

February 17, 2013 | First Sunday of Lent



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.

The 2013 Catholic Schools Week has come and gone and our students really rose to the occasion to demonstrate the little extras that they engage in to improve our corner of the world and beyond. A big part of the success of Catholic Schools Week at St. Cecilia School is the involvement of our parents. Our Family School Association plans all these wonderful activities, where our kids have a great deal of fun within the rigors of their day and we all benefit from this collaborative. Thanks to all who participated. With enthusiasm like this, the dedication of our staff, and the continued support of St. Cecilia parishioners, St. Cecilia School is going to be around for a long time doing what we do best, all in a Christ-Centered environment. Check out the summary below of what was accomplished in this Catholic Schools Week:



Mon.-Box tops for Education: Collected 5,965 box tops which is equal to about \$596.50
Tues.-Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA): Collected 390 food items
Wed.-Food at First: Collected 136 paper products
Thur.-Birthright: Collected 174 baby items including 13 boxes of diapers & 4 bags of clothes
Fri.-Piarist School in Martin KY: Collected \$400

Thank you and God bless you all.

Dr. Tom Budnik and Mr. John Kinley
Co-Principals

FAITH FORMATION

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30AM-5:00PM

Wednesday 8:30AM-7:00PM

Friday 8:30AM-3:00PM

Early Childhood & Elementary Faith Formation Sessions

Week of February 17-February 23

St. Cecilia—Ames

There will be Faith Formation Sessions for all grades this week
Beginning dates are as follows:

Feb. 17th—Sunday Sessions—10:30—11:30AM

Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st grade—**Will Meet**

Feb. 18th —Monday Sessions—6:15—7:30PM

Grades 1—8—**Will Meet**

Feb. 20th —Wednesday Sessions—4:00—5:15PM

Grades 2—5—**Will Meet**

Feb. 20th—Wednesday Sessions—7:00—8:15PM

Grades 6—8—**Will Meet**

St. Cecilia—Jewel

Feb. 20th—Wednesday Sessions—6:45—8:00PM

Preschool/K—10th grade—**Will Meet**

A LOOK AHEAD!

* There will be no sessions the week of February 24th at St. Cecilia, Ames due to catechist in-service.

* ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST. Parents who were unable to attend the parent meetings must contact Julie Anne in the Faith Formation Office to pick up required materials and complete the required forms. Thanks!

* SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 28th-MAY 1st
SAINT CECILIA PARISH MISSION
"OUR WALK IN HIS FOOTSTEPS"

The Grand Adventure

A New Call to Grandparenting

Beginning Tues., Feb. 19 from 7-9PM for six weeks in the St. Louis Room. Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison will facilitate using the format of prayer, scripture, input, discussion and suggested activities. Grandparents discover innovative ways to share their gifts, talents, faith, wisdom and experience with their grandchildren. They explore the many ways in which they can enhance and contribute to the growth of the grandparent - grandchild relationship; and they consider why grandparents are so important to family, church and society. The cost of the workbook is \$5.00.

*New on the website Faith Formation Calendar!
Check it out....*

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: February Ski Trip

Details and sign up on the website

www.stcames.org/home/youth-ministry



February 17: Persona Christi: A Life Night on Priesthood & The Diaconate

February 24: Vita Consecrata: A Life Night on Consecrated Life

March 3: His Gifts, His Biddings His Actions: Vocations Today & the Holy Spirit

March 10: No Life Night: Confirmation Prep

March 17: No Life Night: Spring Break

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### Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Class: March 10<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-5PM and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7-9PM

**Please remember to attend your weekly  
Faith Formation program.**

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### Trips & Conferences

Trip payments are due Friday March 1st for ALL trips

These payments are to be made online at:

[www.stcames.org/home/youth-ministry](http://www.stcames.org/home/youth-ministry)

Online Giving/Event Registration tab on Home page

Upcoming trip meetings & fundraisers will be announced soon.

*New on the website Youth Ministry Calendar!  
Check it out....*

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mon., 6-7PM (Spanish) Cancelled for Month of Feb.

Mon., 7:30-9PM in the St. Louis Room -

Series on Catholicism by Father Robert Barron

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

Deacon John will not be available for the next 4 weeks.  
Spanish Mass will still be celebrated at 5PM on Sundays.



### Vacation

I will be leaving the parish on Mon., Feb. 18 and will return to the office on Thur., Feb. 28.

### Cross Catholic Outreach speaker next weekend, Feb.23/24.

Next weekend, Msgr. Ted Bertagni will be here next weekend, Feb. 23/24. Msgr. Bertagni will be here on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Central and South America.

One of the traditional "pillars" of our Lenten observance is almsgiving/practice of justice and charity. Msgr. Bertagni's visit to us is most appropriate to our communal Lenten journey.

