

September 2, 2012 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary



# Saint Cecilia

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**S**aint 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.

**“W**hy do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*”

— Mk 7:5b-6



## 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”

#### Here is what we need for Catechists!

##### Monday

2 Catechists for 1st Grade

2 Catechists for 3rd Grade

2 Catechists for 4th Grade

##### Wednesday

2 Catechists for 1st-6th Grades

4 Catechists for 7th Grade

6 Catechists for 8th Grade

To share your time and talent, please call the Faith Formation office at 232-3514.

Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry needed for full-time year-round position. Submit resume to [ames@manpowerdm.com](mailto: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

No bible study on Labor Day (Sept. 3)

Tues., 10-11AM in the St. Louis Room - Introduction to the

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Rock-Climbing Outing, Wednesday, September 26, 7-9PM. Costs and Details Coming Soon!

Please pray for EDGE Core attending Empower next weekend.



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

September 9: No Life Teen

September 16: Protect This House, 7-9PM  
On Dignity, Rights & Responsibilities

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](http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/join_core).

Job descriptions are available at [leadingthemtochrist.blogspot.com](http://leadingthemtochrist.blogspot.com)

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

##### Confirmation

September 9: First Session with Parents

3-5PM, Year One (Freshman)

7-9PM, Year Two (Sophomores)

Please remember to attend your weekly faith formation program

October 28: Confirmation Rite of Entrance (Year Two)  
Day of Reflection with Sponsors.

For more information on our programs, please visit [www.saintcecilielifeteen.net](http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net)



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](http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/join_core) for more information.



## Labor Day, 2012.

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend we prayerfully take time to reflect on the work in which each of us is engaged. For us as Catholics, our labors are more than “just a job” or a “means to make money.” Church social teaching has consistently noted that human labor is our participation in God’s own on-going work of creation. Catholic social teaching reminds us that the earth and its riches are given to us not to plunder without regard to those who will follow after us and that we are called to share justly with others in the riches of creation. Over the past month we have been reflecting on a spirituality of stewardship. Care of the earth, work that is in keeping with human dignity, the payment of a just wage, all are ways in which we exercise the divine stewardship of creation given into our charge by God. As we celebrate this holiday I offer all of us this prayer taken from the Votive Mass For the Sanctification of Human Labor from the Roman Missal.

O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to the supplications of your people and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### New Vestments.

Recently the parish was the beneficiary of a generous donation that allowed us to purchase a set of lighter weight Mass vestments especially for use during the summer months. These vestments (most of us have seen the green set used on several Sundays this summer) are manufactured by the same company in Italy that also manufactured the gold set of solemn vestments given to the parish last fall. We are grateful to parishioners John Pesek as well as to Eddie, Terri, Orion and Payton Boylston in memory of their son and brother, Quinn Boylston, for these beautiful vestments. Please continue to remember all our benefactors in prayer.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School News

Monday, 09-03: NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

Tuesday & Wednesday, 09-04/09-05:  
Preschool Classes Begin

Wednesday, 09-05: 9AM All School Mass & 2:15PM Early Dismissal



Just a reminder, while school is in session, there will be a **9AM All School Mass on Wednesdays**. This will replace the usual 8AM Mass on Wednesdays.

### 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@stceciliaschoolames.org](mailto:scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org).

## 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](mailto: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 says: "Hear me . . . and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."*

In these words Jesus is publicly accusing the Pharisees of being blind to God’s revelation and desire to save. They are blind because their hearts are corrupt. **In what ways are you “blind?” What do you desire to “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](mailto: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. 8 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](mailto: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/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**St. Mary's Circle** will meet Thur., Sept. 6 at 1:30PM in the South Social Hall. Singers from Heartland will present the program prior to the business meeting. Guests are cordially invited to attend.

**St. Gerard's Circle** will meet on Thur., Sept. 6 at 5:30PM in the chapel for Mass, with the business meeting to follow in the Social Hall.

