

March 10, 2013 | Fourth 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

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

7AM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM

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 10-March 16

St. Cecilia—Ames

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

- March 10th—Sunday Sessions—10:30—11:30AM
 Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st grade—**Will Meet**
- March 11th—Monday Sessions—6:15—7:30PM
 Grades 1—8—**Will Meet**
- March 13th —Wednesday Sessions—4:00—5:15PM
 Grades 2—5—**Will Meet**
- March 13th—Wednesday Sessions—7:00—8:15PM
 Grades 6—8—**Will Meet**

St. Cecilia—Jewell

March 13th—Wednesday Sessions—6:45—8:00PM
 K—10th grade—**Will Meet**

A LOOK AHEAD!

- * **No sessions:** March 17th-24th Spring Break!
 Ames March 25th-27th Catechist In-service
 Jewell will have class on the 27th
 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 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!
- * **All sessions are cancelled the week of April 28th so everyone can attend the parish mission!**

WOW! LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

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 ~
Wednesday March 27th
 Spring Lock-In Friday April 5th
 Info coming soon...stay tuned!



- 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  
 This Sunday March 10**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-5PM St. Louis Room
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7-9PM St. Louis Room

*Don't forget your Worship Logs!*

Please remember to attend your weekly  
 Faith Formation program.



**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.*

*Thank you to all who participated in the  
 Pancake Breakfast.*

*Now on the website Youth Ministry Calendar!*

[www.stcames.org](http://www.stcames.org)  
 Under the Youth Ministry tab

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

- Mon., 6-7PM (Spanish) Reading the book of Job.
- 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 this 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."**

**A beautiful collection of hand-carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land** will be for sale in the gathering area next weekend, March 16 & 17. The profit goes to support the needy Catholic families who made these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. You are encouraged to please stop by and support our suffering Catholic families in the Holy Land.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Commissioning of our parish's Stephen Ministers took place on March 3, 2013. 16 members of our parish family completed the required 50 hours of training and began serving as Stephen Ministers. Please pray for the Stephen Ministers and Stephen Ministry in our parish.

 **Fostering Community Banking in the Dominican Republic** CRS Rice Bowl invites us to learn about the Dominican Republic this week, where CRS helps women form savings and lending communities that help them save money and access small loans for new businesses. Pray for these women who have the courage to start their own businesses, and make a contribution to your Rice Bowl to support people working to provide a better livelihood for their families. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We've received word that the pictorial directories from Lifetouch are scheduled to ship on March 27, 2013. We will distribute them to parishioners who had their pictures taken as soon as they are received. It's been a long process and we appreciate your patience! - Lynn Franco - Parish Pictorial Directory Coordinator

 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.

*This weekend, SCCCW will serve after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses. Next weekend, Rick and Janet Brimeyer will serve after 8:30 Mass and CFM will serve after 10:30 Mass.*



## 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 the father tell his faithful son: "We much celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

Jesus uses this story to teach about God's welcome of sinners - watching, waiting - for them, for us, to return home. In so doing we are met not with rebuke, not with punishment, but with loving embrace and celebration.

#### **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.*



### 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](mailto:jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org) or 515-233-3092.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Mon., 03-11:** Normal School and Preschool Day

**Tues., 03-12 to Thur., 03-14:** No Preschool Classes, Early School Dismissal at 1:30PM, Parent-Teacher Conferences & Bookfair

**Wed., 03-13:** 9AM All School Mass

**Fri., 03-15:** NO SCHOOL

**Mon., 03-18 to Fri., 03-22:** Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

### Kindergarten 2013-2014

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors... St. Cecilia School has openings for the 2013-2014 Kindergarten class. It is not too late to register. Please call the office for more information, #232-5290.

## 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

**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. If you have questions, contact Todd Clancy at: [toddmclancy@gmail.com](mailto:toddmclancy@gmail.com).

**St Anne's Circle** will meet on Tues., Mar. 12 at 9:30AM in the South Social Hall.

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, Court Madonna 858, invites all Catholic women of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas, St. Patrick, and Sts. Peter and Paul Parishes to their meeting Mar. 14 in the South Social Hall. Dinner is at 6:15. At 7:00, Kay Aitchison *will talk on the Life of a Deacon's Wife*. Guests, please notify Regent Sharon Jenkins (233-2570) if you plan to attend the meal.

