

April 15, 2012 | 2nd Sunday of Easter



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

www.stceciliaparish.org

Welcome the Newly Confirmed To Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

Nolan Adair

Andrew Barnard

Lauren Barnett

Emily Benna

Sara Bentley

Cole Birchmier

Alaina Bohnert

Blake Bundy

Brandon Burke

Adam Carey

Kathleen Crow

Christopher Culek

Quinn Delaney

Elizabeth Faga

Nicole Gammon

Hannah Gorman

Laura Graveline

Jared Guerra

Lissette Guerra

Mauricio Guerra

Dylan Halder

Anna Halstead

Alex Hashemi-Toroghi

Kasandra Hegland

Anna Herrman

Britta Hurd

Sydney Hustedt

Ellen Joerger

Thomas Lunaburg

Molly Luzbetak

Miranda Maher

Taylor Mescher

Mark Milligan

Katie Minnihan

Jessica Misra

David Nelson

Jacob Nethers

Payton Nowlin

Elizabeth Nutty

Alex Pyle

Nicholas Ramirez

Alexander John Royer

Christa Sawyer

Trevor Schoenrock

Olivia Snyder

Brooke Staker

Rachael Stammer

Katelyn Stearns

Jamie Steyer

Christopher Stoker

Stella Maris Strohmman

Cody Swenson

Alex Urbanek

Natalie Vernon

Chase Whetstone

Thomas Wilgenbusch

Andrew Wintermote



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—10:30-11:30AM (During Mass)

Last session for 2011-2012 year is April 15.

Mondays 6:15-7:30PM—Grades 1-8— Last session for 2011-2012 year is April 29.

Wednesdays 4-5:15PM—Grades 1-5—Last session for 2011-2012 year is May 2.

7-8:15PM—Grades 6-8—Last session for 2011-2012 year is May 2.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Apr. 15: Confirmation Sunday. Congratulations Confirmandi, we are so proud of you!

Confirmation Liturgy will take place at Saint Cecilia at 2:30PM.

Confirmandi and sponsors, please arrive by 1:30PM.

All are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9 -12

Apr. 15: In Pursuit (A Life Night on God's Plan for Our Happiness), 7-9PM

Apr. 22: Chased (A Life Night on Integrity), 7-9PM

Apr. 24: Catholic Heart Meeting, 7PM, South Social Hall

Apr. 29: Gimme a Break (A Life Teen Parent Night on the Sabbath), 7-9PM. *This Life Night is for parents and high schoolers!*

Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:30PM.

May 6: Chain Reaction (A Life Night on the Reality of Sin), 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 "StCeciliaLifeTeen"!

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!!



Welcome Archbishop Hanus.

This weekend (Sunday, April 15) Archbishop Jerome Hanus is with us to preside at the Liturgy of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist for three of our young children unable to celebrate these sacraments last weekend at the Easter Vigil as well as to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young adults of our parish along with the young adult candidates from St. Thomas Aquinas and Sts. Peter and Paul Parishes. These celebrations as we gather around the Archbishop express visibly our union with him as the head of our local church here in the archdiocese and our union through him with the universal church.

Thank You.

A very heartfelt word of thanks to everyone who helped plan, set up, and exercised any form of a ministerial role in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Readers, musicians, servers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and especially Bob Hauser our liturgy and music director, JoAnn Dalhoff our pastoral associate and Tom Primmer our faith formation director who worked closely with me, along with our deacons, in seeing to the details of each liturgy. An ancient axiom states that "what is prayed is what is believed." Worship done prayerfully and with attention to detail is the church's primary means of faith formation and education. The recent Holy Week and Easter celebrations fulfilled these purposes. Again, thank you!

Father Richmond Dzekoe Official Appointment

On April 5th I received a letter from Archbishop Hanus dated April 3rd appointing Father Richmond as associate pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish here in Ames with the understanding worked out between Father Seda (pastor of St. Thomas), Father Richmond and myself that Father Richmond will continue to assist in covering sacramental and pastoral needs here at St. Cecilia as well as at Sts. Peter and Paul, Gilbert.

This assignment is effective immediately and will continue until June 30, 2013.

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 June 14, 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

*"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

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

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wed., 04-18: 9AM-All School Mass & 2:15PM-Early Dismissal
 Fri., 04-20: Preschool Hearing Tests
 Mon., 04-23: Preschool Vision Screenings

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@sceciliaschoolames.org.

Jackie Francois is Coming to Town!

Catholic Singer-Songwriter Jackie Francois will be at Saint Cecilia on May 5. Jackie will minister to our twelfth graders for a Senior Retreat offered during the day, and help with music ministry during liturgy before her concert on Sat. night. We hope Saint Cecilia will provide a warm welcome to this popular, energetic, and inspirational Catholic worship leader!

The Catholic Tour, a 32-year-old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce a Pilgrimage to Rome for the opening of our Holy Father's proclaimed "Year of Faith" plus a Mediterranean Cruise followed by the Canonization Ceremony for seven new Catholic saints, two of which are from the United States. Mother Marianne Cope and Blessed Kateri Tekawitha will be canonized and you will be there to witness the ceremony. Also to be canonized will be Blessed Pedro Calungsod, the second only Filipino saint. Dates for the trip are October 9-12, 2012. Please call The Catholic Tour (1-877-627-4268) toll free for prices, itinerary, reservations and to answer any questions you may have or e-mail: jimadair@thecatholictour.com

Did you Know?

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the Archdiocese Office for Protection of Children at 563-556-2580 x.227. Source: www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Bob Beaty, Chris Knutson, Jane Bacon and Martha Simmons 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.

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors Group will meet today, 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 today, Sun., Apr. 15 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). Any questions please call Jean at 450-5715. See you there!



