

June 24, 2012 | Nativity of John the Baptist



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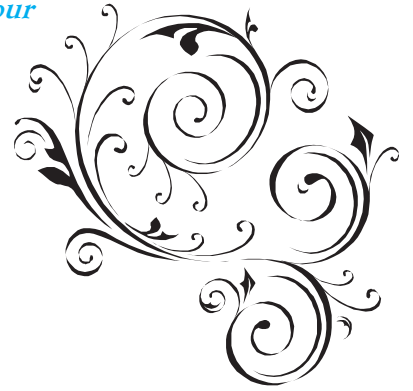
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

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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.



NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE, Inc. (NRLC) “Voter Guide” cards “NOTICE”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Archdiocese of Dubuque inform us that on the weekends of June 24 and/or July 1, 2012 the NRLC is planning to target Catholic churches with voter guide cards touted as “educational material” highlighting the positions of two Presidential candidates on a narrow range of issues in a manner and under circumstances that may well result in bias or favor of one candidate during the Presidential campaign period. This effort is not endorsed, sponsored, nor connected in any way whatsoever to either the USCCB nor the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Distribution of the cards is contrary to both USCCB and Archdiocesan policy regarding church involvement in political activities.

Any such cards found on church premises will be confiscated and destroyed.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9 -12

Please pray for our participants and chaperones attending
the Life Teen Leadership Conference, June 25-29!

Brenna Bowden
Jessica Misra
Laura Graveline
Anna Herrman
Katie Upah
Natalie Vernon
Thomas Lunaburg
Chris Culek

Nico Ramirez
Chris Stoker
David Nelson
Miranda Maher
Todd Clancy
Anna Steele

Life Teen Summer Book Club

Please purchase or check-out the book from the library
and read it beforehand.

Thursday afternoons at 3:30PM in the St. Elizabeth Room

June 21: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

June 28: Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Upcoming Book Club Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26 & Aug 2

Have you found us on Facebook? Search for “StCeciliaLifeTeen”!

www.saintcecialilifeteen.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 – Introduction to the
Bible-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 July 2. Topic: Religious Liberty. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. Come and bring a friend! See you there!!



Our First, Most Cherished Liberty

An excerpt from the statement on religious liberty by the U.S. Bishops on April 12, 2012. Second of three excerpts.

“Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas. ... What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who get to contribute to the common good and how they get to do it. ... Restrictions on religious liberty are an attack on civil society and the American genius for voluntary associations.”

(The full text of the statement may be found at
www.usccb.org/conscience)

PARISH ELECTIONS

These are the results of the recent
Parish Elections

Pastoral Council

Rick Nelson, Tim Simodynes
Re-elected Cyndi Volcko

St. Cecilia Catholic School Board

Steve Hustedt and Jason Mortimer

Faith Formation Commission

Tina Colburn and Julie Novy

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 August 9, 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 (RCIA)

“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth.”

God appears in surprising ways and in Christ we are given courage and challenged to do unbelievable things. **How are you being a “light to the nations?” Come and See.** 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@stceciaparish.org or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.

SCHOOL NEWS

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Please note that the school office is closed. If you need assistance, please email Lois Vidimos at lvidimos@stceciliaschoolames.org or leave a voicemail for her at 515-232-5290. Emails and calls will be answered as soon as possible.

St. Cecilia School has openings in all grades, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Please check out our website at www.stcames.org/school for more information or the school office for registration materials.

St. Cecilia School is excited to share the results of a recent report, "Education in Iowa: An In-Depth Analysis of Test Data for ALL Iowa Schools." The report shows the strength of Iowa non-public schools, included St. Cecilia School in Ames. According to the report, grades 3-5 at St. Cecilia School ranked 12th in the STATE out of 882 public and non-public schools in Iowa! Congratulations to the students and staff!

SCRIP NEWS:

We will be in the Narthex selling scrip gift cards after all masses on the following dates: **July 14/15, Aug 11/12.** We will have cards available for you to take with you! Come and support our faith formation, youth ministry and school programs.

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.

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. Thank you for investing in the Catholic Church of tomorrow by sharing your gifts with teens today!

