

Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. You are witnesses of these things.” – Lk 24:46, 48

May 12, 2013 |
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Saint
Cecilia

CATHOLIC
CHURCH



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Mother's Day, 2013

God, our mother,
 you hold our life within you,
 nourish us at your breast,
 and teach us to walk alone.
 Help us so receive your tenderness
 and respond to your challenge
 that others may draw life from us,
 in your name.

(Janet Morley from "The Complete Book of Christian Prayer"
 p.387.)

A blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers and all women who
 exercise mother-like care for us.

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 June 13, 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, before His "Ascension," Jesus says to his
 disciples: *"Behold I am sending the promise of my Father
 upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power
 from on high."*

To this promise from Jesus the disciples respond with "great joy. .
 .praising God." They realize that their ascended Lord is more fully
 present to them in the Spirit, the "promise of the Father." This promised
 continuing presence within the disciples (and within us) empower all of
 Jesus' followers to fulfill our mission of bearing witness to Jesus.

**Are you interested in hearing more about God and the Catholic
 church? 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

- Wednesday, 05-15: 9AM All School Mass
- Tuesday, 05-21: 7PM Spring Concert at Ames City Auditorium
- Wednesday, 05-22: 9AM All School Mass
- Thursday & Friday, 05-23 & 05-24: Last Days of
 Preschool Classes
- Friday, 05-24: Field Day (Rain Date 5-31)
- Monday, 05-27: NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
- Wednesday, 05-29: 9AM All School Mass followed
 by 5th Grade Graduation

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.

SCRIP NEWS:

We will continue to have scrip gift cards monthly after masses. We
 will be in the Narthex on the following dates: June 29/30, Aug
 3/4. We will be placing orders for any additional cards the Monday
 following these dates and make them available to you by that Friday
 in the parish office.



The results from the **Facilities Exploration
 Committee** survey are available on the website at
 the following URL:

<http://stcames.org/2013/04/09/facility-exploration-survey-results/>

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
 you wrap your arms around your people
 and show your everlasting love in the same way
 a mother loves her children.
 We are grateful for the love you have taught us
 through the mothers in our lives:
 our own mother who brought us into this world,
 the mothers of friends who have welcomed us
 into their homes and families,
 our grandmothers who took time for us,
 and the mothers who have helped us
 even though we were not their children.
 Bless all the mothers of this world today.
 May they know the fullness of love they have shared
 and be blessed every day of their lives.
 Amen.



*This weekend, coffee and doughnuts will not be served
 because of the Mother's Day Breakfast.
 Next weekend, coffee and doughnuts
 will not be served due to floor cleaning*

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Please join the **Sanctity of Life committee** in praying the Rosary before the Masses this weekend of Mother's Day, May 11-12. The Rosary will begin a half an hour before each Mass. Join us in honoring Our Mother, the Queen of the Rosary and Mother of Life. Pray also for the needs all of Mothers of the world and our own Mothers, living and deceased.

St. Anne's Circle will meet on Tues May 14 at 11AM for lunch at the Flame 'N Skewer in the mall. See you there.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering: Join us for an afternoon of cards) any kind), board games or just conversation on Sunday, May 19 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 Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors will meet on May 19 at Dublin Bay at noon. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

The **Rosary prayer group** will meet on Tues., May 21 at 9:30AM at Pauline Skarda's home. Anyone wishing to make rosaries please call 233-1393.



MICA Food Pantry

Next Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food Shelf Collection weekend.

Suggested 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.



The **Stephen Ministry** Compass has *Chi Rho* (Christ) in the center because Christ is the center of Stephen Ministry. The four points of the compass are Compassionate, Full of Faith, Skilled, and Trustworthy.

COMMUNITY

Do you hunger for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Do you thirst for a greater knowledge of our faith? Do you want more? IMPACT may be for you! IMPACT is the next step in the evolution of lay formation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. IMPACT starts this September, and applications are due May 31. For more information, check our website www.dbqarch.org/impact or email Diane Konshak at dbqcafsec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

STEWARDSHIP: The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully. "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

The Ascension of the Lord



There are a lot of religious writings in the world. Most traditions have what adherents consider their sacred texts. Jews have the Torah and the rest of the Hebrew Bible. Christians have the Old and New Testaments. Muslims hold on to the Quran as their sacred text, while Mormons turn to the Book of Mormon. Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists all turn to writings of their own faith to inspire and guide them.

The verses we read this weekend are the last lines of St. Luke's Gospel. While they form the end of the Gospel, the passage is only the conclusion of the first part of Luke's larger narrative, a story that is continued in the Acts of the Apostles. Luke told us that he was going to "compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled" (Lk 1:1). As he brings his Gospel to a close, he comes back to that very theme. Jesus tells his disciples before he ascends that the events that took place (that is, his suffering, death, and rising on the third day) were written about and fulfilled. Luke and the other early Christians used the texts that they were familiar with—the prophets, the Psalms, and the rest of Hebrew Bible—and found in these writings ways to make sense of what had happened to them and their experience of the risen Christ.

We see this process at work in today's Gospel. Luke's narrative was strung together to lead Jesus on a journey to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die, and rise on the third day. Now, as today's Gospel indicates, Jerusalem is the starting point from which all the nations will hear the word of God, the very things to which the final chapters of the prophet Isaiah allude. The challenge for us, as believers who live two thousand years after these words have been written, is to consider what they mean in our lives today. How are we witnesses to this truth?

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Emergency AED Training

WHAT: AED Training (Heart Defibrillator Unit for emergency use).

WHO: Dr. Jonathan Burns instructor

WHEN: May 13th at 7PM

WHERE: Ed Center Multipurpose room

WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND: Suggested for all ushers, committee leadership, staff, and teachers.

Handicap accessible doors are located by the social hall kitchen and the Narthex. We encourage parishioners to utilize these doors for handicap access when needed.

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Saturday, May 11

5:00PM: Marian Putz †

Sunday, May 12

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Angelo Bonafacio
5:00PM: Special Intention
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 14

8:00AM: Anna Marie Best
5:30PM: No Mass

Wednesday, May 15

9:00AM: All-School Mass
Priest's Intention
5:30PM: No Mass

Thursday, May 16

8:00AM: Youth of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas, and
Sts. Peter & Paul
5:30PM: No Mass

Friday, May 17

8:00AM: Thomas Palmer †
5:30PM: No Mass

Saturday, May 18

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

Sunday, May 19

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Audrey Welp Dankbar †
5:00PM: Karen Stein
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 May 12, 2013

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

BULLETIN DEADLINES

**MAY 19 Bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Fri., May 10**

**MAY 26 Bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, May 17**

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.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUL.-MAY</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 34,498	\$ 955,053
Budget MAY	\$ 82,293	\$1,113,636
Need to meet Budget	\$ 47,795	\$ 158,583
Contributions Last Year	\$ 71,700	\$ 991,514
Building Imp. Fund	\$ 1,759	\$ 48,559
Rice Bowl	\$ 219	\$ 5,205

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.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15-4:30PM and by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

HoursMon.-Thur. 8:30AM-4PM
 Fri. 8:30AM-2:30PM
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The Gabriel Project is a crisis pregnancy assistance program. Call 450-6473 for assistance.
 Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling. Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414.

PRAYER CHAIN

Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622.