." Sacrament of Reconciliation available Sat., Apr. 14, 3:30- 4:30PM at St. Cecilia. For more information on this powerful devotion visit www.divinemercysunday.com. (Note location change. Please use Memorial Union ramp for parking.)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 7

5:00PM: Priest's Intentions

Sunday, April 8

7:00AM: Special Intentions

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intentions

5:00PM: H. Newell †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 10

8:00AM: Mike Plummer

5:30PM: Bernie & Gina Remmes & Family

Wednesday, April 11

9:00AM: No Mass

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

Children

Thursday, April 12

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Faithfully Departed

Friday, April 13

8:00AM: Helena Calder †

5:30PM: Fred Varnum †

Saturday, April 14

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

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 April 8, 2012

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:14 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

| | 3/20-3/26 | YTD |
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| Contributions | \$ 14,485 | \$813,546 |
| Budget | \$ 20,865 | \$813,735 |
| Building Improvement fund | \$ 2,055 | \$ 52,507 |

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

Scripture Rosary.....Monday 7:00AM
Intercessory Prayer Group Sunday 9:00-10:00PM
RosaryMonday 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
stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com



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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
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