

September 30, 2012 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 replied,
“Do not prevent him.
For whoever is not
against us is for us.
Anyone who gives
you a cup of water to
drink because you
belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not
lose his reward.”

— Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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FAITH FORMATION

NEW— Office Hours:
Monday—Friday 8:30AM—5:00PM

When are we starting?

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 dates, 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!

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE Lock-In: October 6
"Fit for a King"

Sign up due Mon., Oct. 1.

To Sign up, please turn in your Retreat Fee & T-shirt Fee (if desired) to the Faith Formation Office.

*Retreat cost is a Free Will Donation to the Totus Tuus Leadership Team, the facilitators of our retreat.

*T-shirt Cost: \$15



Sept. 30: A Life Night on Jealousy, 7-9PM

Oct. 7: A Life Night on Eucharistic Adoration, 7-9PM

Oct. 14: The Call, 7-9PM



A Life Night featuring a
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! Don't miss it!



Oct. 15: Deadline Sign-up for Nov. 4 Youth Rally.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember to attend your
weekly faith formation program

Confirmation

Oct. 28: Confirmation Rite of Entrance (Year Two)

Day of Reflection with Sponsors

Please meet in the Education Center at 9AM.



THANK YOU to all parishioners that donated to **Give it Away Now! Shelter the Homeless**. Together we raised 553 items and \$540 for the **Emergency Residence Project in Ames**.

Plan Ahead for 2013 Youth Ministry Trips!

Informational Parent & Teen Meeting for 2013 Youth Ministry

Trips: Thur., Nov. 29th, 2012

Late June: Life Teen Leadership Conference

Early July: Steubenville Youth Conference

Nov. 21-23, 2013: National Catholic Youth Conference

We are now accepting deposits for NCYC 2013. Don't miss out on this four-day celebration of the young Church! NCYC '13 will feature emcee Jesse Manibusan, as well as our friends Matt Maher & Jackie Francois. Group Size Maximum is 110 participants.

Sign-up soon!

\$150 Non-refundable Deposit for NCYC due Dec. 1, 2012.

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., 9:45-11AM in the St. Louis Room —Discuss Readings for
upcoming Weekend. Time begins at 9:30AM



Respect for Life Month

Each year for more than a quarter of a century the church in our country has observed the month of Oct. as "Respect For Life". Currently, Cardinal Daniel diNardo, Archbishop of Houston/Galveston, Texas (and prior to his appointment there Bishop of Sioux City) is chairman of the Bishops Pro-Life Committee.

As part of this observance the office of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have prepared educational materials covering the wide breath of life themes that comprise church teaching in this area of our faith. During the four Sundays of Oct. the Sunday Bulletin will contain an educational flier on a life-centered theme.

They are:

- Oct. 7: "Life Matters: Marriage, The Sanctuary of Life."
- Oct. 14: "Life Matters: Pornography and Our Call To Love."
- Oct. 21: "Life Matters: Conscience Protection In Health Care."
- Oct. 28: "Life Matters: Religious Liberty and The American Soul."

As in the past, these short articles are supplied to both inform us regarding church teaching in these important areas as well as to assist us in our responsibility to bring our Catholic faith tradition to the dialog and political process of our society.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Mon., 10-01: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday
- Tues., 10-2: 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting
- Wed., 10-03: 9AM All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal
- Fri., 10-5: 2:45PM Blessing of the Animals (north lawn of education center)?



★ 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



Save these Dates!!! November 17 & 18, 2012 Saint Cecilia Feast Day Celebrations

- Candlelight Dinner
- Mass of St. Cecilia
- Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
- Festival of the Arts
- Family Art/Music Activities
- Pasta Buffet

Interested in helping with an event?
Contact the parish office or a staff member at 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 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 says: "No one who performs a mighty deed in my name can at the same time speak ill of me."

Jesus teaches that anyone who heals and brings "life" to others in Jesus's name is for him – not against him. Such ministry is exercised through the power of the Holy Spirit. **How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?** 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 20's and 30's are invited to join TOT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at 7PM on Oct. 1. Topic: "The Year of Faith" with Tom Primmer, Faith Formation Director at St. Cecilia. Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. Come and bring a friend! See you there!



Parish Life Committee Leaders

St. Cecilia Parish is looking for 2 or 3 persons (or couples) who are interested in joining with a core leadership team to help organize, coordinate and assess hospitality, fellowship and community-building activities at St. Cecilia. Many such activities are already being conducted by a number of existing subcommittees. Interested persons should contact JoAnne Dalhoff at 515-233-3092 or Terry Herrman at 515-292-4968.

Forming Planned Giving Committee

The St. Cecilia Finance Council is forming a Planned Giving Committee to provide information and assistance to persons who would like to include St. Cecilia Church in their memorial, estate or other planned giving. If you would like to be a part of that committee please contact Frank Oppold, 290-1163.

DIACONATE FORMATION



Mark Bortle from our parish is a member of the diaconate formation process for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. His next step is Admission to Candidacy, which will be celebrated on Thur., Oct. 11, 2012 at All Saints Church, Cedar Rapids at 7PM. Archbishop Hanus will preside at this special Mass. All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you at the celebration and thank you for your continued support of these men as they journey toward Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

MEETINGS & EVENTS

New families wanted in the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic family fraternal service organization globally with over 1.8 million members. Men of the parish and their spouses are invited to learn more about the Knights council here at St. Cecilia's during an inquiry night on Tues., Oct. 2 at 7PM in the north social hall. Beverages and snacks will be provided at the session. For more information please contact the Knights Membership Chair, Dan Rajewski, email: danrajewski@gmail.com or phone: [515-290-4374](tel:515-290-4374).