### Saint Cecilia Annual Golf Outing:

**Last chance to register!** 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.



**Catholic Daughters will meet Sept. 13 in the South Social Hall at 6:15PM (after mass) for dinner.**

**Meeting and program will follow. The program,**

**\* Spiritual Direction for the year of faith by Deacon**

**Steve VanKerckvoorde . Guests are always welcome. Please call Regent Marilyn Krocheski (292-9207) for dinner reservations.**

## COMMUNITY

**St. Mary Catholic Church of Williams** is having an Ice Cream Social on Sun., Sept. 9 from 4:30-6:30PM. Pork loin sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie, homemade ice cream and beverages will be served. Free will donations, carry-outs available, handicapped accessible. Everyone welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE! Sun., Sept. 23** from 3:30- 5:30PM St. Cecilia's will hold a meeting in our Social Hall open to all in the Ames community who are interested in Interfaith Dialogue. Drinks will be provided and the agenda for discussion will be decided on at the time. Come and meet your neighbors! Discuss ideas and concerns with new friends! For more information, contact Sue Stanton at [merton420@hotmail.com](mailto:merton420@hotmail.com) or call 515-233-4762. This activity is held in celebration of 11 Days of Global Unity, Central Ames. Become a part of planting Peace.

**Christ Our Life Conference:** Christ Our Life Regional Conference is one of the largest Catholic Conferences in the US. And it's in our own back yard! It will be held at the Wells Fargo arena in Des Moines on Sept. 22-23. Cost is \$25 (adults) and \$15 (students) for the entire weekend. Use your ticket as a pass and come and go as you want. Tickets will be sold after Masses during the weekends of Sept. 8-9 and 15-16 or visit

[www.christourlifeiowa.com](http://www.christourlifeiowa.com)



**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** John Fleig. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is NOT optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



There are so many laws today that lawyers specialize in their practice much the same way as doctors do. The major divisions of criminal and civil law have long been established. Within those sections of the legal domain lawyers have

delved into specialties, sometimes because of personal interest and other times because they find an area of law that they can develop for the benefit of themselves and others. Elder law, patent law, environmental law, and disability law are all areas of specialization that prove to be worthwhile pursuits for students who are considering what field to enter once they complete a degree.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus invites a deeper consideration of what the law is. He is not against washing hands before eating, nor is he advising the disciples to let the dishes pile up like the kitchen in a house of college roommates. When the Pharisees point out these violations of lesser laws, Jesus instead brings up the larger laws that are often ignored. Like the parent who ignores certain traffic laws while racing a severely injured child to a doctor, some laws fall to the wayside when there are more important ones to adhere to.

The lawyer and the judge of course will ask who decides which laws to forsake. The racing parents may still get a speeding ticket, because their haste could endanger the lives of others. The law is meant to protect us all. Jesus asks us to look at some of the major aspects of conduct in the Gospel and to consider whether we may have transgressed. These are the things of the heart where the bounds of law may be less clear, but where the will of God is quite plain. We may not find a lawyer who specializes in laws about greed, deceit, arrogance, or envy, but they are things that are weighed in the balance by the just Judge of all.

## 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 Karl Gwiasda (232-7582).



*Coffee and Donuts will be served after the 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses.*

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### Saturday, September 1

5:00PM: Chris & Pat Derks †

### Sunday, September 2

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Anna Sorrentino

5:00PM: Marjorie Benson

Misa en Español (Chapel)

### Tuesday, September 4

8:00AM: Nels & Pat Lersten

5:30PM: Bridget "Sissy" Riley

### Wednesday, September 5

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

5:30PM: Melvin Haug

### Thursday, September 6

8:00AM: Anne Klink †

5:30PM: Georgia & Bob Binkley

### Friday, September 7

8:00AM: Jack Gehm

5:30PM: Ken & Barbara Gillette

### Saturday, September 8

5:00PM: Faithful Departed

### Sunday, September 9

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Bob & Mary Myers †

5:00PM: Nicholas Claybaugh †

### 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 SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

**SUNDAY:** DT 4:1-2, 6-8/JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27/MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**MONDAY:** 1 COR 2:1-5/LK 4:16-30

**TUESDAY:** 1 COR 2:10B-16/LK 4:31-37

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 COR 3:1-9/LK 4:38-44

**THURSDAY:** 1 COR 3:18-23/LK 5:1-11

**FRIDAY:** 1 COR 4:1-5/LK 5:33-39

**SATURDAY:** MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30/MT 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23

**NEXT SUNDAY:** IS 35:4-7A/JAS 2:1-5/MK 7:31-37

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	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Contributions</b>	\$ 73,171	\$149,429
<b>Year Ago</b>	\$ 72,610	\$159,088
<b>Budget 8/31</b>	\$ 100,000	\$200,000
<b>Building Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 176	\$ 6,722

**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.



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

Name:  
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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**

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