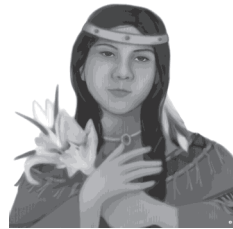
Heartland Senior Services offers *Bill Payer* and *Friendly Visitor* Services for older adults. Call 292-8890 for more information.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The quarterly meeting of the Marshalltown Deanery **Council of Catholic Women** will be held on July 21 at St. Joseph's, 610 3rd St. SW, State Center, IA, after the 9AM Mass. The meeting will begin at 10AM; the speaker will be Rhonda Miller of the Iowa River Hospice House. There will also be a silent auction of craft and food items.

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.



Catholic Saints: Kateri Tekakwitha

The daughter of an Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief was born in 1656. When she was four years old her parents and brother died of smallpox.

Kateri survived, but the disease left her scarred and her sight impaired. She was named "Tekakwitha," which means "she who bumps into things." Kateri's uncle took her in, and although she wanted to practice the religion of her mother, her uncle discouraged her. At the age of eighteen, Kateri began studying the Catholic religion in secret. After a time, her uncle gave his permission for her to become a Christian as long as she did not leave the village. There, she put up with ridicule because of her faith. In 1676, Kateri fled to Canada where she made her first Communion on Christmas, 1677. Although the last years of her life were difficult, Kateri was known for her kindness and good humor. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Benedict in 2012.

Independence Day Eucharist Adoration Break Schedule (please note changes)

Scheduled Eucharistic Adoration will not be held from Sat., June 30, at noon until Sun., July 8 at 6PM. The Chapel and link hallway will be cleaned during this time and the Chapel will not be accessible. The Church will be open each day from (8AM until 5PM each day, including July 4. Please visit the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel or Church during the Fortnight to Freedom, June 21 through July 4, 2012.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-28 (a 3-day event)

Children Ages 3-10 Program 9AM-12PM each morning

(Note: children attending must be potty-trained)

Youth Grades 6-12 AND College Student Event 6-9PM, Wed., June 27

There is still time to register, go to

<http://staparish.net/faithformation/events.php> to sign-up.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

COMMUNITY

The Food At First program (in Ames, Iowa) currently consists of two parts: a free meal program, and a perishable food pantry. **Free Meals:** The [free meal program](#) serves seven meals per week and is open to anyone who is hungry, no questions asked. Most are evening meals, and most are served at [First United Methodist Church](#) in downtown Ames. The Wed. evening meal is served at the Ames Woman's Club, located at 106 S Dakota Ave (across from the Kum & Go at Dakota & Lincoln Way). Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the program is our source of food: almost everything that we serve would otherwise have been [thrown away by local grocery stores and food services](#), but has been turned into wonderful, tasty meals! Because of that, we have PLENTY of food for anyone who could use a little help. (St. Cecilia volunteers plan, cook and serve meals on Tuesdays.) **Food Pantry:** The [perishable food pantry](#) takes the thousands of pounds of great food that are left over (AFTER taking what we need for use in the meals), and gives it away to folks who need it. Distribution happens at what we call our "Free Market", at 116 N Sherman Ave (just north of Burger King). Because the food is perishable, we collect it and give it away on the same day - distributions are at 4:30PM every Monday and Thursday.

RSVP: The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program offers rides to ambulatory people needing transportation for medical, dental, and pharmacy needs. They request a 48-hour advance notice of the needed ride. Please call 292-8890 for more information.

Additional drivers are always needed. Transportation is also available through Heartland Senior Services (233-2906).

Volunteers needed to load truck on July 14, 2012, with items being sent to Kentucky. Please help - loading will take place at the Appalachia Warehouse - 2019 Pullman, Ames - 9:30AM

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Iowa Marriage Ministry Help us to support the **Bishops' Initiative on marriage!**

Today we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Just like John the Baptist each one of us has been fearfully, wonderfully made by God for a special purpose. Are we each trying every day to live God's plan for our lives? Find out how you can more fully live God's plan for your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is October 27-29, 2012 Ankeny Iowa. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

STEWARDSHIP: St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died, "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!



