

July 21, 2013 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



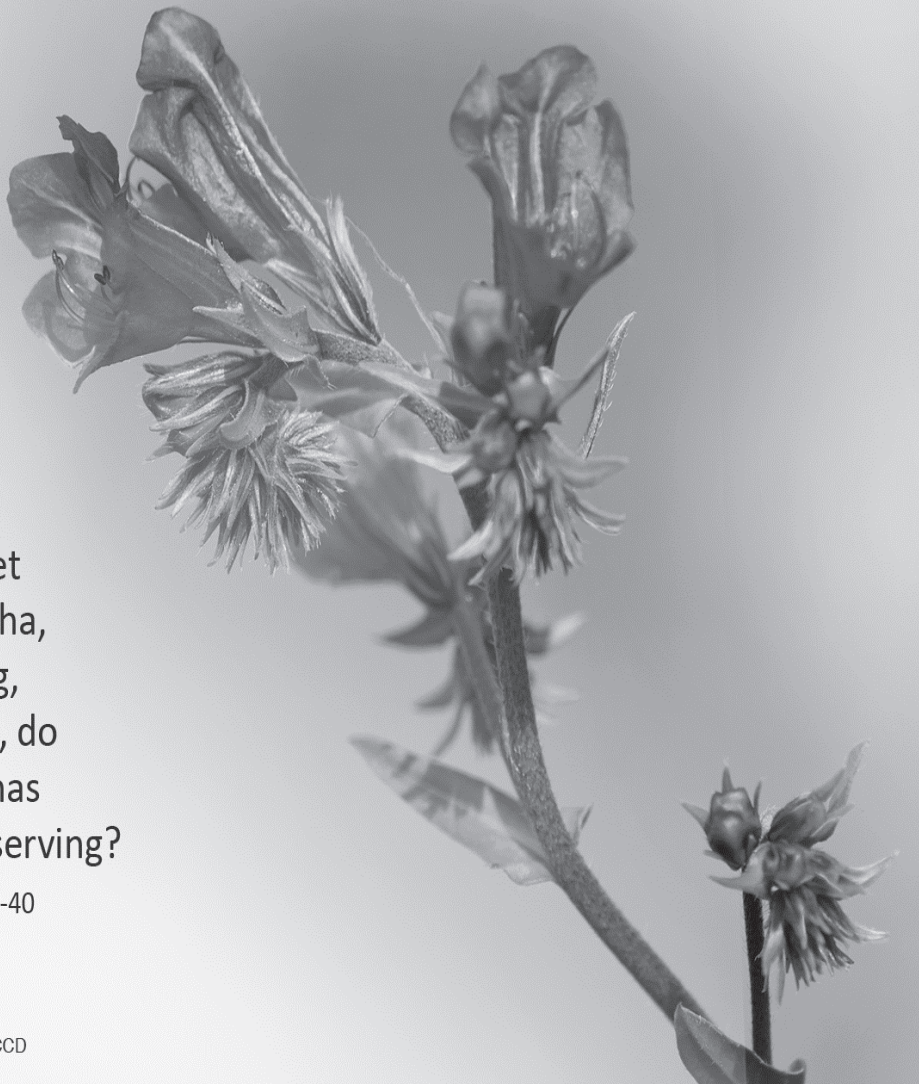
Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

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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 entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." — Lk 10:38-40



Summer Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-4:30PM

Friday 8:00AM-2:00PM

These hours are subject to change

2013–2014

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Registration Packets are in the mail!

All St. Cecilia households who had children registered in the 2012-2013 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry programs should have received a registration packet for the 2013–2014 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry program year; provided you have a youth kindergarten through senior year of high school age.

If you did not receive a packet or did not register last program year, please contact Dori Gass, administrative assistant to Faith Formation & Youth Ministry to have a packet mailed to your household. Dori can be reached at 515-232-3514 or dgass@stceciliaparish.org

Are you new to the St. Cecilia Parish?

Please contact the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office to register your Faith Formation & Youth Ministry age youth. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to the parish community.

Alpha is Coming



The Alpha Course is coming to St. Cecilia September 2013!

Have you ever wanted a chance to just go “back to the basics?” Have you ever wished there was a way to invite family and friends to learn about the Catholic faith in a non-threatening way that will seek to “meet them where they are?” Alpha is just the ticket! Alpha means beginning. For more information check out www.alphausa.org or contact Tom Primer, M.Div. in the Faith Formation Office.



Catholic Radio: Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for “Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa.” You can obtain a schedule of their radio programs at their website: www.kwky.com.



Valleyfair Day Trip

Wednesday August 14th

Sign up online by August 9th

www.stceciliaparish.org



High School Bible Study & Faith Sharing

Wed July 10th-Aug 21st

7:30-8:30PM

@ St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Isidore & Maria Room

All 9-12 graders encouraged to attend.

Fall Retreat Planning Meeting

Sunday July 28 6-9PM St. Louis Room

POTLUCK! All are welcome.

Please let me know if you'd like to help lead the Parent Retreat OR the Teen Retreat .

