

July 1, 2012 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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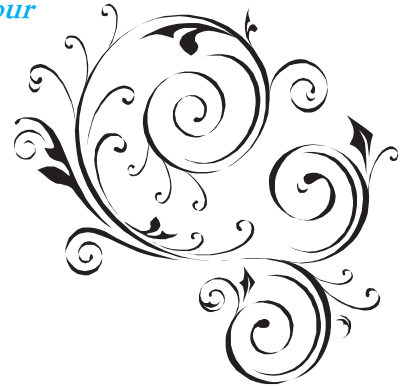
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.stceciliaparish.org

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

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

FAITH FORMATION

Watch for your registration materials in the mail. They will be mailed out the first week of July.

Faith Formation Sessions will begin September 9, 2012.

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry calendars will be sent out in August (then posted/sent quarterly)

Check out the new look of the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry web pages at www.stcames.org. We are in the process of updating our layout so that it is easier to find information.

Watch for our “Volunteer Blog” coming soon, that will highlight areas where we need your assistance in providing excellent quality programming

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – GRADES 9-12

Thursdays July 5, 12, 19, 26 & August 2:

Life Teen Summer Book Club, 3:30pm in Rm 530

July 17: Catholic Heart Work Camp (6PM) and LTLC (7:30PM)
Reunion, St. Louis Rm. Bring photos and share memories!
Participants & parents welcome.

Youth Ministry Start Dates:

Life Teen - Sunday, August 5

* More info. Coming Soon!

Small Groups - Wednesday, September 5

EDGE - Wednesday, August 22

Confirmation - Sunday, September 9

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 – 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 of April 12, 2012. Third of three excerpts.

“[Religious liberty] is our American heritage, our most cherished freedom. It is the first freedom because if we are not free in our conscience and practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile. If citizens are not free in their own consciences, how can they be free in relations to others or the state? If our obligations and duties to God are impeded, or even worse, contradicted by the government, then we can no longer claim to be a land of the free and a beacon of hope for the world. ...It is a sobering thing to contemplate our government enacting an unjust law. An unjust law cannot be obeyed. In the face of an unjust law, an accommodation is not to be sought, especially to resorting to equivocal words and deceptive practices. If we face today the prospect of unjust laws, then Catholics in America, in solidarity with our fellow citizens, must have the courage not to obey them. ...What we ask is nothing more than that our God-given right to religious liberty be respected. We ask nothing less than that the Constitution and laws of the United States which recognize that right be respected.”

(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)

“And Jesus said: “Daughter, your faith has saved you.
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

God appears in surprising ways and in Christ we are given courage and challenged to do unbelievable things. **Faith in Jesus opens us to healing and new life.” 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@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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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, including 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!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The **St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors** will meet on July 15 at Perkins at noon. Call Pat Rood for reservations or information.

A **volunteer chairperson** is needed for the **2012 St. Cecilia Christmas Market**, currently scheduled on Dec. 1/2. The chair (or co-chairs) contacts parish groups, handles publicity (bulletin, newspaper, etc.), and organizes tables for participating groups. If you are interested, please contact the parish office (233-3092).

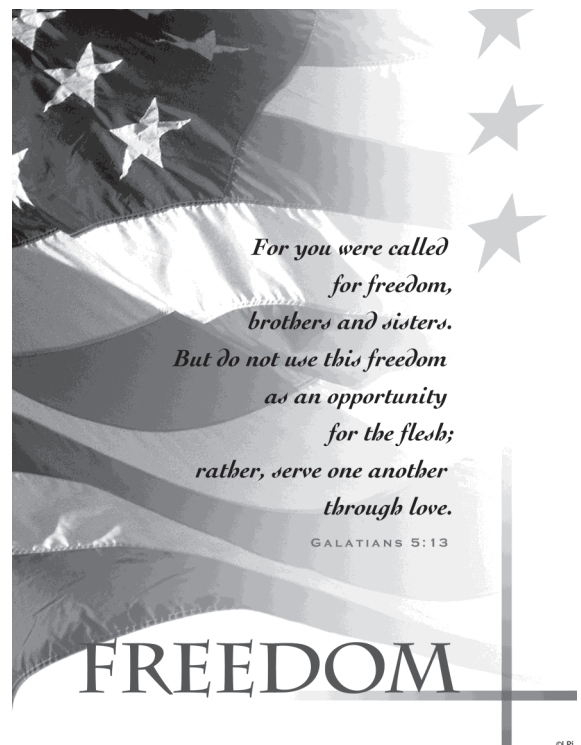
Heartland Senior Services offers *Bill Payer* and *Friendly Visitor* Services for older adults. Call 292-8890 for more information.

