

August 4, 2013 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary



# Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

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**S**aint 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.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

— Lk 12:13-15



Summer Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-4:30PM  
 Friday 8:00AM-2:00PM  
 Hours are subject to change

BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

Program Year Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM–5:00 PM  
 Wednesday 8:30 AM–7:00 PM  
 Friday 8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Alpha for Catholics



Q. What is Alpha for Catholics?

A. It is the Alpha Course carried out in a Catholic Context.

Q. Is the Alpha Course an “approved” course?

A. Yes, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has endorsed the Alpha Course and support parishes using the program. PLUS, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household has been involved and promoted the Alpha Course for many years AND there was a special Alpha Catholic Youth gathering at this year’s World Youth Day Celebration.

Q. Who is the Alpha Course “for?”

A. Anyone! Life-long “cradle” Catholics, “Christmas & Easter” Catholics, non-Catholics, other Christians, non-Christians, anyone who has questions.

Q. Will this be a doctrine “heavy” course?

A. No! This course is called Alpha, which means “the beginning,” besides we never really “arrive” at obtaining all there is to know and love about God in Christ Jesus.

Q. What is next?

A. We hope you will come & see what Alpha is all about on Sat., Sept. 14, 2013. There will be a sign-up for food count only, there will not be any obligation to come to any more Sat. sessions.

Q. How long will Alpha run?

A. 8:30–11:00AM on Saturday’s in the social hall throughout the fall semester.

**20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)



**Lifeteen Information Night @ St. Thomas**

Thursday Aug 8th; 7-8PM

Sunday August 11th

New Core Training 1-4PM

Pool Party Aug 11th

5-7PM location TBA

**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 Goup! 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 5-9PM  
 IN THE ST CECILIA EDUCATION CENTER***

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.***



Next weekend Deacon Paul David Brown will be assisting liturgically at all Masses as well as being the homilist on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. This year we are partnering with the Diocese of Lexington as part of the Archdiocese of Dubuque's "Mission Co-Op" Program.

The Diocese of Lexington was established in 1988 by Blessed Pope John Paul II. It was formed from parts of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Covington, covering almost 16,400 square miles and representing 50 counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky. The Diocese of Lexington serves the Horse Capital of the World, with its lavish horse-farms as well as central Appalachia. The 40 Appalachian counties of the Diocese of Lexington are the "other America," where 74 % of children live below the federal poverty line. The Catholic population of the diocese is 3% of the total. In addition an estimated 60% of the total population within the bounds of the diocese does not belong to any church denomination, although most of the residents would identify themselves as Christian. Most of the people of the diocese face the challenges of living in this "other America"—high rates of unemployment, high rates of poverty, and other problems that face communities and families that lack many basic necessities. Thus the Diocese of Lexington is designated as a mission diocese within the United States.

On a personal note, during my high school teaching years at Wahlert Catholic in Dubuque I led and helped chaperone three service trips with groups of students to this area of America. I can personally testify to the abject poverty in which many of our brothers and sisters live, and even though most are not Catholic, to their sincere and firm Bible-based faith and trust in God. I encourage your generosity as you have so graciously shown when the archdiocese or I have appealed to you on behalf of those in need.

There are some brochures at the entrances with more information on the Diocese of Lexington for those who may be interested.

**Vacation.**

I will be leaving for some additional vacation days following Masses this weekend. I will return mid-day on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. In case of any funerals, Father Pat Geary will cover them for me.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
(RCIA)

In today's gospel Jesus says: *"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."*

The culture of consumption in which we live can confuse us about what is most important in our own life journeys. Today's gospel commands us to grow rich in the sight of God. The question to ask ourselves is:

"How is spiritual wealth different from material wealth?"

**Are you interested in "growing rich in the sight of God?"**  
**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](mailto:RCIA@stceciliaparish.org) or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

*Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.*

Today's first reading warns that the quest for wealth and property is all in vain. God's wisdom reveals that material riches are only temporary. Instead, we should seek what is lasting in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns against greed and storing up of earthly possessions. We, as Christian stewards, know that at the end of our lives, God will ask an accounting of how we used our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure to further His kingdom and help the needy. If the Lord called us today, how would we answer?

• A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT •

Beyond Our Walls. Beyond the boundaries of our parish, Stewardship teaches us that we are responsible for the whole Church, not just our parish or diocese. That is why our parish Stewardship program and the annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal use the same word. They are both part of the same reality – caring for the Church throughout the world that has been entrusted to us.

In today's culture we have learned to see time in very small pieces. Drive-through convenience, technological advances and new ideas of customer service have all taught us to expect things quickly. Rarely do we have to wait more than a day for anything. In centuries past, time was seen in much bigger blocks. Most people never saw a clock much less one with a quartz-accurate second hand. This larger concept of time affected how people saw their world and their role within it. Many projects, especially something like a great Gothic cathedral, were only accomplished through several lifetimes. Those who started the project never saw its completion. Those who prayed within a cathedral's walls rarely had been there when the cornerstone was laid. Yet everyone pitched in to make these monuments to God a reality. The Cathedral reminded each generation that they were part of a larger whole. That Church of which they were a part spanned many places and many times. Often people would labor on a Cathedral with only the notion that they were part of a purpose beyond themselves. This is Stewardship at its best.

