

August 19, 2012 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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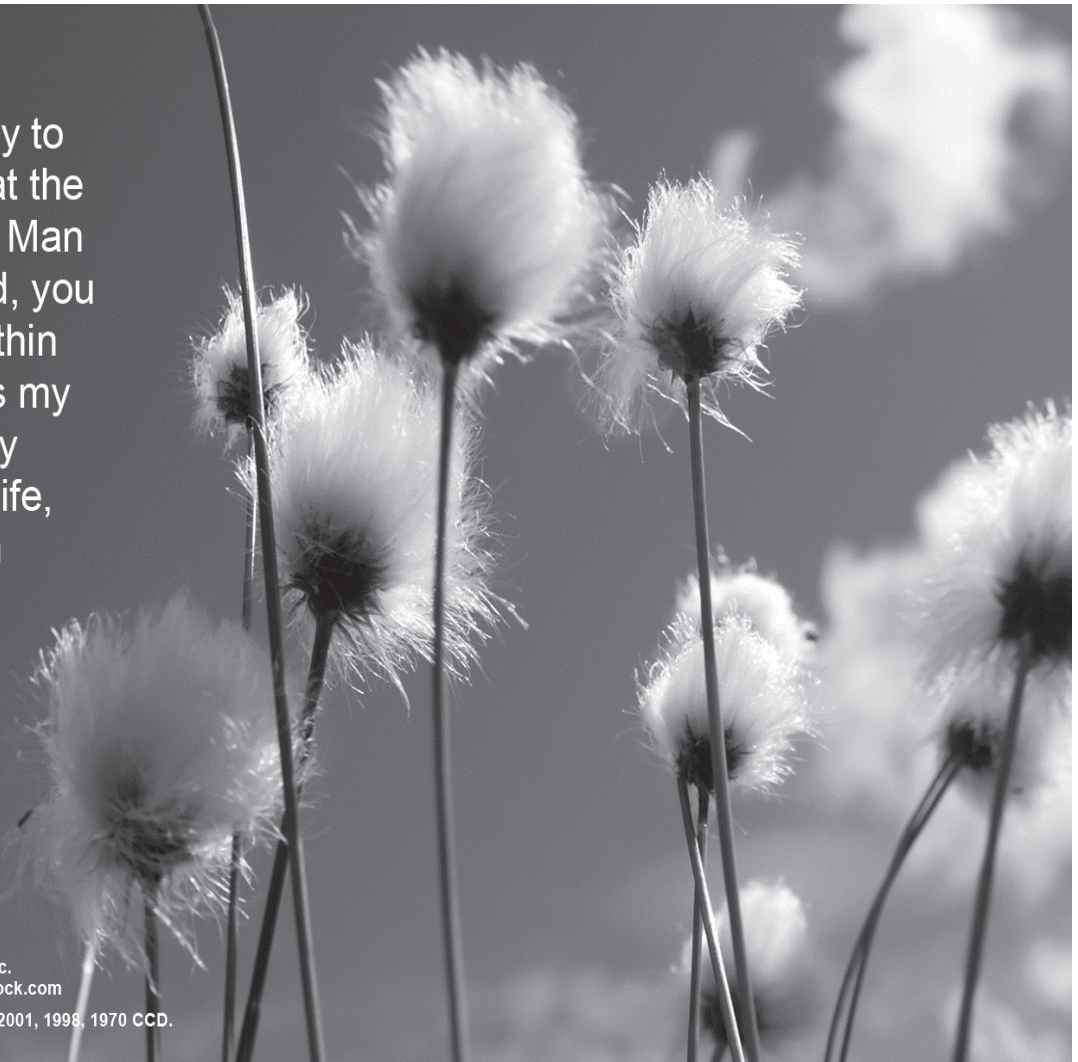
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Saint Cecilia Parish is a Roman Catholic community formed by the Word of God, united by the Holy Eucharist and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. By our commitment to the teachings of Christ and His Church, the sacraments and charity, our parish strives to build up the body of Christ through worship, life-long faith formation and evangelization.

Jesus said to them,
“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”

— Jn 6:53-55

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FAITH FORMATION

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

FAITH FORMATION

Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, has developed the “Top Reasons to Become a Catechist”.

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus

Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry

Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus

Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith

You have much to share with those you’ll teach and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists

Today’s catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support

You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends

You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (you’ll be evangelizing!)