SCCCW (St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women)

All Ladies of St. Cecilia's Parish are invited to the SCCCW Soup Supper in the South Social Hall on Thur., Oct. 4, at 6PM. All food and table service will be provided. Jean Kuhl will present on Stephen Ministry at 7PM. Judy Brown will be "Introducing - ACTORS 2012-2013 season with script excerpts and musical clips". Come socialize and enjoy the program. Mark your calendars now. Bring a friend. Need a ride? Call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520 or Judy Brown at 231-6589.

"Date Night" Come to an evening of fun, fellowship and enrichment on Oct. 13 in the Social Hall. "Date Night" helps married and engaged couples gain knowledge and develop tools to build and enrich their relationship. Dinner and refreshments are offered at 6:15PM, followed by the program at 7PM, concluding by 8:45PM. The topic will be "God's Plan for Marriage". To help us plan for the meal and childcare or for more information, please contact Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) by Oct. 12. Hope to 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.

Life Chain Sunday Oct. 7

Several locations nationwide remember the 1st Sun. in Oct., Respect Life Sun., by conducting a Life Chain from 2-3PM. The closest life chain event will be held in Des Moines at The First Assembly of God church at 2725 Merle Hay Rd. from 2-3:30PM. They will provide parking and signs for the event. For more information contact the St. Cecilia's Sanctity of Life chair, Garland Dahlke at garland@iastate.edu or [515-460-0403](tel:515-460-0403).

"The Gabriel Project is a parish-based crisis pregnancy assistance program that gives volunteers the opportunity to be Christ to each woman in crisis and who sees Christ in each woman she serves by listening and assessing her practical and spiritual needs.

The parishes of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Sts. Peter and Paul have chosen Respect Life Weekend Oct. 6-7 to kickoff the Gabriel Project. Join us after 10:30AM Mass for the dedication of the Gabriel sign."

STEWARDSHIP: St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The bread machine that sits on the kitchen counter of many homes these days eliminates so much of the toil of producing daily bread.

Like many of the other labor saving devices in our homes, it is meant to reduce the work while still giving us something that we want. Though we may have seen pictures, few of us have ever seen an actual millstone designed to pummel and fracture the grains of wheat into flour by the work of oxen that walk around and around to roll the stone over the grain in its circular basin. Fewer of us have even worked such a contraption, which was the labor saving device of its day. No longer did women have to pound, beat, and mortar the grain. The oxen did the work, and it was worth it even if you had to give the miller a portion of your harvest to ensure that he ground your grain.

When Jesus suggests that those who would cause others to sin should have a great millstone placed around their necks, his hearers knew immediately what he was talking about. Every village had its own millstone. It was right there out in the open for everyone to see.

We don't like to hear that sin needs a corrective. There is a natural inclination to hide the evil and to pretend that the sin does not exist. But sin needs to be brought out into the open to be cleansed. I'm not suggesting that everyone stand up on Sunday and tell everything that they've done wrong to the entire congregation. But when we own up to what we have done by exposing it to another person through confession it is like having that millstone right in front of us. We can see it; we can acknowledge it; we can admit that this is a part of who we are. And then we can let it go, no longer burdened with having it hang around our neck.

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Please remember to buy one non-perishable item for the food pantry when you shop for your household. Shop+ 1 bags are still available on food collection weekends. Next food collection: October 20/21.

Eucharistic Adoration

We thank God for several new adorers and substitutes who have joined the Eucharistic Adoration schedule over the past few weeks. Second adorers are still needed at a variety of hours, both daytime and nighttime. Please contact Cyndi Volcko 451-4749 to participate in this ministry of prayer.



Coffee and Donuts will be served this weekend after the 8:30AM Mass by John & Gail Kearney and Gordie Miller, and by Deacon Ron and Mary Smith after the 10:30AM Mass. Next weekend, Sanctity of Human Life will be serving after both Masses.

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)

Tuesday, October 2

8:00AM: Roberta North †

5:30PM: Eddie McBride

Wednesday, October 3

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

5:30PM: Cynthia Sutter

Thursday, October 4

8:00AM: Denise Brunia

5:30PM: Sandra & Vic Gostomski

Friday, October 5

8:00AM: Jack Gehm †

5:30PM: No Mass

Saturday, October 6

5:00PM: Ray Evans

Sunday, October 7

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Chris & Pat Derks †

5:00PM: Frank Sedlock

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 September 30, 2012

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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There, too, in the presence of the LORD, your God, you and your families shall eat and rejoice in all your undertakings, in which the LORD, your God, has blessed you.

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YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Sept. MTD	YTD
Contributions	\$67,639	\$216,290
Budget Sept.	\$80,097	\$262,990
BIF	\$ 240	\$ 10,683

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

Scripture Rosary.....Monday 7:00AM
Intercessory Prayer Group Sunday 9:00-10:00PM
RosaryMonday 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.



Our faith unites us so that in any language one can worship God and receive the Eucharist.



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.

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HoursMonday-Thursday
 8:30AM-4PM
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