

July 28, 2013 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary



Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

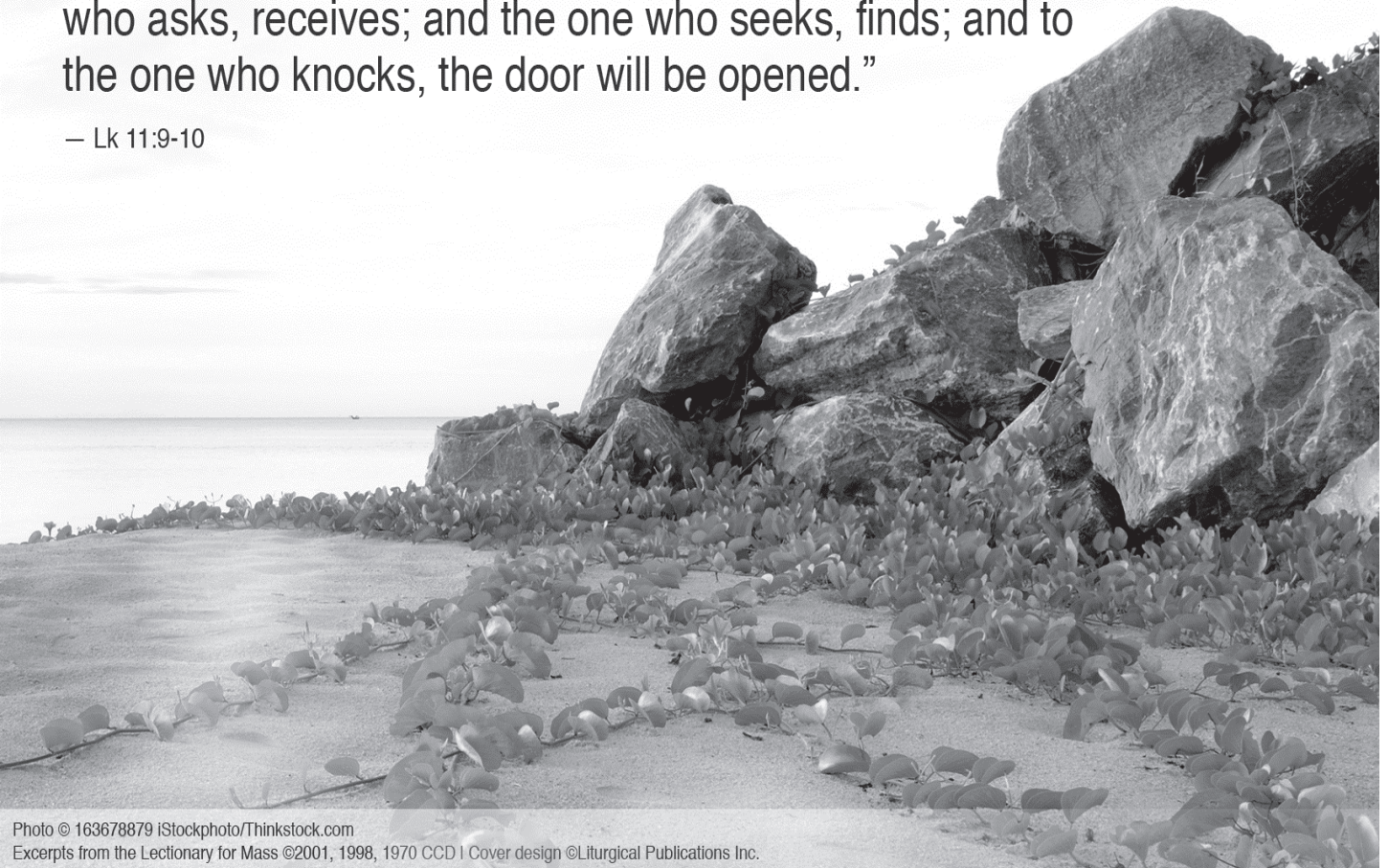
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Saint Cecilia Parish is a Roman Catholic community formed by the Word of God, united by the Holy Eucharist and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. By our commitment to the teachings of Christ and His Church, the sacraments and charity, our parish strives to build up the body of Christ through worship, life-long faith formation and evangelization.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

— Lk 11:9-10



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.



**ALL middle school youth invited
 Valleyfair Day Trip**

Wednesday August 14th

Complete information on the website

Sign up online by August 9th

www.stceciliaparish.org



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

Want to help lead in Life Teen?