You’ll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives

It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations”

Faith Formation Sessions will begin Sept. 9, 2012.



It is with regret that we announce that as of Wed., Aug. 8, Priscilla Gammon, Administrative Assistant to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry left St. Cecilia’s. Priscilla will share her exceptional talents with the Colo Nesco Community School District as a Secondary English teacher and Cheerleading Coach.

We will miss Priscilla’s positive attitude, impeccable organizational skills and infectious laugh. We wish many of God’s blessings to Priscilla in her new position.

Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry needed for full-time year-round position. Submit resume to ames@manpowerdm.com with “St. Cecilia Church” in subject line.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

Mon., 7:30-9PM in the St. Louis Room –
Gospel according to John

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Edge Kick-Off for Parents and Middle Schoolers

August 22

Inis Grove Park, 6-8PM

Featuring a family potluck and summer games for 6-8th graders!
Please meet us at the Walnut Shelter with a side/dessert to share.



LIFE TEEN

Upcoming Life Night: August 19
 (“Made for More”), 7-9PM

August 25-26: Not Afraid of the Dark!

Registration is closed. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for information on the retreat.

September 2: No Life Teen - Labor Day

September 5: Small Groups Begin, 7PM
Church History & all 9-12th Grade Small Groups Kick-Off in the Education Center

Life Teen Core Team is in need of Core Members aged 18-30, especially young men! To find out more, visit

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/join_core.

Job descriptions are available at
leadingthemtochrist.blogspot.com

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember to attend your weekly faith formation program.

September 9: First Session with Parents

3-5PM, Year One (Freshmen)

7-9PM, Year Two (Sophomores)

For more information on our programs, please visit
www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

Donations Needed for our Fall Retreat! Consider donating a 24-pack of Gatorade or Powerade, 2 dozen cookies/bars, a cooler of filled water balloons, fun costumes laying around your house or other miscellaneous items needed for our Fall Retreat. Please contact Connie Vaclav at vaclav@iastate.edu to sign up by Aug. 20. Thank you for your help!



Volunteers are needed for our youth ministry programs!



Are you a practicing Catholic with strong listening skills who cares about the young Church? Consider serving as a Confirmation Small Group leader. There are just 4-6 sessions a year with monthly planning meetings. Over 20 small group leaders are needed for our large, vibrant community. A fun and simple way to give back to the parish! Visit <http://leadthemtochrist.blogspot.com> or www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/join_core for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

8-20/8-22: Teacher In Service & Workdays

8-21: 4:30-6:30PM Back-to-School Night K-5th

Grade (Bring your school supplies, find your locker & see your teacher & classroom!)

8-23: **School Begins!!!** FSA Welcome Coffee for All Parents from 8:30-9:30AM in the social hall.

8-29: 9AM, All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal



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 NCCY Youth Ministry trip and various teacher needs. For more information on the Scrip, please contact Shannon Schroeder or Bev Williams at scrip@sceciliaschoolames.org.

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.

PRACTICE SESSIONS IN CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Meet at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church at 10-11:30AM & 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



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.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Virgil Wilcox, uncle of Lois Vidimos. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his families in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you a Catholic, age 17 or older, who has never celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?

Join a 7 week Confirmation Preparation Program and celebrate Confirmation on Sunday, November 11, 2012.

Program location: St. Cecilia Parish - St. Louis Room

Thursdays: Sept. 13- Nov. 8, from 7-8:30PM

OR

At a time which best fits your schedule

For more information contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org or 515-233-3092.

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 October 11, 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 of Adults (RCIA)

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. . . ."

God appears in surprising ways and in Christ we are given courage and challenged to do unbelievable things. **Are you hungry for life everlasting? Come, taste 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 or Confirmation and 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



THEOLOGY ON TAP: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at 7PM on **September 10**. Topic: **Ask Fr. Secora.** Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

"Date Night" Come and gather for the kick-off evening of fun, fellowship, and enrichment at the Covenant of Love "Date Night" on Sept. 8th following Mass. Gain the knowledge and develop the tools you need to build the marriage you've always dreamed of and more! Dinner and refreshments will be served at 6:15PM, followed by the program from 6:45-8:45PM.

All married and engaged couples are invited.

We would appreciate an RSVP for meal/child care to Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480 by Sept. 5. See you there!

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors will meet today, Sun., Aug. 19, at noon at Dublin Bay. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.



