

September 23, 2012 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

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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.



Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." — Mk 9:36-37

FAITH FORMATION

NEW— Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30AM—5:00PM

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Julie Anne Bovenmyer, Asst. Director of Faith Formation
Julie began her ministry at St. Cecilia's as a catechist, she has over 20 years of ministry experience and brings a wealth of experience and ideas to St. Cecilia's. Julie Anne began on August 1st. Her position is part-time and she will assist with the weekly elementary catechetical programming.

Dori Gass, Admin. Asst. to Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
Dori joined the staff on August 31st. Dori is a Catholic school graduate. She graduated from Bishop Heelan in Sioux City. Dori has over 14 years experience as an admin. assistant and logistics coordinator.

We are pleased that both Julie Ann and Dori have joined the faith formation & youth ministry staff. Please help us give them a warm St. Cecilia welcome as you see them within the community.

ARE WE STARTING YET?

Sunday Sessions for pre-k & kindergarten begin Sept. 30th
10:30am—11:30am—Education Center

Monday Sessions for grades 1—8 begin October 8th*
6:15pm—7:30pm—Education Center

Wednesday Sessions for grades 1—5 begin October 3rd*
4:00pm—5:15pm—Education Center

Wednesday Sessions for grades 6—8 begin October 3rd*
7:00pm—8:15pm—Education Center

Our Current need for help!

Monday 6:15pm

5th grade—2 catechists
Hall Monitors—2 volunteers

Wednesday 4:00pm

1st grade—2 catechists
Office support—1 volunteer
2nd grade—3 catechists
Hall Monitors—1 volunteer
4th grade—1 catechist
Music leader—1 volunteer
5th grade—1 catechist
A/V media—1 volunteer

Wednesday 7:00pm

6th grade—1 catechist
Office support—2 volunteers
Hall Monitors—2 volunteers
A/V media—1 volunteer
Music leader—1 volunteer

*We plan to start on the stated time, however we still have need for catechists and volunteers. We can only work with the catechists and volunteers who step forward and we will begin with what we have to begin with.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will want to come the first few times with youth. We will gather in the Multi-purpose room (gym) in the Education Center at the beginning of every session.

We can not have youth unattended in any room or space. It is everyone's responsibility in a Christian/Catholic community to ensure that Catholic formation occurs in a safe well supervised environment.

Together, as a community of faith we will have an eternal impact on each other when we become Christ to one another!

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

EDGE Lock-In: October 6

Sign up at www.saintcecilialifeteen.net/edge by
Wednesday, October 3



September 23: Give it Away Now! 7-9PM
Shelter the Homeless

\$\$\$Check the Website for Donation Information\$\$\$
September 30: A Life Night on Jealousy, 7-9PM
October 7: A Life Night on Eucharistic Adoration, 7-9PM

Life Teen Core Team is in need of Core Members
aged 18-30, especially young men!

To find out more, visit

www.saintcecilialifeteen.net/join_core.

Job descriptions are available at
leadingthemtochrist.blogspot.com

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember to attend your
weekly faith formation program

Confirmation

October 28: Confirmation Rite of Entrance (Year Two)
Day of Reflection with Sponsors
Please meet in the Education Center at 9PM.



"To join a high school small group or become involved in liturgical ministries, learn more about Life Teen, find the EDGE Calendar or download important Confirmation information, visit our website at: www.saintcecilialifeteen.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.saintcecilialifeteen.net/join_core for more information.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, 09-26: 9 a.m. All School Mass and 2:15 p.m. Early Dismissal

Monday, 10-01: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday

Wednesday, 10-03: 9 a.m. All School Mass and 2:15 p.m. Early Dismissal

Friday, 10-05: 2:45 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (watch for information in Principal Notes)



HOW CAN I SUPPORT SCHOOL FAMILIES?

You may make a donation to the Tuition Assistance Fund. Your contribution helps families who need a little help with their tuition, normally because of a temporary layoff, illness, or other unusual circumstance. Please indicate on your check it is for the Tuition Assistance Program.