Calling All Upperclassmen: August 4th, 5:30-7PM

St. Cecilia St. Louis Room (by the Chapel)

The Totus Tuus Missionary Team is always open to new 11th and 12th graders who want to get involved. Start the year off right by surrounding yourself with positive Christian-Catholic teens who want to make the best choices for themselves, just like you. Serve as a role model for middle school and underclassmen teens by helping with EDGE, Confirmation, Life Teen or Small Group! Totus Tuus meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5:30-7PM in the St. Louis Room before Life Night for food, fellowship, planning & discussion. Every 3rd Sunday we have an optional potluck dinner from 7-7:30PM.

Join in on the fun, the challenge and the community of like-minded leaders!

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 -9:00 PM IN THE ST CECILIA EDUCATION CENTER SIGN UP INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT OUT FOR THIS EVENT LET US KNOW IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THE EMAIL

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel parable speaks to generosity. In the deep of night, a sleepy friend responds to this neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable that a friend would deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity and what our response should be to that generosity.

• A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT •

Ecology. Stewardship is a word we most often associate with "Churchy" things and "Ecology" is a word we often think of in relationship to political debates, science class and Public Television specials. Yet, the two words are related quite closely. Part of the notion of Stewardship discussed previously in this series spoke about care for the next generation.

If we see everything as a gift from God that is given to us on loan, then we must care for this gift so it can be passed on in good condition. Obviously caring for the earth and it's resources (ecology) flows from being a good steward. This same logic applies when we look at our parish, it's school, it's programs and it's resources as gifts from God. Most of us today did not build this parish; we inherited it from our parents. Even our founding members did not build this parish alone. Many generations have built upon the work of their predecessors. Stewardship teaches us that we have been given a gift in this community and we need to not only use that gift but to care for it so that the next generation of our parish will benefit from what we leave behind.

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

• A STEWARDSHIP TIP •

Don't Wait to be Asked. Most pastors and parish leaders face a perennial challenge in enlisting help. Parishes have emphasized stewardship programs, including Ministry Fairs, that highlight opportunities for sharing of time, talent and treasure to help the parish and the universal Church fulfill their mission. Information regarding such opportunities at Saint Cecilia is available on the parish website (www.stceciliaparish.org/parish/) under the Parish Info, Bulletins/Fliers tab. Ask yourself what you could do to help and join the workers in the Lord's vineyard. To offer your help, fill out the Response Form and put it in the collection basket or just call the parish office (233-3092).

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

| | <u>JULY</u> | <u>JUL-JUNE</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Contributions MTD | \$ 49,953 | \$ 49,953 |
| Budget JULY | \$ 91,667 | \$1,100,000 |
| Need to meet Budget | \$ 41,714 | \$ - - - - |
| Contributions Last Year | \$ 76,250 | \$ 76,250 |
| Good Sam | \$ 3,572 | \$ 3,572 |
| Building Improvement Fund | \$ 1,807 | \$ 1,807 |

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 Wednesday, July 31 at 7:30PM in the St. Louis Room

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA)

In today's gospel Jesus invites us to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened."

Jesus is inviting us to pursue intimacy with our Father actively! It is not that our persistent prayers persuade an indifferent God to become generous. Rather, God is eagerly waiting our initiative so that he can give us the Holy Spirit which meets every human need.

**Are you ready to "ask, seek and knock?"
Can the Catholic Church be of assistance?
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.

20th Anniversary... approaching.

Our Carillon bell system is approaching 20 years of age and the cost to repair it is almost equal to the cost of a new system of \$10,000.

IF you would like to make a memorial contribution in the name of your family or family member, please contact the parish office at 233-3092.

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.

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.



Did you know you can use your bank's on line bill pay to send your contribution to St. Cecilia?

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Theology on Tap group will continue the "Catholicism" series by Fr. Barron. Topic will be "A VAST COMPANY OF WITNESSES: The Communion of Saints". We will meet on Aug., 5 at 7PM at Olde Main. All young adults are welcome.



Knights of Columbus Family Picnic, Aug. 8, 6:15-8PM All Knights of Columbus, their families, prospective Knights, and their families are encouraged to attend the upcoming council picnic at the Big Bluestem Shelter at Moore Memorial Park on Thur., Aug. 8. You are invited to attend Mass at the Burke Chapel at 5:30PM before proceeding to the park for the meal and short meeting. There will be a family game of softball or baseball after the meeting. Families with last names A - N please bring a dessert and O - Z bring a side dish.

