

March 3, 2013 | Third 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.



SAINT CECILIA

Lenten Services

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, March 3 at 2PM

Thursday, March 14 at 7PM

Individual Reconciliation

Monday, March 25 from 11AM-12PM

Wednesday, March 27 from 11AM-12PM
& 5:30PM-6:30PM

Saturday afternoons from 3:15-4:30PM (Please, no confessions after 4:25 to allow time to finish by 4:30 to allow Father time to prepare for Mass).

Palm Sunday

March 24 -Procession at the 10:30AM Liturgy

Holy Week

Holy Thursday Liturgy, March 28 at 7:30PM

Good Friday Stations, March 29 at 2PM

Good Friday Liturgy, March 29 at 7PM

Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8PM

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31

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 March 3-March 9

St. Cecilia—Ames

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

March 3rd—Sunday Sessions—10:30—11:30AM
Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st grade—**Will Meet**

March 4th—Monday Sessions—6:15—7:30PM
Grades 1—8—**Will Meet**

March 6th —Wednesday Sessions—4:00—5:15PM
Grades 2—5—**Will Meet**

March 6th—Wednesday Sessions—7:00—8:15PM
Grades 6—8—**Will Meet**

St. Cecilia—Jewel

March 6th—Wednesday Sessions—6:45—8:00PM
Preschool/K—10th grade—**Will Meet**

A LOOK AHEAD!

- * **No sessions:** March 17th-24th Spring Break!
March 25th-27th Catechist In-service
March 31st Easter
- * **Normal sessions** resume on April 1st and 3rd.
- * **Final Sessions:** Normal sessions for the weeks of April 7th,
14th and 21st.
- * **All sessions are cancelled the week of April 28th so
everyone can attend the parish mission!**
- * **ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS PREPARING FOR
FIRST EUCHARIST.** Parents who were unable to attend the
parent meetings must contact Julie Anne in the Faith For-
mation 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”

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Next Edge March 27
Spring Lock-In Friday April 5
Info coming soon...stay tuned!



March 3: The Way of the Cross
March 10: No Life Night: Confirmation Prep
March 17: No Life Night: Spring Break
March 24 : White Smoke
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**Confirmation Sunday April 14th will be held at  
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Next Class: March 10**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-5PM and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7-9PM  
Don't forget your Worship Logs!

Please remember to attend your weekly  
Faith Formation program.

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### **Trips & Conferences**

**Trip payments were due 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*

***Youth Ministry Breakfast Fundraiser  
this Sunday March 3, 2013 following mass  
Fundraiser for Steubenville & Life Teen  
Leadership Conferences***  
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*Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Salad, Beverage
Featuring flavored syrups and
gluten free pancakes
Free will donation:
Suggested \$5 per person or
\$20 per family*



Now on the website Youth Ministry Calendar!

www.stcames.org

Under the Youth Ministry tab

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

Mon., 7:-8:30PM 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.**

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

- 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."



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 Saturday, May 18, 2013

First session: March 14, 2013

Second session: April 4, 2013

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

Thursdays: from 7 - 8:30 PM

OR

At a time which best fits your schedule

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

Helping Children in Lesotho

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Lesotho, where many children lack access to quality education. Only 73% of primary school-age children in Lesotho are enrolled in school. Give to your Rice Bowl this week to support communities working with CRS to provide educational opportunities for children. What you give up for Lent changes lives.



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.

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 March 4. We will use the "Catholicism" series by Fr. Barron. Topic is "THE INEFFABLE MYSTERY OF GOD - THAT THAN WHICH NOTHING GREATER CAN BE THOUGHT". Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. Come and bring a friend! See you there!



This weekend, coffee and doughnuts will not be served due to the Youth Ministry Breakfast. Next weekend, SCCCW will serve after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses.



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 April 11, 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 we hear Jesus say: "If you do not repent, you will . . . perish!"

The gospel writer, Luke, focuses on the need for human cooperation with a saving God, in the form of repentance. In the Bible, "to repent" calls for much more than words of regret or sorrow for sin. True repentance requires action, a complete turning away from sin and returning to God. Unless we cooperate with acts of true repentance, God cannot bring us to resurrection and new life. Looking for new life?

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 or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry

SCHOOL NEWS

- Tues., 3/5: 4-5:30PM STO Application Assistance (computer lab) & 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting
- Wed., 3/6: 9 a.m. All School Mass
- Thur., 3/7: 6 p.m. Preschool Round Up (parents only-social hall)
- Fri., 3/8: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday

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.

Gala 2013 was a great success! Thanks to all that volunteered, attended, donated, and supported in any way! We look forward to sharing the details of the total amount raised soon!

If you would like more information about being a co-chair for the 2014 Gala or becoming more involved as a coordinator of one of the committees, send an email to stceciliagala@stceciliaschoolames.org.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Harold Adams, father of Mary Adams. 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.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

St. Mary Circle will meet Thur., Mar. 7, 1:30PM in the South Social Hall. Jan Williams will present a program entitled Heartland Senior Services Info 101. Guests are most welcome to attend.

St. Gerard's Circle will meet on Thur. Mar. 7 at 7PM at the home of Gerry Abel, 1603 Burnett Ave. The program will be Gabriel Project with Rose Mary Wilson. Please bring items for Birthright. Also, if you did not bring items for MICA last month, you may bring items this month.

"Date Night" Come enjoy a great evening on Mar. 9 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 praying the Stations of the Cross for Marriage at 7PM, evening will conclude by 8:45PM. To help us plan for the meal and childcare please contact Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) or DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com by Mar. 8.

