

April 29, 2012 | 4th Sunday of Easter



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Communion

BLESSINGS TO YOU

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Sadie Lenkaitis
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Olivia Messerly-Metzger
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Phillips Townsend
Stevie Uthe
Isabella Valverde
Jason Vernon
Hallie Walter
Evan Weary
Grace Wirth
Kaylen Witte*

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Office Hours:
Monday–Friday
8AM–4:30PM

Faith Formation Sessions are as follows unless otherwise noted in the bulletin:

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 Mass
Apr. 28 & 29 and May 5 & 6.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9 -12

Apr. 29: Chased (A Life Night on Integrity), 7-9PM
May 6: 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 13: Happy Mother's Day! (No Life Teen)
May 20: Newsfeed (A Life Night on Social Media & the Death Penalty), 7-9PM

Mark Your Calendars!

Graduation Mass and Brunch will be Sunday, June 3.
Seniors, please attend the 10:30AM Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend the celebration following.

Jackie Francois is Coming to Town!

Catholic Singer-Songwriter Jackie Francois will be at Saint Cecilia on May 5, 2012. 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 Saturday night. We hope Saint Cecilia will provide a warm welcome to this popular, energetic and inspirational Catholic worship leader!

Saturday May 5
2-4PM. High School Girls mini-retreat, St. Louis Room (Free Will Offering)
5PM Jackie will help out with liturgical music at 5pm mass
6:15PM Meet and Greet with the Parish, All are welcome!
7:30PM Evening Concert for the Entire Parish (Narthex, Free Will Offering)

Sunday May 6
10AM-1PM. Sr. High School class retreat (Free Will Offering)

View the St. Cecilia Youth Ministry calendar at
www.stcomes.org/youth-ministry.

Have you found us on Facebook? Search for "StCeciliaLifeTeen"!
www.saintceciliailifeteen.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)

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS TODAY

A Renewal of Marriage Vows will be held today 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.

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. Topic will be the early Christian community and Pentecost. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



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. Donations 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!

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

*He showed them his hands and his feet. . .
they were incredulous for joy and were amazed.*

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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

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Wed. 5-2-12 9AM All School Mass followed by May Crowning
2:15PM Early dismissal



Saint Cecilia School Prospective Student Open House

Please join us Mon., May 7 from 6:00-7:30PM for an open house and to learn about our faith-filled school. Take a tour, meet the teachers, and see what opportunities Saint Cecilia School has for your family. This open house is for families with students in Preschool through 5th grade for the 2012-13 school year. Families of all faiths are welcome to attend and encouraged to register. For more information, please call the school office at 232-5290.

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 **Spring 3-in-1 Appeal** which is taken up in our parish this weekend supports the annual collections for **Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Communications**. Please be as generous as possible, using the envelope that you received in the mail. If you forgot your envelope, please remember to bring it next weekend or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your financial support and prayers for these important efforts of the universal Church.

Did you Know?

True or False: It is common for both child and adult victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone about the abuse. True. It is common for victims to wait some time before telling someone. When the person was assaulted as a child, he or she may wait years or decades. The reasons for this are numerous: victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put it behind them; they may believe the myth that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react. For more information on learning how you can ensure the safety of children, call the Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 563-556-2589 x 227.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Norma Busch, Sister in law of Jeanne Gehm. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

St. Mary Circle will meet for Mass at 8AM, Tues., May 1, followed by breakfast at Olde Main Brewery. You will be contacted for reservations. Please note change of date.

St. Gerard's Circle will meet on Thur., May 3 at 7PM at the home of Gerri Abel, 1603 Burnett Ave. We will have a prayer service to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Please bring items for ACCESS.

St. Anne's Circle will meet for lunch on Tues., May 8th at 11AM at the Flame & Skewer in the Mall.

Wisdom & Wine

Join adult Catholics, ages 25 and older, on **Fri., May 4** for "Wisdom and Wine." To be held from **6:15-8:30PM in the Social hall of St. Cecilia Catholic Church**, the evening's topic is, "*The Health and Human Services Mandate*." Speaker Tom Chapman, Executive Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, will address whether the mandate is really a violation of Religious Liberty, how Catholics are reacting to it and what some options are regarding the mandate. The evening will begin with a social at 6:15PM; wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided and served, along with **hors d'oeuvres brought by program participants**. The speaker's presentation will begin at 6:45PM. Program is co-sponsored by St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Cecilia Catholic Churches in Ames.