Natural Family Planning: The U.S. Catholic Bishops have established N.F.P. Awareness week in July. Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods represent authentic family planning. They can be used to both achieve and to postpone a pregnancy. NFP makes use of periodic abstinence based upon the observation of the woman's natural signs of fertility, in order to space births or to limit the number of children when there is a serious reason to do so... this practice fosters in couples an attitude of respect and wonder in the face of human life, which is sacred. It also fosters profound respect for one's spouse, which is necessary for...authentic intimacy. (Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009, p. 20) **FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:** nfp@usccb.org

COMMUNITY

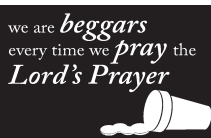
The Film *A Place at the Table* Shows on July 29

One in four children in America is unsure where their next meal is coming from, despite the fact that we have the resources to provide nutritious food for all Americans. To explore this issue, the Story County chapter of Bread for the World will be showing the acclaimed film *A Place at the Table* on July 29, at 7:30PM, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. Learn how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural problems for our nation, problems that could be solved if the American public decides that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all. This film will be of interest to a wide variety of elected officials, human service organizations, food insecurity activists, and community members at large.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Big cities can have a special attraction. The commercial areas can be alive with such hustle and bustle. Walking past store windows and sidewalk restaurants can enliven one's spirit as the great mass of humanity seems to be

undulating with all the excitement of commerce and exchange. In large cities one can often hear multiple languages just by walking a few blocks as people from different parts of the world mix together on the sidewalks of America. Walk a few blocks in any big city and it is likely that you will come upon someone begging or panhandling on the street. In some places the beggars are very discreet, just sitting on a bench or a sidewalk with a paper cup in their hand that may have a few coins in it so as not to attract the attention of the police. In other places, the begging may be more aggressive with requests hurled at passersby. In a big city, every beggar has his regulars who give him something when they see him. But there are also the hundreds who will pass by. And then there are the occasional visitors who are unsure whether to heed the beggars' pleas or not.

In the Gospel this weekend, the disciples of Jesus ask him to teach them how to pray. He then goes on to describe for them the nature of prayer. He reminds the disciples not to give up. They must be persistent in their prayer, asking for what is needed.

Most of us probably can't ever conceive of ourselves as beggars sitting on the street corner of some large city, even though it is likely that at some point in our lives we have seen them (and maybe even given them something!). But that is exactly what we are every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. After all, we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." You can't be much more of a beggar than that!

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Containers needed at Food at First.

Containers are needed to send leftovers from prepared meals home with guests who attend Food at First meals. They should hold one pint to one quart, have lids attached and be strong enough to go through the commercial dishwasher in the First United Methodist kitchen.

There is a white bin in the alcove outside of the parish office for container collection that is specified for container collection. Thank you,
St. Cecilia Food at First Chefs.

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.

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.

**Eucharistic Adoration Information
Now on the Parish Website!**

It's easier than ever to sign-up for Eucharistic Adoration on the St. Cecilia website at: <http://stcames.org/committees/liturgy-committee/eucharistic-adoration/> You'll find all kinds of information about Eucharistic Adoration and 2 sign-up forms, one with a list of our current needed hours and a general sign-up form. When you sign up online, your information is forwarded automatically and you'll receive a quick response. The Holiday Break Schedule can be found at the site, as well as the contact information for the Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator and Divisional Leaders. In addition, anytime Eucharistic Adoration is suspended for inclement weather, the information will be posted on the home page of the website. If you have any suggestions or questions about the website and Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Cyndi Volcko 451-4749.



*This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will serve after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses;
Next weekend, Bill & Marlene Weisshaar will serve after the 8:30 Mass;
Ron & Mary Smith will serve after the 10:30 Mass.*

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

Tuesday, July 30

8:00AM: Rita Voss †

5:30PM: Audrey Soltz †

Wednesday, July 31

8:00AM: Mary Urbance †

5:30PM: Bill Shonrock †

Thursday, August 1

8:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak †

5:30PM: Mildred Finnegan †

Friday, August 2

8:00AM: Betty Keenan †

5:30PM: Special Intentions

Saturday, August 3

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

Sunday, August 4

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Georgene Franco †

5:00PM: Dennis Krokowski †
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 28, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

**August 11 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Fri., August 2**

**August 18 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, August 9**

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.

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