

May 20, 2012 | *Ascension of the Lord*



# Saint Cecilia

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Congratulations  
St. Cecilia Confirmandi



## FAITH FORMATION

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

Faith Formation Sessions will resume in late August. Look for registration materials in July. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Primmer, Director of Faith Formation at 515-232-3514.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 4-8 from 9-11:30AM for kids ages 4-10.

To register please email Susan Vernon at susvernon@gmail.com or call the Faith Formation office at 232-3514.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Next EDGE Event: Lock-In

**8th and 9th Grade Parent Night:** Please join us Wed., May 23 from 7:30-9PM for a 2012-2013 Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Social Hall. Important information for next year will be discussed & distributed. Please send at least one parent; candidates do **not** need to attend.

**Congratulations to Class of 2012 Graduates from Ames, Ballard, Gilbert and Roland Story High Schools who graduated today!**

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9 -12

**May 20: LTLC Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale, Following All Masses**

Teens attending Leadership Training this summer will be hosting a cinnamon roll bake sale on Sunday, May 20.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

May 20: Chain Reaction  
(A Life Night on the Reality of Sin), 7-9PM

May 27: No Life Teen (Memorial Weekend)

June 3: Happy Days

### 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.

View the St. Cecilia Youth Ministry calendar at [www.stcames.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stcames.org/youth-ministry).

Have you found us on Facebook? Search for “StCeciliaLifeTeen”!  
[www.saintcecilielifeteen.net](http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net)

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mon., 6-7PM (Spanish) in St. Louis Room –  
Evangélio según San Juan

Mon., 7:30-9PM in the St. Louis Room – Isaiah 40 - 55

Tues., 10-11AM in the St. Louis Room – Introduction to the Bible  
Social time begins at 9:30AM

Wed., 6:30PM, St Cecilia Good Shepherd Center, Jewell  
(Sunday readings)



The color red...the color of fire, is the color used for Pentecost, when tongues of fire descend upon the disciples. We encourage you to wear something red to Mass next weekend.

**The first meeting about the pilgrimage to Catholic Poland will be today May 20 at St. Cecilia at 3PM.** The second meeting will be on May 27 at St. Patrick Parish in Cedar Rapids at 12PM.



**Eucharist Adorations Break:** 8AM on Friday, May 25 until 8AM on Tuesday, May 29.

### SAINT CECILIA PARISH ELECTIONS

This weekend, **May 19 and 20**, Saint Cecilia will have its parish-wide elections for

**Pastoral Council,**

**Catholic School Board and  
Faith Formation Council.**

These important elections allow you to provide our parish with vision and stewardship.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at 7PM on **June 4**. Topic: TBA. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



### 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

*Jesus says: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."*

God appears in surprising ways and in Christ we are given courage and challenged to do unbelievable things. **Are you ready to respond to Christ's choice and bear the fruit that remains?** 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](mailto:RCIA@stceciliaparish.org) or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

*Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

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Wednesday, May 23: 9AM All School Mass (5th Grade Graduation) and 2:15PM Early Dismissal  
Thursday, May 24: Last Day for 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old PM Preschool  
Friday, May 25: Last Day of 4-Year-Old AM Preschool and School, 11:15AM Family Picnic and 1:30PM Early Dismissal

### SCRIP NEWS—SCRIP IS NOW ONLINE!

Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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](mailto:scrip@sceciliaschoolames.org).



### 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 email Susan Vernon: [susvernon@gmail.com](mailto:susvernon@gmail.com).

**VBS NEEDS** - Vacation Bible School needs your unused and left over items! We need kites (without characters on them), blue and white paint, and old CDs. Please drop donations off in the faith formation office by the end of May or call or email Susan Vernon to come and pick them up from you 292-1857 [susvernon@gmail.com](mailto:susvernon@gmail.com). Your help is appreciated!!

**The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration**, the makers of your communion hosts, invite single women, ages 18-47 who are considering religious life to attend a week-long Summer Monastic Experience at their monastery in Tucson, AZ on May 24-30 or in Clyde, MO on June 30-July 7. For information, visit our website at [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org). To register, call Sr. Ruth Starman at 660-944-2221, ext. 127.

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas** thanks the parish community for St. Cecilia for their generous support of our second collection on the weekend of April 28 & 29 for victims of domestic violence. Sixty percent of the collection will go to ACCESS and forty percent will go to the Iowa CDA for distribution among the dioceses. Thanks again for your overwhelming support.



**Please Remember in Your Prayers: Ardyce Petersen.** 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



Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the deadline for bulletin announcements for the June 3 bulletin will be this Wed., May 23.

**The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group** will meet today, May 20, at noon at Valentino's. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.



Sunday Afternoon Gathering

**Sunday Afternoon Gathering.** Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games or just conversation today Sunday, May 20 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). See you there!

**The Saint Cecilia Social Justice Committee** will meet Mon., May 21 at 7PM in the Sunroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Noon Potluck** will be May 22nd in the South Social Hall. Melanie Cornwell from Mary Kay's Florists will present some spring flower ideas for arrangements. Questions call Nancy Habing 232-0782.

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

The last session of 2012 will be May 22 at 7PM. Look for information in the fall for start up dates. Questions contact Jim Schoenrock 232-1149.

### PRACTICE SESSIONS IN CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Meet at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church from 10-11:30AM and 7-8:30PM on Thur. Typically, each tutor works with 1-3 learners. Contact Lloyd Anderson (296-1002) for information about the morning classes or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582) about the evening classes.



Volunteer tutors are much needed to assist with these sessions. The only language skill required is an ability to speak English like someone who has been using it daily for years. Volunteers serve as conversation partners. No formal teaching is involved. If interested, please contact Lloyd or JaNelle Anderson (296-1002) or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582).