These families are grateful for your help.

★ 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.

SCRIPT NEWS—SCRIPT IS NOW ONLINE!

Thank you for supporting the St. Cecilia education programs this summer by purchasing scrip. We will continue selling scrip after all masses 1x per month. Look for us the 1st full weekend of every month unless that weekend falls on a holiday or holy day. In that case, we will be there the following weekend. Contact Shannon Schroeder/Bev Williams at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org with any questions.

Do you like what you see??

You may have noticed the new lights in the worship space. These lights are self-contained units that can be easily moved to a renewed facility in the future. If you would like to help us complete the project and replace all the lights, you can help with a small donation of \$50 per lamp. Just mark the envelope Church Lights. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this possible.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join ToT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at **7PM on October 1**. Topic: Tom Primmer do presentation on The Year of Faith. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. **Come and bring a friend!** See you there!!



The Hispanic Community of St. Cecilia is preparing a special breakfast instead of Coffee and Donuts after 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses this weekend. Come for delicious food and music. Free will offering.

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 South Social Hall (Note Change in location).**

*** Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months. ***

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Jesus said: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Do you ever ask yourself, How do I fit into God's world? What does it mean to be 'servant of all?'" **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 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.

Altar Server Training: Youth, 5th grade year and older, may consider an altar server ministry.

Please choose one of the following training sessions:

Tuesday, September 25, 3:30-4:30PM or 6-7PM

Thursday, September 26, 5-6PM

Any questions, please contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

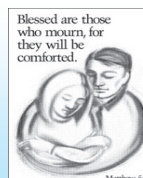
The Fall Liturgical Formation night is scheduled for **Thur., Sept. 27** at 7PM with Fr. Jim as the facilitator as we reflect upon the Vatican II document, "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" and prepare for the upcoming "Year of Faith". All Current Liturgical ministers are **required** to attend and **those interested in a Liturgical Ministry are invited.**

This evening is open to all parishioners.



Save the Date: The Annual St. Cecilia Christmas Market will be held on December 1 & 2 in the Social Hall.

We are again asking for donations of used or unwanted Christmas decorations. (You may bring them to the Sunroom the week before the market.) Proceeds from the decorations will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Mona Ball, daughter of Mary Ann Quint and Janice Guldán, Sister of Judy Anderson. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saint Cecilia Noon Potluck will be held Tues., Sept. 25, at noon in the South Social Hall. All ages are welcome. Please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Rich Lee will present a short program on the St. Stephens Ministry Program. Take an hour or so to enjoy a great lunch while you visit with parish staff and other parishioners.

"Date Night" Come and gather for an evening of fun, fellowship, and enrichment at the Covenant of Love "Date Night" on Oct. 13 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 "God's Plan for Marriage" 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 Oct. 10. See you there!

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.

COMMUNITY

The 6th Annual Beta Sig Brunch is today, Sept. 23, from 9AM until 1PM at 2132 Sunset Dr. (parking available behind house). All you can eat menu includes waffles, biscuits and sausage gravy, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit and more. All proceeds will go to **Habitat for Humanity**. Prices are \$5 at the door; grade school children are \$2.50. Tickets can be bought from any Beta Sigma Psi member or call 268-1790.

Little Dresses for Africa: Workshop today, Sun., Sept. 23 from 1-4PM. Supplies provided. There is no charge to participate and no pre-registration is necessary. Find the Workspace at 2229 Lincoln Way on the ISU campus in Ames. For more information call 515.294.0970 or visit www.littledressesforafrica.org.