Join us for a high-flying adventure at Vacation Bible School



June 4-8. Kids 4-10 are invited to participate in this awesome program from 9-11:30AM each day. People 10 and up are encouraged to volunteer. Forms are available in the faith formation office or by emailing Susan Vernon: susvernon@gmail.com

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
Or after Masses the weekends of Apr. 28/29 May 5/6 & May 12/13.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

ENGLISH AS A ENGLISH 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.



Coffee and Donuts will be not be served this weekend.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

COMMUNITY

Thank You!! Thanks to all who donated items for Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Anse Rouge, Haiti. The Holy Family Cluster plans another shipment next year and would appreciate receiving your old suitcases next spring to use as shipping boxes.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

St. John reminds us that we are God's children, his beloved! Do our words and actions reflect our status? Allow the Lord to shine in your life and your marriage. Make time to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and renew your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 11-13, Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, IA. To register contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org>.

The Ames Choral Society presents its Spring Concert "In Praise of Love" tonight, April 29, at 7:00PM at the Ames Middle School Auditorium. The concert celebrates Music Director Steve Hoifeldt's 30th season as director of the Ames Choral Society and features 100 local musicians (adult and youth choirs and orchestra) on the stage. Featured in the program are "Hymnus Amoris" (In Praise of Love) by Danish composer, Carl Nielsen, and "Frostiana" by Randall Thompson, short choral pieces set to the poems of Robert Frost. Tickets are \$10, available at Gallery 319 and Rieman Music on Main St. in downtown Ames and at the door. For info: 515-232-5545 or www.ameschoral.org.

Inner Visions HealthCare, a Christ-centered pro-life unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic, is hosting their first fundraising banquet on Tues., June 5, from 7-9PM at the Airport Holiday Inn. The guest speaker is Pam Tebow, mother of NFL QT Tim Tebow. There is no cost to attend. Register online at www.innervisionshealthcare.org/banquet/ or call 515/440-2273...God Bless.

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).

Stewardship: To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives. For those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

4th Sunday of Easter



Many working breeds of dogs were developed to exhibit specific traits that were valuable assets for their owners. The powerful hind legs of a Rottweiler gave it strength to pull butcher carts. The thick coat of a Saint Bernard helped it survive in mountain snows. And the herding behavior of an Australian Shepherd made it ideal for ranch work in the western United States. When a suburban household or city dweller acquires one of these types of dogs, they need to be aware of what they're getting. It's not uncommon for that energetic Australian Shepherd to start herding the family's children, along with some quick nips at their legs to make sure the herd stays together, a behavior that is not necessarily welcomed by its recipients.

Shepherding isn't always an easy, gentle task. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who is ready to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd risks his life, because the sheep won't always listen. Sometimes we are not ready to heed the Shepherd's voice. We have other ideas about the path that we should take, and the Shepherd has to call us back in order to protect us and keep us safe.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we acknowledge that the church is in need of shepherds who will act like the Good Shepherd himself. The human shortcomings of some shepherds and the grievous sins of others should not deter us from encouraging young people to consider a life of service in the church. Every flock needs a shepherd to guide it and to help hold it together. We believe that God calls people to service and gives them the grace to be faithful in it. As we pray that God will increase the number of shepherds for the flock, we must also take concrete steps to invite some in our midst to consider a life of service in the name of Christ.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Female volunteers are needed to substitute for the housemother at Butterfly Freedom House for short (2-4 hour) or overnight shifts. Butterfly Freedom House is a house for women transitioning from jail/prison; St. Cecilia helps support this ministry. Please contact Deacon Ron Smith (DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

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Saturday, April 28

5:00PM: 50th Wedding Anniversary for
 Ken & Barbara Gillette

Sunday, April 29

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
 10:30AM: Nate Brunia †
 5:00PM: Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Rosary Makers
 Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 1

8:00AM: James Kearney †
 5:30PM: Arleen Kellen

Wednesday, May 2

9:00AM: All-School Mass
 Priest's Intentions
 5:30PM: Frank Trcka †

Thursday, May 3

8:00AM: N. J. & Carolyn Weydert
 5:30PM: Patricia Colstrom †

Friday, May 4

8:00AM: Jack Gehm †
 5:30PM: Barb Tiffany †

Saturday, May 5

5:00PM: Alyce Thurman

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 29, 2012

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 or Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col
 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	4/1-4/22	YTD
Contributions	\$ 92,141	\$905,688
Budget for April	\$100,150	\$933,777
Building Improvement fund	\$ 2,749	\$ 55,257

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

- Scripture 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 stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com



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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