The Saint Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Mon., Aug. 20 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Cecilia Annual Golf Outing

Coldwater Golf Course - Sun., Sept. 9. 4-person Best Shot. Shotgun start at 1PM.. \$50 entry fee that includes: Golf, Cart, Prizes, and Steak Supper at the Education Center in the Multi Purpose room. Non-golfers dinner: \$8



Bulletin announcements for the Sept. 9 bulletin will be due by noon on Wed. Aug. 29 due to the upcoming Labor day holiday.

COMMUNITY

Members of St. Cecilia Parish are invited to celebrate the **15th Anniversary of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.** on Sun., Aug. 26 at Stonebrook Community Church. Social time and refreshments start at 4PM. St. Cecilia is one of more than 20 faith groups which are contributing members to Good Neighbor.

Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on **Sept. 19**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

The Matthew 25 House proudly presents its 2nd annual **Bike 25 for the Matthew 25 House** on Sat., Aug. 25. Registration will begin at 9AM with the ride commencing at 10AM at the Story County Department of Human Services building (126 S. Kellogg, Ames, Iowa). For more information, contact R.J. Vidimos at vidimosiowa@mchsi.com or Terry Herrman at therrman@isunet.net

Come Travel the Holy Land with Father Dismas!!

The 10-day Journey will be taking you to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church & Capernaum from Oct. 8-18. Cost is \$3999 includes air fare and all other aspects of the trip. For more information, Father Dismas, 502-935-1223.

Marriage Encounter: Allow God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament so that it can flourish and reflect the love of God. Sign up to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, which is October 27-29, 2012 in Ankeny. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org/>.

STEWARDSHIP: "Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Unless one would want to live exclusively on milk (cow, sheep, or goat), we humans kill what we eat. We pick living things off of plants and trees: green beans, cobs of corn, apples, peaches. We eat the plants themselves: lettuce, cabbage, herbs like parsley and basil. We even eat the seeds themselves, consuming that which could produce more: almonds, peas, wheat, which is crushed and ground to make bread. Our omnivore appetite does not stop there. We haul fish from the sea; we process poultry by the millions; and we slaughter livestock to nourish us and keep us healthy. But we should recognize that to provide for our well-being, we kill and consume what God has placed here for our use. That may seem like a pretty harsh description of how we live, but it is how we relate to food. What was once living sustains our lives.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus is very direct about what gives us life. He says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Because Jesus sacrificed himself for our sake upon the cross, we humans can admit that we do indeed kill what we eat. Taking our sins upon himself, Jesus died for us, and as uncomfortable as it may be, we cannot avoid that reality. He died an agonizing death upon the cross, so that we might be freed from the power of sin and death. But he did not stay dead. He rose to life.

When we eat his flesh and drink his blood in the Communion that we share, we have life because of him. What looks and tastes like bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ, and we eat and drink to be nourished with his life. In our Communion, we trust in his promise that we will live forever.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers are needed to cook meals at Food at First on 5th Tues. of the month. That is a total of four meals per year, with only Oct. remaining for 2012. There are already four St. Cecilia teams that cover the other Tues. In-servicing would be provided. If you are interested, please contact Cynthia Shriver at 292-6584 or shriverc@gmail.com for additional details.

A **local family** is in need of various household and clothing items (infant/toddler - teenagers - adults. Please contact Deacon Ron Smith for their current needs deaconron.ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480.



Coffee and Donuts will be served
After the
8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

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Saturday, August 18

5:00PM: Henry Adams †

Sunday, August 19

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
 10:30AM: Bernard Remmes & Family
 5:00PM: John Vaclav †
 Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 21

8:00AM: Anna & Steve Kmetz
 5:30PM: Elizabeth Costello

Wednesday, August 22

8:00AM: Vernon Parker
 5:30PM: Angela Baker †

Thursday, August 23

8:00AM: Norma Busch †
 5:30PM: Mary Strum †

Friday, August 24

8:00AM: Catholic Daughters
 5:30PM: Audrey Dankbar †

Saturday, August 25

5:00PM: Fred Swank †

Sunday, August 26

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
 10:30AM: Jim Olsson †
 5:00PM: Chris & Pat Derks †
 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 August 19, 2012

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>AUG. to Date</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 36,346	\$112,602
Budget -July	\$100,000	\$200,000
Appalachian Mission Offering		\$ 12,731

Thank you for your Generosity to the Mission.

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.



Principles of morality are based upon the Gospels, the Ten Commandments, and the tradition of the church.



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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
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