You are invited to a TASTE for Education on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, 5:00PM–9:00PM. This fun evening is a fundraiser for all of the Ames Community Schools. Several of our wonderful local restaurants and food providers will be there with a tasting of their cuisine. There is a band, silent/live auction, and program. There will also be an unveiling of the dessert, as Gateway rolls out a new dessert that evening. This is hosted by the Ames Education Foundation. This is a reserved seat event, purchase tickets early. Tickets are \$50 - and can be purchased at Ames High School, Chocolaterie Stam, or online at www.ameseducationfoundation.org. This is an adult only evening, business casual attire. Contact [515/268-6630](tel:5152686630) or ann@ameseducationfoundation.org, for more information. Proceeds will help with classroom technology at Ames

STEWARDSHIP: Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Certain selections in the Sunday funnies will occasionally show a harried mom racing around the house to complete the cleaning, laundry, dishes, and cooking. Hi and Lois is one such example. So is Hagar the Horrible. Helga, Hagar's wife, is usually portrayed with an apron girding her waist, while she holds a cooking spoon or broom for sweeping. Helga is industrious, while Hagar, her husband, is off on adventures (from which he usually returns empty-handed) or hanging out with his crew. This caricature of married life resonates with so many people, not because it is an accurate portrayal, but rather because there is just enough verisimilitude to give the plot some credence. Helga is stuck waiting on Hagar hand and foot, while he is lord of the manor.

This Sunday-comics understanding of serving is not what Jesus is describing to his disciples in the Gospel today. As the Gospel story for today shows, there is a connection between the death of Jesus and being of service to others. A true servant is filled with devotion, as Jesus himself was. He gave everything, including his life, not because we deserve it, but because he loved us so completely.

And that's where the Sunday-comic caricature gets it wrong. Being a servant is not about oppression or domination, but about love. In marriage, that love is mutual. It is a two-way street, not one spouse only serving the other, but both spouses loving and caring completely for one another. In a couple that exhibits this kind of love, you'll sometimes hear one or the other of the spouses say, "I don't deserve her (or him)." And he or she would be absolutely right! None of us deserves the love that is expressed. But because we are devoted to each other our service to one another is the sign of our love.

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Parish Music Coordinator

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish in Elkhart, Iowa seeks a part time music coordinator to establish, develop, and lead a liturgical ministry in the Parish. Elkhart is located six miles northeast of Ankeny, Iowa, with approximately 380 registered families in the Parish. A detailed statement of the requirements and responsibilities for this position can be found on the SMHC parish website at www.saintmaryhc.org.

It can also be obtained by requesting a copy by email at smhc@saintmaryhc.org, or calling 515-367-2685.

Inquiry can be made by email or phone; application, with resume and qualified references, can be made by standard post to Saint Mary-Holy Cross Parish, P.O. Box 110, Elkhart, IA 50073 or by email to the above, by Sept. 28, 2012.

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Saturday, September 22

5:00PM: Lucille O'Neill †

Sunday, September 23

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: John Hayes†

5:00PM: Mary Sturm †

Tuesday, September 25

8:00AM: Ruth Wenckus

5:30PM: Special Intention

Wednesday, September 26

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

5:30PM: My Special Intention

Thursday, September 27

8:00AM: Jack & Theresa Hudak

5:30PM: Mary Urbance

Friday, September 28

8:00AM: Norma Busch

5:30PM: Steve Sutter †

Saturday, September 29

5:00PM: Fred Varnum †

Sunday, September 30

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Mark Wessman †

5:00PM: Patricia Colstrom †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

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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 23, 2012

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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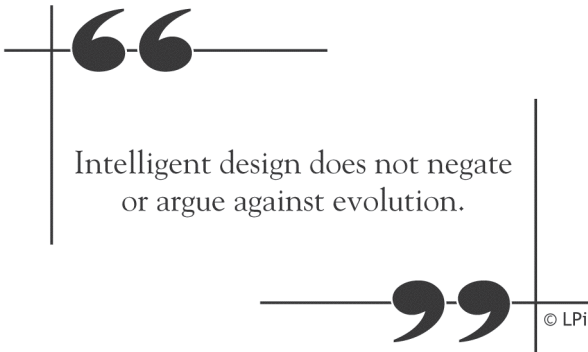
YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Sept. MTD	YTD
Contributions	\$56,907	\$205,558
Budget Sept.	\$87,093	\$283,690
BIF	\$ 3,720	\$ 10,443

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:

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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