Totus Tuus

Attention are you entering 11th or 12th grade?

Interested in leadership roles and missionary experience?

Then we want you!

We are adding new members...meeting dates & times TBA!

Watch for more information soon or email us if you are interested!

All of the above information and more can be found at stceciliaparish.org under the Youth Ministry Tab Summer Calendar



Confirmation 2013-14

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR TEENS AND PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING

MONDAYS IN AUGUST

5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH FROM 5:00 -9:00PM

IN THE EDUCATION CENTER

YOU WILL BE SENT A LINK FROM

SIGN-UP GENIUS TO SELECT A DATE AND TIME

Check us out at the following



AmesLifeTeen



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Registration and payment for all YM events can be done on our website <http://www.stceciliaparish.org> Select Online Giving and Registration on the home page, it will take you to the link to select the event.

• GRATEFUL SHARING • JOYFUL LIVING •

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spirituality. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

• A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT •

The word "steward" from which "Stewardship" is derived can be traced back to the Old English words, "Sty Warden." The word "sty" meant the whole farm or estate. Today we still use this word, but only to refer to the place where pigs are kept. It originally meant the whole farm, the place where you stayed, hence "the sty." The word "warden" still maintains its meaning when we talk of a game warden. The warden was the protector, the guardian and the proxy. A warden was left in charge of the owner's property when they were away for a long trip. It was understood that the warden was in charge and they were to treat the property as if it were their own. They would enjoy its benefits and eat its crops but they were also responsible to maintain the property and all its hands. In many ways it was theirs to use but not theirs to own. They would have to return the property to the owner upon his return. The most trusted warden of the sty, the steward, was almost a part of the family, a caretaker and trusted friend, but still a servant. It is this notion of Stewardship that is at the heart of our response to God.

God gives us gifts throughout our life. In many ways they are not our own. Even our family, parents and children are entrusted to us, but do not belong to us. Our money, our homes, our skills and knowledge are really only on loan to us. It is up to us to be good stewards, to care for these gifts after having used them well and to preserve them for the next generation. Stewardship teaches us that we are only here temporarily. All of God's blessings, given in love, also come with the responsibility to use and care for those gifts, wisely. Throughout our lives, and eventually in death, we will make our return to God.

Please watch this space in future weeks for additional information regarding Stewardship.

From: *Father Michael A. Ignaszak, St. Helen Parish, Milwaukee. 2000.*

• A STEWARDSHIP TIP •

Think of a time when you were happy, truly full of joy, peace, and contentment. Chances are you will recall a time when you were simply enjoying the company of loved ones, perhaps a celebration at home, quiet time with the family, or experiencing the Creator's beauty in nature. Make a mental note of simple pleasures and know that joy does not necessarily correspond to the amount of your paycheck or assets.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>JUL-JUNE</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 36,245	\$ 36,245
Budget JULY	\$ 91,667	\$1,100,000
Need to meet Budget	\$ 55,422	\$ - - - -
Contributions Last Year	\$ 76,250	\$ 76,250

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 August 22, 2013 at 6:15PM
in the St. Louis Room.**

*** Note: Normally sessions are scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the even numbered months, starting in August. ***

BAPTISM PREPARATION IN SPANISH

Next session is Friday July 26 at 7:30PM in the St. Louis Room

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA)

In today's gospel we hear Jesus say to Martha: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

Jesus is telling Martha that being "anxious and worried" is blocking her - not only from listening (to God) but perhaps also from performing heartfelt service. He hopes Martha will learn that the presence of God's Kingdom trumps daily concerns and conventional wisdom.

Are you "anxious and worried?" Would listening to God be an answer? Can the Catholic Church help? 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.

The **Butterfly Freedom House**, which provides Christian transitional housing for women leaving the prison system, needs paper (toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.) and cleaning products for the house at 325 South Walnut, Ames. You may drop off items at the house or call Mary Ross (232-5080). St. Cecilia helps support the house through its Good Samaritan Fund and the Social Justice Committee.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Why the name Stephen Ministry: The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6).



How many congregations have Stephen Ministries?
As of March 1, 2013, there are more than 11,000 congregations enrolled in the Stephen Series. They represent more than 160 different Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet today, July 21 at noon at the Iowa Stater at the Gateway Hotel. 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 this Sun., July 21 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). See you there!

All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend this quarter's **CCC (Councils, Commissions, and Committees)** meeting on Thur., July 25, 2013 at 7PM in the Social Hall. This meeting will help both newly elected members of the Pastoral Council, the Faith Formation Commission and the Catholic School Board, as well as current members to better understand the parish and committee structure, the Pastoral Council's Vision-how it is working and catching on, and developing metrics. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Feast of St. Anne is July 26: St. Anne's Circle will gather for Mass at 8AM in the Chapel on Friday, July 26. Following Mass members will go out for breakfast.