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

• A STEWARDSHIP TIP •

Make a list of possessions you no longer use or need, things that would be welcomed -- indeed, celebrated -- by someone else. Share them with a charity. Get your kids or grandkids involved, too. They can gather their unused toys, books, clothes, other possessions; they can learn early that sharing is good and feels good. One of the unwritten rules of creation seems to be that we receive more when we give more.

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>JUL.-JUNE</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 64,994	\$ 64,994
Budget JULY	\$ 91,667	\$1,100,000
Need to meet Budget	\$ 26,673	\$ - - - -
Contributions Last Year	\$ 76,250	\$ 76,250
Good Sam	\$ 3,877	\$ 3,877
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

## 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

**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. 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.

## 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. \*\**

**Christian Family Movement: Fall Kickoff Lunch Sept. 15, 1-3PM Social Center.** OPEN TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND "SEEKERS" of a small faith sharing group. CFM provides a small Christian faith community within the larger Church in which individuals, marriages and families are supported. CFM enhances the couple relationship as spouses spend time together deepening their faith. CFM materials are inclusive of inter-church families. They are welcoming to couples and single parents, too. CFM enriches families as parents learn how to build happier families by living their faith. CFM brings families together to discuss important issues that affect the world in which we live. Families discover how they can act to make a positive difference for Christ! Questions? [amescfm@gmail.com](mailto:amescfm@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY

**Youth & Shelter Services is again holding a School Supply Drive** for this upcoming school year. The need for school supplies has increased in the past few years with YSS providing school supplies to over 330 youth in 2012. YSS depends on the generous donations from the Ames and Story County communities to help contribute to the area youth. If you would like to make a donation and help our youth begin the school year with the supplies they need to succeed, please bring supplies to the Family Life Center, 125 S 3rd St, by Aug. 14. School supply lists can be found in most department stores; all school supplies for all ages are needed to meet the growing needs. Questions can be directed to Teresa Stolfus at [tstolfus@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:tstolfus@yss.ames.ia.us).

**STEWARDSHIP: Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?**

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In fiscal 2012, lottery sales in the United States averaged approximately \$250 per person. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia accounted for that \$78 billion in sales. It was in March 2012 that the largest prize to date (\$656 million)

was split between three winners. While it is clear that many people enjoy playing the lottery recreationally, a question that is often asked is, "What does someone do with all that money?" Of course, that particular problem has not seemed to bother those who play regularly. Indeed, the largest jackpots, far from being a deterrent, end up provoking an even greater number of players, who seem intent on turning a single dollar into a large fortune.

The Gospel this weekend offers a perspective on the material world. While possessions are needed, Jesus says, "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15). This comment by Jesus is not something new to any of us. We have heard this all before. But we also know that there is wisdom in storing up for ourselves. As a matter of fact, saving for the future is an act of personal responsibility. We are constantly told to save for retirement, to have a rainy-day fund, to set aside something for a vacation instead of going into debt to take one. All of these actions are so we don't become overly dependent on the social fabric and cause an undue burden on others.

There is a difference between having a sufficiency and having an excess. When our desire for an excess outstrips our reasonableness and our need, then we are flirting with greed, the very thing that the Gospel warns against. Yes, we may work hard, and save for the future. We may even win the lottery. But when we have more than we need the Lord expects that we use it not just for ourselves but also for others. What we do with the blessings we have makes all the difference.

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## Marian Retreat for Men and Women

American Martyrs Retreat House  
2209 N. Union Rd, Cedar Falls  
August 23-25, 2013

*I am the Handmaiden of the Lord*, a retreat on Mary's role in salvation, will be led by Fr. Jim Starbuck. The fee is \$120.00 per person (including \$25 deposit to be submitted with your registration.) Arrival at 8PM on Fri. and departure after lunch on Sun. To register or obtain more information, contact American Martyrs Retreat House, 319-266-3543 or email [DBQAMRHsec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:DBQAMRHsec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

Father Jim served in the military as a surgical nurse and as a parish priest and chaplain. He holds retreats, missions, renewal days. He is a spiritual director, and he has a healing ministry. He speaks from his heart sharing his own relationship with Jesus and the work of the Spirit.

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

HF 625, which 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 this weekend, 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](http://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, Bill & Marlene Weisshaar will serve after the 8:30 Mass;  
Ron & Mary Smith will serve after the 10:30 Mass.*

*Nest weekend, The Breistspreckers & Wagners will serve after the 8:30 Mass.  
Ron & Mary Smith will serve after the 10:30 Mass.*

**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

**Tuesday, August 6**

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: No Mass

**Wednesday, August 7**

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: No Mass

**Thursday, August 8**

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: No Mass

**Friday, August 9**

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: No Mass

**Saturday, August 10**

5:00PM: Mary Huntley †

**Sunday, August 11**

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Jim Mitchell

5:00PM: Youth of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas &

Sts. Peter & Paul

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 August 4, 2013**

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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

**August 25 bulletin announcements due by  
Noon on Friday, August 16**

*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.

**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:  
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Address:  
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City:  
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Zip:  
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Phone:  
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Email:  
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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**

Hours .....Mon.-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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