On a personal note, Msgr. Bertagni was ordained a priest in Omaha, Nebraska in 1978 and in 1999 was invested as a monsignor. He was a Conventual Franciscan in Our Lady of Consolation Province (the same order and province of the priests who served our parish for thirty-three years) and is presently incardinated into the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

Msgr. Bertagni has an international background having studied and lived in Europe and the Caribbean. He holds STL (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) and a STD (Doctorate in Sacred Theology) from Sant' Anselmo, the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome (run by the Benedictines). He served 20 years as a parish priest, pastor, and professor before dedicating himself full time to the service of the poor.

Please welcome Msgr. Bertagni to St. Cecilia's!

The traditional Lenten Devotion, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed **each Friday night** of Lent at 6PM, with exception of Good Friday starting time 2PM.



### INTRODUCING THE "OWLS CLUB"

St. Cecilia Catholic School is excited to announce the inauguration of a before and after school childcare program, which will be known as the "OWLS CLUB." For nearly a year, the concept has been developed to offer a "Pilot Program" for children currently enrolled in grades K-5 at St. Cecilia School. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, a maximum of 16 children will have the opportunity to enroll in the Owls Club Pilot. The program will offer early morning (6:30AM) and late afternoon (6:00PM) supervised childcare on the premises of the Education Center. Students will be engaged in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, all of which will take place in our Christ-centered environment. Parents of potential students will soon receive specific details of the program, to include a personal invitation to participate, and the program will also be detailed on the St. Cecilia School web page. Since only 16 students can be accepted for the Pilot, an opening date of March 1, 2013 has been established for parents to express an interest in enrolling their children. A system of acceptance for enrollment has been developed and will be included in materials for distribution. This brief announcement is being made now to make you aware of our OWLS CLUB

### 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 **February 28, 2013 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)

In today's gospel Jesus says to the devil in the desert: "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

In his desert experience, Jesus undergoes testing, facing repeated temptation. Our experience is similar. Like Jesus we are called to reject temptations, to serve and worship God alone, the one power greater than evil. This is never an easy task. However, like Jesus, with the help of the Holy Spirit, all things are possible.

### Want to know more? 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](mailto:RCIA@stceciliaparish.org) or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Tues., 02-19: 6PM— Kindergarten Round Up  
Wed., 02-20: No Kindergarten Classes,  
9AM—All School Prayer Service &  
9:30-11:30AM—2013/2014 Kindergarten Visit and Lunch



### 2013-2014 ST. CECILIA SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Part I: Kindergarten Round Up will be on Tues., Feb. 19 for parents only. The meeting will begin in the multi-purpose room of the Education Center at 6PM. Please bring a copy of your child's birth and baptismal certificates, immunization records and a \$100 refundable deposit.  
Part II: Kindergarten Student and Parent Visit will be on Wed., Feb. 20 from 9:30-11AM in the kindergarten rooms. You are invited to stay for lunch, reservations will be taken at round up.

### SCRIP NEWS—SCRIP IS NOW ONLINE!

Thank you for supporting the St. Cecilia education programs 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 or Bev Williams at [scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org](mailto:scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org).



**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** Rosaline Polashek, Mother of Emil Polashek. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, 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/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/)

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

**The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors** will meet today, Sun., Feb. 17 at noon at the Iowa Stater. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

**Sunday Afternoon Gathering.** Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games, or just conversation, today, Sun., Feb. 17 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). Any questions please call Jean at 450-5715.

**The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee** will meet Mon., Feb. 18 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend.

**Our Rosary Prayer Group** will meet Feb. 19 at the home of Dixie Lickteig. If you would like to attend, go to 2116 Duff Ave. or call 233-1393.



#### Fish Supper

**Lenten Fish Supper** Back by popular demand, the Knights of Columbus will host their Lenten Fish Supper on Mar. 1, and Mar. 15. The menu will consist of baked fish, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and baked potatoes. Your past support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

**All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the St. Cecilia Facility Exploration parish-wide kickoff meeting**, Sat., Mar. 2, 2-4:15. In addition to the meeting on Sat., Randy and Scott from RDG will be available before and after each Mass in the Narthex that weekend to answer questions and take comments.

#### Growing Food in Burkina Faso

In the small West African nation of Burkina Faso, 80% of the population are farmers. Frequent droughts make it difficult to produce enough food for the entire year. Often, farmers can only grow enough to feed their families for seven months. The rest of the year is called "the hungry season." This week, we pray for families in Burkina Faso and give to CRS Rice Bowl to help small-scale farmers. Donate what you would spend on candy or treats this week to the Rice Bowl. What you give up for Lent changes lives. A simple cooking video on a Burkina Faso meatless meal will be shown 9AM, 12PM, & 6:30PM on Thursday in the Narthex.