COMMUNITY

Informed Choices Official Grand Opening Celebration: Today, Sun., July 21, 1-5PM. 1606 Golden Aspen Road, Suite 105 in the Aspen Business Park (directly behind Dublin Bay.) Lunch will be provided. Program begins at 2PM. Open house and tours until 5PM. <http://informedchoiceia.org> and <http://informedchoiceia.org/about/>



Summer Reading Programs Need Help: Help recruit and/or be a reading pal, or tutor for Ames READS and Raising Readers programs in Ames. Contact Jan Gray from Bethesda Lutheran at

233-2720 to become a partner in promoting reading and programs that provide tutoring and/or mentoring. If you are wanting to become a reading tutor or mentor, you may contact Diana Schmidt at 515-233-1312 or di512@hotmail.com. Contact Shara Bradley, Resident Services Program Manager, 515-233-0029 or sharab@chihousing.com to learn how to help with the AEA mentoring program.

STEWARDSHIP: Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In any household with more than one child, parents have to deal with sibling rivalry. The more benign forms find expression in simple competition, in which one child strives to do better than another in contests or sports. At other times, the rivalry shows itself in a negative light, offering up comments on who's not doing what, whether that is schoolwork or household chores. The supposedly aggrieved child has a heightened sense of justice, often proclaiming that the other child seems to get away with doing less.

It almost seems as though this is what is playing out in the Gospel story today between Martha and Mary. Martha wants Jesus to be the arbiter of the dispute, much as if she would be running to Mom or Dad. Mary seems to have found the sweet spot, sitting at the Teacher's feet. Plenty of German-inspired stained glass windows show exactly that, portraying Mary with an almost beatific quality to her face, while Martha stands in the background with a rather sour grimace. Jesus sits between them as though he is the referee between the two feuding sisters.

Since the time of Augustine the story of Martha and Mary has often been interpreted as a commentary on the difference between the active and contemplative life—with the contemplative winning out. It's hard to imagine that a Gospel such as Luke's, so filled with stories of compassion and assistance, would profess that view. It is Luke's Gospel that includes the story of the good Samaritan, the classic example of active love of neighbor. Maybe a better way for us to understand the story of Martha and Mary is this: Mary's example is a reminder that we must clearly hear what Jesus is teaching. We cannot just run about acting as we always have. Rather, we need to take his teaching to heart, and in that way ensure that our actions are based on his commands.

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AMOS Training Session, Tues., July 30, 7PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern, Commons area. AMOS is training leaders to help those uninsured and underinsured make their health care decisions. This public education and awareness campaign will be directed by Nicole Keller who retired after 26 years with the Principal Financial Group. It will focus on explanation of the two new Medicaid programs, federal premium subsidies and new individual products. We need your help! All are welcome.

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We have over **100 student desks** and a limited number of chairs that we are going to dispose of in Aug. We would first like to offer these items to parents or parishioners that may be interested. Please contact the school to arrange a time for pick-up from 8AM-3PM during the week of July 22-26.

STO Tax credit available for LLC's and S-corps.

HF 625 increased STO credits to \$12 million in calendar year 2014 passed the Senate and House. HF 625 makes it possible for STOs to offer tax credits for LLCs and S-corps in 2013.

Please check the Archdiocese of Dubuque website for further information on STO contributions and related tax credits.

SCRIP NEWS:

We will continue to have scrip gift cards monthly after masses. We will be in the Narthex on the following date: 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.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **2014 St. Cecilia Gala**. The event will be held on April 26 at the Gateway Conference Center. The co-chairs for the 2014 Gala include: Nate and Lezli Pelzer, Pat and Mindy Stahr, and Matt and Diana Thatcher. Check out the St. Cecilia Gala Facebook page for the latest updates.



Shop+1: Please remember to buy one non-perishable item for the food pantry when you shop for your household. Make it a habit for your children! The next food collection weekend is August 17/18.

Keep informed on issues of importance to the Catholic Church in the Iowa legislature by signing up for the Iowa Catholic Conference Action E-List at www.iowacatholicconference.org. The Iowa Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the bishops of Iowa.



Saturday, July 20

5:00PM: Fred Varnum †

Sunday, July 21

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Bob Best †

5:00PM: Tim Camp †

Misa en Español

Tuesday, July 23

8:00AM: Alvera Irlbeck †

5:30PM: VPR Soedyastuti †

Wednesday, July 24

8:00AM: Mary Urbance †

5:30PM: Leo Blanchet †

Thursday, July 25

8:00AM: Paul Skarda †

5:30PM: Alvera Irlbeck †

Friday, July 26

8:00AM: St. Anne's Circle

5:30PM: Raymond & Marie Frank †

Saturday, July 27

5:00PM: Dionne & Jim McElroy

Sunday, July 28

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Audrey Welp Dankbar †

5:00PM: Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Peters

Misa en Español

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 July 21, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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This weekend, the Melinda Luzbetak family will serve after the 8:30 Mass; CFM will serve after the 10:30 Mass. Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will serve after both Masses..

BULLETIN DEADLINES

August 4 bulletin announcements due by Noon on Fri., July 26

August 11 bulletin announcements due by Noon on Friday, August 2

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.

PRAYER CHAIN
Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stcames>

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 3:30-4:30PM 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.

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www.birthrightames.org