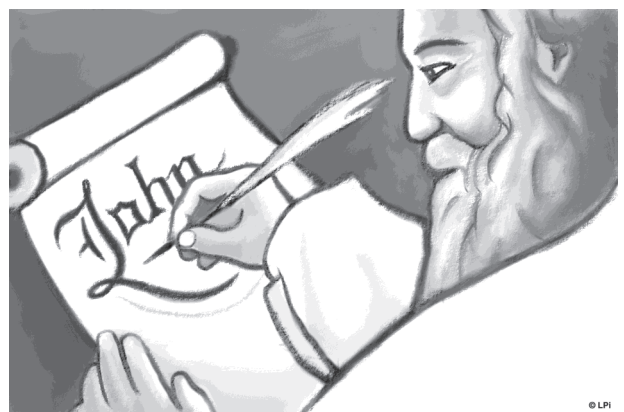
Nativity of St. John the Baptist

When politicians decide whether to enter a race for office, one thing that they take into account is name recognition. It is generally pretty easy to win an election for school board or town supervisor without everyone knowing you because there is little competition for those posts. But entering a statewide race such as one for governor or senator requires that the candidate be readily recognizable to voters either through previous service in public office or through a high-profile career. A person has to have "made a name for himself" as the saying goes. It also doesn't hurt to be a name dropper along the campaign trail. Republicans will wrap themselves in the mantle of Ronald Reagan or Abraham Lincoln, while Democrats will lift up Franklin D. Roosevelt.

As we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist this weekend we hear the story of his naming. The tradition of passing a name on in the family was much stronger in the Near East than it is in present day America. A string of names helped identify a person's tribe as well as his relationship within the group. When Elizabeth and Zechariah wanted to give their child the name "John," their neighbors and relatives immediately pointed out that none of their other relatives had that name.

In Luke's Gospel, what happens to John precedes-and in some ways foretells-what will happen to Jesus. There is the announcement of a miraculous conception. There is some hesitation on the part of the husband. A name is given to each child by an angel. There is a prediction of what this child will be. The fact that John's name (as well as Jesus') was divinely selected points to a greater reality at work. God has something to do with the direction of these lives. We, who carry the name Christian, should also recognize that God has something to do with the direction of our lives as well.

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Q. One of my coworkers said that we Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

A. We do indeed believe that the Mass is the un bloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar. But when it is made present again, it is not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. The ritual of the Mass makes the sacrifice of the cross present again. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Mass as the "Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ" (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the "source and summit" of Christian life.

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Now you can find the bulletin online at an additional location. Go to www.SeekAndFind.com and enter the church's zip code (50010). You can also download the St. Thomas Aquinas bulletin. You may also sign up to receive email notifications when the new bulletin is available online.



Catholic Radio: Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for "Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa." You can obtain a schedule of their radio programs at their website: www.kwky.com



Coffee and Donuts will be served after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, June 23

5:00PM: Latinus Boylston, Sr. †

Sunday, June 24

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Ike VandeWetering †

5:00PM: Our Lady of Good Counsel
Rosary Makers
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, June 26

8:00AM: Jack Gehm †

5:30PM: Nicholas Claybaugh †

Wednesday, June 27

8:00AM: Catholic Daughters

5:30PM: Genevieve Kuehl †

Thursday, June 28

8:00AM: Norma Busch †

5:30PM Joe & Mary Moore

Friday, June 29

8:00AM: Fred Varnum

5:30PM: Robert Lingner, Jr.

Saturday, June 30

5:00PM: Pat Habing †

Sunday, July 1

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Sharon Nail-Magee†

5:00PM: Faithfully Departed
Misa en Español (Chapel)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM & 5:30PM (Chapel)

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2012

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	6-11 to 6-18	YTD
Contributions	\$15,783	\$1,048,752
Budget for June		\$1,090,400
Building Improvement fund	\$ 320	\$ 61,751

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.



Reflect that in reality you have a greater need to serve the poor than they have of your service.

—ST. ANGELA MERICI

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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:

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Address:

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City:

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Zip:

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Phone:

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Email:

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Please return via mail or drop in collection basket. Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration packet with additional information.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM and by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

- HoursMonday-Thursday
8:30AM-4PM
Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM
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