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.

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.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/



Catholic Saints: Rose of Lima

Rose's baptismal name was Isabel, the daughter of Gaspar Flores and Maria de Oliva. But she was such a beautiful baby that she was nicknamed "Rose." It was a name that she took as her own at her confirmation. But she did not desire her beauty and considered it a distraction from her real love, Jesus. When her parents wished to marry her off, Rose refused, wanting to remain a virgin for Christ. Rose fasted regularly and prayed constantly. Her holiness became renowned. Even though she hoped to become a nun, her father would not permit it, and so Rose practiced the spiritual life as a lay member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. When Rose died at the age of thirty-one, her funeral was held at the cathedral in Lima and attended by many dignitaries. Numerous miracles were attributed to her. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, making her the first saint of the Americas.

COMMUNITY

The Gilbert Lutheran Church is seeking a Director of Music and Worship. This is a part-time, paid position. For more information, call 233-2421 or contact: gilbertlutheran@q.com

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 HIRTA as of July 1.

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: Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—"The relief of others ought not to impoverish you: there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Liberty and freedom are words that carry significant meaning. In the past year and a half we've seen those words bandied about in a myriad of contexts. Across the Arab world young and old, men and women, have all used those two words to

talk about their hopes and desires for their countries. In the United States, bishops speak about liberty in reference to the right to be free from government regulations in the practice of one's faith. In China, the words are often used in an economic context, while having little to do with other aspects of society, especially as far as politics is concerned.

While freedom may be a concept debated by officials, for many individuals it is a concrete desire. For some people, freedom comes down to the very practical day-to-day experiences of being free from hunger, being free from oppressive labor conditions, or being free from illness. The woman with the hemorrhages in this weekend's Gospel was longing to be freed from her illness, something that she had endured for a dozen years. Freedom, for her, meant that she would no longer carry the burden of a debilitating sickness.

A quick review of our country's involvement in the events of the Arab Spring show just how difficult it is to have any effect on the liberty of another if we are not the proximate oppressor. In the same way, we cannot easily remove the burdens of illness, homelessness, or unemployment from those around us who may suffer from these troubles. What we can do is stand with them, and offer them our support and love. In the Gospel, people from the synagogue official's house told him to give up on a cure because his daughter was dead. But Jesus told him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Those are words that we can use as well, as long as we are willing to support and console those who are held bound by suffering.

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CORRECTION from last weeks bulletin-The MICA Food Pantry is now located at 230 SE 16th Street, #101, Ames. Phone: 956-3333.

Q. It seems like the church is in crisis all the time. What is the biggest threat to the church?

A. This is the type of question that popular proverbs tell you to avoid as dinner conversation! It is a loaded question, because everyone has their favorite target to blame. So-called liberals blame it on the lack of progress while so-called conservatives blame it on too much change. Some see celibacy as the problem, or the lack of Latin, while others say it is the lack of faith or devotion or reverence.

With that in mind, I would suggest that the biggest threat is losing sight of our mission to preach and teach the Gospel as best we can. When we get sidetracked by issues that are secondary, or get caught up in arguing about things that are irrelevant, we run the risk of forgetting why we are a church to begin with. Parishes can become divided communities over things that are unimportant: social activities, fundraisers, hymn preferences, or bingo. We need to know what things help us proclaim the Gospel message and then go about the business of being disciples with enthusiasm and zeal. Knowing the mission keeps us focused and united in our work to build up the kingdom of God.

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CATHOLIC RADIO
KWKY 1150 AM

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 the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses by the St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women

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)

Tuesday, July 3

8:00AM: Mary E. Olberding & Family

5:30PM: No Mass

Wednesday, July 4

9:00AM: Nate Brunia †

5:30PM: No Mass

Thursday, July 5

8:00AM: Rita Voss

5:30PM No Mass

Friday, July 6

8:00AM: Nels & Pat Lersten

5:30PM: No Mass

Saturday, July 7

5:00PM: Marian Putz †

Sunday, July 8

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Helena Calder †

5:00PM: Angela Baker †
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 July 1, 2012

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

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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"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."

Malachi 3:10

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:

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.

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH OFFICE

- HoursMonday-Thursday
8:30AM-4PM
Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM
- Phone.....(515) 233-3092
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- Administrative Assistant**....Priscilla Gammon
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- Principal**.....TBA
- Administrative Assistant**....Lois Vidimos
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