### Opportunity to support St Cecilia School Tuition Assistance

Each year, St Cecilia parishioners help support families at St Cecilia School in the form of tuition assistance. If you would like to contribute to the Tuition Assistance fund, please send to the parish Office or drop in Sunday Collection. Indicate Tuition Assistance on the contribution. Thank you from the families who appreciate your generosity.



Coffee and Donuts will be served by the Melinda Luzbetak and Helen Nelson Families after the 8:30 Mass and by CFM after the 10:30 Mass.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

[www.usccb.org/catechism/text/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/)

### HELP REQUESTED!

Parish Historian Dan Konrady needs help from longtime St. Cecilia members who participated in the building and dedication of the 1972 St. Cecilia Church on Hoover Ave. The archives are lacking artifacts from this period. I would appreciate borrowing pictures of the construction phase and dedication day for the upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration. (If one is willing to donate the pictures to the archives, I would appreciate that too.) Please contact Dan at 233-2714 or [danjokon55@yahoo.com](mailto:danjokon55@yahoo.com) or place in the parish historian box in the office by May 23. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY

### Holy Ground and Heavenly Hog Party

June 15, 6-10PM, 3985 W 190th St., Ames

You haven't missed your opportunity to enjoy delicious Iowa fare and great music. Bring your lawn chairs and sit under the stars at the home of Karen and Bill Bergan while you listen to the sweet voice of Father Terry Rasmussen and his band Holy Ground. Traditional pig roast, delectable desserts and wine and spirits served by former Gala co-chairs make this a true Saint Cecilia evening of fun you won't soon forget! Tickets are \$50 per person and goes directly to support St. Cecilia School and Faith Formation! Make checks payable to St. Cecilia Gala. Parking is somewhat limited; carpooling is encouraged! Go to [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F49ACAA2C7-holy](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F49ACAA2C7-holy) to reserve your spot.



First Baptist Church will hold its annual Music Camp from June 18-22, 9:00-11:30AM each day. Music Camp is a fun, hands-on experience in music and related arts for grades K-6 (completed). Highlights include special musical guests each day, choir groups, a campers' talent show, and an end of the week mini-concert. Cost is \$20 and includes a t-shirt; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call the church at 292-9612 or go to the church website at [fbcames.org](http://fbcames.org).

*Sheltered Reality*, a high-energy youth drumming group with a positive message, will present a concert on Mon., June 18, at 7PM at First Baptist Church, 200 Lynn Avenue in Ames. The concert will be held on the front lawn—please bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Admission is free; free will offering to benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. A concession stand will open at 6:15, with proceeds going to Good Neighbor. *Becca Wemhoff* will be making balloon creations for the kids! Everyone welcome!

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Oct. 27-29 in Ankeny, IA. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org>.

**Stewardship:** Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

### Ascension of the Lord

American Revivalism was one of the great religious movements that swept the country in waves after the Civil War. Its attention to personal spirituality and regular prayer is to be lauded. Many thousands were energized to accept the message of Christ through vibrant preaching and public altar calls. Like any great religious movement, the core was solid, but on its fringes one could see the fallacies that developed from exaggerated expectations.

One of the strangest developments came from the literal reading of today's Gospel. In this later addition to the end of Mark, Jesus is quoted as describing the signs that will accompany believers: "They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them." In their enthusiasm to show the strength of their faith, some preachers actually attempted these things, often with fatal results.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this day, we can see the signs that Jesus talks about actually happening. It's just that they occur in very ordinary, everyday ways. Consider the hospitals and medical services that Christians have provided through the centuries. In them, so many of the sick recover. Think of the comfort offered by groups like Catholic Charities that provide counseling services to so many. Through them, the demons of despair and depression are cast out. Through schools and universities, Christians have educated the young and provided opportunities for higher learning. Yes, in them people learned to speak new languages.

We don't need dramatic signs to attest to the strength of our faith. The words of Mark's Gospel are being accomplished every day in every corner of the world. "They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs." The Lord is indeed at work in the all that Christians are doing to heal, and teach, and care for those in need.

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## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### SKY--EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Ames. June 26-28 (a 3-day event)

#### Children Ages 3-10 Program

9:00AM to 12:00PM each morning

(Note: children attending must be potty-trained)

#### Youth Grades 6-12 AND College Student Event

6-9PM, Wed., June 27.

<http://staparish.net/faithformation/events.php> for information.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

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**Saturday, May 19**

5:00PM: Leo Blanchet †

**Sunday, May 20**

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Ben Treadway †

5:00PM: Our Lady of Good Counsel

Rosary Makers

Misa en Español (Chapel)

**Tuesday, May 22**

8:00AM: Helena Calder †

5:30PM: James & Marian Rajewski

**Wednesday, May 23**

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's intentions

5:30PM: Helen Carey

**Thursday, May 24**

8:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

5:30PM: Ann Louise Perk

**Friday, May 25**

8:00AM: Ben Engelken

5:30PM: Catholic Daughters

**Saturday, May 26**

5:00PM: Pauline 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 May 20, 2012

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

SaturdayAM: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

### BEAUTIFY ST. CECILIA BURKE CHAPEL

Almost 20 years ago, St. Cecilia was blessed with the addition of the Burke chapel. As years have passed, the chapel use has increased, the wear on the chairs has taken its toll. It is time to rejuvenate the covers on the chairs. If you would like to help with time, talent, or treasure, please contact the parish office at 233-3092.

### YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	5/1 to 5/6	YTD
Contributions	\$19,826	\$ 964,305
Budget for May	\$85,830	\$1,019,607
Building Improvement fund	\$ 441	\$ 57,897

**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.



**I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH**

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

Name:  
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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
- Phone ..... (515) 233-3092
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