The Saint Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Mon., Apr. 16 at 7PM in the Sun Room. All are welcome to attend.

Catholic Daughters will meet in the South Social Hall on Apr. 19. Dinner is at 6PM and program at 7PM. Rita Carlson, Regent of Our Lady of Good Council Court in Fort Dodge will be presenting the program, on their Court's success in expanding their membership. Please call Sharon Jenkins 233-2570 for dinner reservations.



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

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 (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).



Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is next 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!



Coffee and Donuts will be not be served this weekend due to Confirmation.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

DONATIONS NEEDED

"If you want teens to lead, teach them how to serve." Eighteen Confirmed upperclassmen from Saint Cecilia Parish are seeking leadership training so they can become better servant leaders for our parish community. These peer leaders will serve in our youth ministry programs for 2012-2013 as EDGE, Confirmation, and LifeTeen Members. They will also serve on Commissions and Committees throughout our parish. We are trying to raise \$9000 to make this training possible for any teenager at Saint Cecilia. We will be holding several fundraisers over the upcoming months. If you would like to donate directly to Saint Cecilia Life Teen Leadership, please contact the Faith Formation Office and speak to Anna Steele at 515-232-3514. Donation of any size are appreciated. We will provide you with information after the training to share the fruits of your sponsorship. Please consider planting a seed in Saint Cecilia Youth Ministry through prayer or financial support. Thank you for investing in the Catholic Church of tomorrow by sharing your gifts with teens today!

COMMUNITY

Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The quarterly meeting will be held Thur., Apr. 19 at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Marshalltown (211 W. Olive St.). The day begins with Registration at 9:00AM, general meeting at 9:30AM and Liturgy at 11:30AM and luncheon at noon. The program speaker will be Deacon Tom Renze. Please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520 if interested in attending.

April 14-15, 2012

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday** and we are reminded of the incredible mercy and love of God. Let the grace of God flow deeply and abundantly in your marriage relationship; attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your sacrament. Sign up to Attend. The next weekend is May 11-13, Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, Iowa. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352, or <http://www.iowa-wwme.org>.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15

Benediction including The Chaplet of Divine Mercy 2:30 PM,
St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

(Note location change due to Confirmation at St. Cecilia. Please use Memorial Union ramp for parking.)

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. 21, 3:30-4:30PM at St. Cecilia. For more information on this powerful devotion visit www.divinemercysunday.com

Stewardship: The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

2nd Sunday of Easter

We know what to expect when we crack an egg. The clear egg white and sunny yolk run out when the egg is opened ready to be cooked for a morning breakfast. Maybe you already had eggs today before you came to church, or are planning to have them as part of a Sunday brunch. Fried, scrambled, poached, or made into an omelet, eggs are a breakfast staple in this country. Easter eggs, those wonderfully colored foods in baskets at this time of year are hardboiled. When I was growing up, my mother would make hardboiled eggs to slice on a salad, or use for egg salad sandwiches. At 94, she still makes the best deviled eggs in the family. But I remember as a child that every once in a while, Mom would get the fresh eggs and the hardboiled ones mixed up in the refrigerator. Some mornings dad would grab a couple of eggs to fix for breakfast, and the first one he would try to crack open would be hardboiled. The mystery of an egg is that even though we know what to expect inside, we can't always tell what is in there. Fresh and hardboiled look exactly the same.

In today's Gospel, the apostles made it clear to Thomas that they had seen the Lord now that he had risen from the tomb. But Thomas wasn't so sure. He wanted to really check things out. A bit like opening an egg, Thomas had to find out for himself if the Jesus who had come back to life was more than the appearance of some ghost. He wanted to probe the nail marks and put his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. When he finally did get the opportunity his response was, "My Lord and my God."

Whether fresh or hardboiled we know what we'll find inside an egg. And like Thomas, we know what we'll find with Christ.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Share in the Easter Joy! Join the Knights of Columbus!

The Knights of Columbus are the largest global Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members strong. Information about Knights of Columbus programs can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org>. The St. Cecilia's Knights council will have another initiation event on Sun., Apr. 22 at 12:15PM at the close of the Pure Fashion breakfast after the 10:30 Mass in the south social hall. Please contact Dan Rajewski [515-290-4374](tel:515-290-4374) or danrajewski@gmail.com if you would like to attend or have questions. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are eligible.

Usher Ministry: We are in need of ushers at all Masses. Anyone 14 years of age and older, male or female, are welcomed to participate in this ministry. Please contact Dave Tucker at 233-2825, if interested.



We will be collecting **rice bowl** envelopes again **Apr.21/22**. 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. There are extra rice bowl envelopes on the tables at the back of the church. You can return the envelope in collection basket. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the Lenten season.

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Saturday, April 14

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

Sunday, April 15

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Bob & Mary Jane Long

5:00PM: Jane Bacon †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 17

8:00AM: Bob Miller †

5:30PM: Michael Dwyer

Wednesday, April 18

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intentions

5:30PM: Lois Moritz

Thursday, April 19

8:00AM: Ben Treadway †

5:30PM: Dennis Opheim

Friday, April 20

8:00AM: Leo Blanchet †

5:30PM: Lucille O'Neill †

Saturday, April 21

5:00PM: Henry Adams †

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.

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Readings for the Week of April 15, 2012

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

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YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	MARCH	YTD
Contributions	\$ 73,848	\$813,547
Budget	\$ 84,447	\$833,627
Building Improvement fund	\$ 4,508	\$ 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 stceciliapraychain@gmail.com



We are pleased to announce **Priscilla Gammon** has joined our parish staff as **administrative assistant to faith formation and youth ministry**. Priscilla comes to parish ministry with previous experience in the hospitality, government and financial sectors. Priscilla's first day was April 5, 2012. Please make a point to welcome Priscilla to our parish family.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

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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