**Lenten Fish Supper:** The Knights of Columbus will host their final Lenten Fish Supper on Mar. 15. The menu will consist of baked fish, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and baked potatoes. We look forward to seeing you there!



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** from 5-7PM. Craft and cooking magazines only please.

**The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors** will meet on Mar. 17 at noon at Perkins. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

**Next weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund and MICA Food Shelf Collection Weekend.** Suggested food pantry donations include canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, baby food, packaged shelf-stable main meals, pasta, spaghetti sauce and cereal. Also, non-food items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper are needed.

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

**STEWARDSHIP:** The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

#### 4th Sunday of Lent-2nd Scrutiny



Candles provide a wonderful atmosphere. Their soft glow and warm light soften the colors and give us a sense of comfort. Even in a large room that is illuminated by other lighting, when there are candles around we feel that we are drawn in closer, because the candlelight itself casts just a small footprint, almost asking us to huddle together. Modern lighting can flood every nook and cranny with a brilliance that surpasses the light of a single candle. But we won't lean in to be close to a light bulb the way we might to a flickering flame. More than a century and a quarter after light bulbs were first introduced in the 1880s, we still use candles for light in some of our most joyous and most intimate moments.

The man born blind in today's Gospel has no experience of light at all. He would have felt the sun's warmth, but known nothing of its brilliance. He likely knew flame, and the heat generated by the fire of a hearth or the burning of an oil lamp. But he had no idea of the glow of illumination shed by these lights. He was completely in the dark. That is what makes his cure all the more amazing. This man has never seen light! Even if we close our eyes for an extended period of time, we can still imagine what something is like, because we have seen it before. This man in the Gospel has never seen!

The light that the man born blind sees is not so much the brilliance of the day, as it is Jesus, the light of the world. Like a room illuminated by electric lights in which candles are burning for atmosphere, the man is drawn to the light that gives him comfort and solace, that is Jesus. The man's single-hearted gaze on Christ is a reminder to us not to be distracted by other lights.

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**Sat., Mar. 16 from 2-4:30PM:** Dublin Bay Irish Pub in Ames (320 So. 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**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**.

**St. Mary's Church of Williams will hold a Spaghetti Dinner** today, Sun., Mar. 10 from 4:30-6:30PM. Spaghetti, lettuce salad, bread, dessert and beverage are included. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children 4-12, and free for those 3 and under. Handicapped accessible, carry-outs available, everyone welcome!

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### 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)

### Tuesday, March 12

8:00AM: Althea Palmer †

5:30PM: Steve Mueller †

### Wednesday, March 13

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

5:30PM: Bernard Olberding & Family

### Thursday, March 14

8:00AM: Betty Keenan †

5:30PM: James P. Mitchell †

### Friday, March 15

8:00AM: Faithful Departed †

5:30PM: Living Members of  
Catholic Caughters

### Saturday, March 16

5:00PM: Bunny Richert †

### Sunday, March 17

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Karen Davis-Rutter

5:00PM: Special Intention

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 10, 2013

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or  
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

### 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  
 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.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:**

We invite all parishioners to respond to the Facility Exploration Survey now available on the St. Cecilia website under the heading "FEC Survey".

This is your opportunity to give us vital feedback regarding our facility needs and space usage. Multiple submissions will be allowed from each computer/IP address if several members of each household wish to take the survey separately. A paper copy is available that you may download, complete and return to the parish office. A paper copy is also available at the parish office. Results of the survey will be posted for the entire parish and will be used by your Facilities Exploration Committee in its work with RDG Planning & Design. If you have any other thoughts or questions in the future, members of the Facilities Exploration Committee are always available for your input.

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

|                         | <u>MAR.</u> | <u>JUL.-MAR.</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Contributions MTD       | \$ 25,438   | \$761,489        |
| Budget MAR.             | \$ 84,735   | \$910,949        |
| Need to meet Budget     | \$ 59,297   | \$149,460        |
| Contributions Last Year | \$ 73,848   | \$813,547        |
| Building Imp. Fund      | \$ 3,712    | \$ 41,479        |

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE**

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 Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling.  
 Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414.

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Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622.