### COMMUNITY

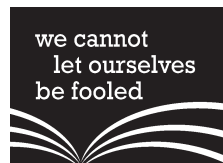
The women's CEW is over, and now it is time to talk to just the Men. In today's Gospel Jesus said; It is written "One does not live on bread alone". Find out what Jesus meant by those words by attending the **Men's CEW on Feb 22-24**. Do not worry about the food-it is fit for a king! Brochures are in the church entrance. Call Deacon Alan Christy 515-231-8099 with questions.

*This Weekend, Rich and Janet Brimeyer will serve after 8:30AM Mass, and CFM will serve after 10:30AM Mass. Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will serve after both Masses.*



**STEWARDSHIP:** Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

#### 1st Sunday of Lent



In negotiating with Shylock for a loan of three thousand ducats in Shakespeare's play, *The Merchant of Venice*, the merchant Antonio turns to his friend Bassanio and says, "Mark you this, Bassanio, / The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose" (Act 1, Scene 3).

Antonio's intent is to show that, while Shylock is a smooth talker, his words possess an underlying evil intent. As the play unfolds, this becomes clearer when Shylock demands the penalty for Antonio's default on the debt: a pound of his flesh. We all know the clever manner in which Antonio is freed from the bond of his payment.

The words Shakespeare puts on Antonio's lips owe much to today's Gospel. The first popular English translation of the Bible was published just some sixty years before *The Merchant of Venice* was written, and so a version of the text we hear from Luke this Sunday was still relatively new to people's ears. When Jesus quotes Scripture to the devil in the temptation scene, the devil himself takes up the challenge and quotes it back in a kind of tit for tat. "The devil can cite Scripture for his own purpose."

As we enter into Lent, those words might serve as a reminder to us to be rigorous about the examination we undertake of ourselves during these forty days. If the devil can turn good to his own evil ends, how easy can it be for us to let evil and wickedness creep into our lives? But the goodness of God is stronger than any darkness that may lurk in our hearts. To cast out that darkness, we must bring it into the light and acknowledge that we sin. Whether our sinfulness is grave, or merely miniscule, this Lent is the time for us to turn back to God with all our hearts. We cannot let ourselves be fooled. Goodness alone is what we seek.

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### SAVE THE DATES !

Saint Cecilia Parish will be conducting a Ministry Fair and Time & Talent Commitment activity the first three weekends of March 2013.

- A Time + Talent Opportunities catalog will provide descriptions and contact information to help parishioners better understand important examples and opportunities for stewardship of Time and Talent in our parish.
- A Ministry Fair scheduled after all Masses the weekend of March 9/10 will provide an opportunity for all parish organizations to showcase their activities, provide additional information and answer questions.

During Masses the weekend of March 16/17 Parish members will be invited to bring their completed Time and Talent Commitment cards forward during the Offertory Procession.

**"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Mark 10:43-45

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### Saturday, February 16

5:00PM: Rosellen Sasse †

### Sunday, February 17

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Paul Skarda †

5:00PM: Mary Strum †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 19

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: VPR Soedyastuti †

### Wednesday, February 20

9:00AM: All-School Prayer Service

5:30PM: Willi Tsironis

### Thursday, February 21

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Ed & Marcella Noethe †

### Friday, February 22

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Special Intention

### Saturday, February 23

5:00PM: Priest's Intention

### Sunday, February 24

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intention

5:00PM: Ardyce Petersen †

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 February 17, 2013

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:14/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/  
Lk 9:28b-36

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

**MARCH 3 Bulletin**—announcements due by  
noon on **Fri., Feb. 22**

**MARCH 10 Bulletin** announcements due by  
Noon on **Fri., March 1**

## 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 Mon. 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.

\*\*Contact the Parish Office at 233-3092 to have your information forwarded to the Coordinators to schedule a weekly holy hour.

### Never Write Another Check to St Cecilia Again!

Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship for our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners that choose to give online including: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted; more consistent giving with recurring contributions; accommodates all special parish collections and missions.

Those who wish to continue to use traditional methods of offering may do so. If you would like to enroll, please visit [stceciliaparish.org](http://stceciliaparish.org) or call our parish office at 515-233-3092.

### YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

|                         | <u>FEB.</u> | <u>IUL.-FEB.</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Contributions MTD       | \$ 42,678   | \$701,682        |
| Budget FEB.             | \$ 82,022   | \$826,213        |
| Need to meet Budget     | \$ 39,344   | \$124,531        |
| Contributions Last Year | \$ 71,397   | \$739,699        |
| Building Imp. Fund      | \$ 295      | \$ 37,378        |

### I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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

Name:

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Address:

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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 3:15-4:30PM during lent and by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE

Hours .....Monday-Thursday  
 8:30AM-4PM  
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 Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling.  
 Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622.