Man Up - Ames is a newly formed Catholic men's group whose goals are to make better men, husbands and fathers through fellowship, catechesis, and evangelization with monthly meetings and topical presentations. We are happy to announce that our 1st meeting will be held on Mon., Mar. 11 at St. Cecilia in Ames. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30PM, followed by supper and a panel of gentlemen who will discuss how their faith has guided them through life. The evening will conclude with group discussion and end around 8PM. Please join us in this exciting new endeavor. RSVP would be appreciated for meal planning purposes by Mar.6. If you have questions, contact Todd Clancy at: toddmclancy@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus will host their final Lenten Fish Supper on Mar. 15 from 5-7PM in the Social Hall.



Fish Supper

Pro-Life Book Drop Please bring any used books, DVDS, tapes, CDs, games, & puzzles to the Narthex during the Knights of Columbus Lenten fish dinner on **Fri., Mar. 15** between 5-7PM. Craft and cooking magazines only please. Book items will be taken to Des Moines for the bi-annual Iowa Right to Life Book Sale to help crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state. The next sale is from Apr. 16-20 in West Des Moines at the Old Nazarene Camp building at 2251 Fuller Rd. Thank you for your support of life!



Sat., Mar. 16 from 2-4:30PM: Dublin Bay Irish Pub in Ames (320 So. 16th St) hosts *A Wearin' and Sharin' of the Green*, a charity event for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. Enjoy food, beverages, prize drawings and live Irish music of The Blue Moon Orchestra as well as a live auction of donated items to include gift certificates, autographed ISU sports memorabilia and a hand-made quilt. All proceeds will benefit Good Neighbor's mission of providing emergency food, rent, and utility assistance to Story County residents with unexpected needs. Free-will donations to Good Neighbor will also be gratefully accepted. For information contact Doreen Berg at 515-956-3414.

STEWARDSHIP: The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

3rd Sunday of Lent-1st Scrutiny

Carry the
message of
CHRIST

Drawing water for household use is still largely a woman's task in much of the world. Going to a communal water source—a well, cistern, stream, or community tap—is part of the daily ritual for the women in many families. With our municipal water systems and their complex machinery of purification and storage, water from the tap is an ordinary fixture in daily life for those of us who live in the developed world. Even in rural areas, where homes have individual wells, water runs freely in the house aided by a pump and pressure tank. Unlike people in many parts of the world, who still get their water like the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel, most of us just turn on a faucet, and water appears.

The Samaritan woman encounters Jesus at one of the typical village meeting places of his day. Usually, the men would gather at the city gates. The women would gather at the well, drawing water and exchanging news of the day. While his disciples go into the village to find food, Jesus stops at the well, and begins his conversation with the woman who would eventually become his messenger to the townsfolk. While at first she expects Jesus to give her free-flowing water (who wouldn't want to leave the burden of carrying heavy jars of water behind), instead she discovers a prophet, about whom she testifies.

Human ingenuity and inventiveness have made daily life easier for many of us. Something as simple as water flowing from a tap has made our lives so much better. Add to that all the other conveniences, and our lives are far different from the people who lived in that small Samaritan town that Jesus visited so long ago. But our need for salvation is the same. We may not have to carry water anymore. But we do need to carry the message of Christ to all whom we meet.

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Matthew 25 House Spring Dinner Fri., Mar. 8 at Collegiate Presbyterian Church. Matthew 25 House is pleased to announce a dinner celebration to honor its founder Donald Payer. Meet and greet will start at 6PM in the lower banquet area (West entrance) with dinner beginning at 6:30PM. A free will donation is requested for the dinner. Please RSVP by Mon., Mar. 4 to Terry Herrman at 515-292-4968 or e-mail at therman@isunet.net

BOOKS COLLECTION FOR AMES SHELTER St. Cecilia Parish Library is collecting books to send to ACCESS, the shelter for victims of domestic violence here in Ames. Please bring quality children's and adult books and leave them in the basket in the parish library. The books will be delivered to ACCESS the week of **Mar. 10**.

Catholic Men's Conference

The 17th Annual Catholic Men's Conference is Sat., Mar. 23 at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker is Fr. Felix Just, S.J. **Save \$10 and register by Mar. 9th!** More information and registration is at www.catholicmenonline.org Contact Deacon Ron for carpool info - DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480.

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Saturday, March 2

5:00PM: Our Lady of Good Counsel
Rosary Makers

Sunday, March 3

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Sister Marilyn Witty †
5:00PM: Jennifer Kliegel
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 5

8:00AM: Mary Ann Carr †
5:30PM: Paul Skarda †

Wednesday, March 6

9:00AM: All-School Mass
Priest's Intention
5:30PM: Frank Trcka †

Thursday, March 7

9:00AM: Theresa & John Hudak †
5:30PM: Ardyce Petersen †

Friday, March 8

8:00AM: Jack Gehm †
5:30PM: Mary Toohey †

Saturday, March 9

5:00PM: Lizette Uhl †

Sunday, March 10

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Robert Bonifacio
5:00PM: Mike Plummer †
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 March 3, 2013

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b
-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

BULLETIN DEADLINES

MARCH 17 Bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Fri., March 8

MARCH 24 Bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Wed., March 13

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 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 AdorationThe 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 or call our parish office at 515-233-3092.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>IUL.-FEB.</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 76,301	\$735,306
Budget FEB.	\$ 82,022	\$826,213
Need to meet Budget	\$ 5,720	\$ 90,907
Contributions Last Year	\$ 71,397	\$739,699
Building Imp. Fund	\$ 389	\$ 37,767

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

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HoursMonday-Thursday
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