

September 8, 2013 | Twenty-Third 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.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

— Lk 14:25-27

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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

What is Alpha?

The Alpha Course is an effective initial presentation of the core Gospel message. It is wholly compatible with Catholic teaching. Alpha benefits the local parish by:

- ◆ Building community and engaging guests in the life of the parish
- ◆ Renewing the faith of long time Catholics
- ◆ Reaching the unchurched, lapsed Catholics and those on the fringes of their faith
- ◆ Brings people into the full participation of the Sacramental life of the Church
- ◆ Provides a witness to Christian unity
- ◆ Moving people and the Church to look outward – moving from maintenance to mission

What if I can't make it on the 14th of September or this fall?

Guests can join the Alpha Course on the 21st or the 28th of September. The fall semester of Alpha will run from Sept. 14–Dec. 14th. If the fall semester day/time doesn't work in your schedule there will be different a different day/time offered during the spring semester.

The Alpha Course will begin with a “Come & See” on Saturday, Sept. 14th at 8:30AM in the Social Hall.



KICK OFF NIGHT

WED SEPT 11TH

ST. CECILIA 7-9PM

PARENTS MEETING AT 8:30



Life Nights

Sept 15–Back to Basics

Sept–22 Secret Admirer

Sept 28-29 Give it Away Now Weekend

Sept 29–Mass @ 7PM at St Thomas + Life Night

Confirmation Information

SUNDAY SEPT 8TH

10:30 Rite of Entrance
 at each Parish Mass for

10th Grade Students and Sponsors

12-3:30PM Luncheon at St. Cecilia for ALL
 confirmation students!

Confirmation Fall Kick Off

Spring Break Week 2014 Nicaragua Mission Trip SIGN-UP COMING SOON!

SMALL GROUPS WILL BE STARTING
 IN OCTOBER, STAY TUNED FOR
 SCHEDULES AND TIMES.

Check us out at the following



• GRATEFUL SHARING • JOYFUL LIVING •

During the week beginning Sept. 15 you will receive a brochure detailing the Grateful Sharing, Joyful Living campaign our parish will be participating in over the following few weeks. The brochure is intended to communicate with you regarding Stewardship of Treasure, how your sharing of God's gifts helps all of us, as a parish, serve as God's presence for each other, the broader community and the world, and why we are having an emphasis now on increasing our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this campaign is Sept. 21 and 22. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. If you have any questions regarding the Grateful Sharing, Joyful Living campaign please feel free to contact the parish office.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>SEPT. 2013</u>	<u>YTD to SEPT. 30</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 23,100	\$ 162,905
Budget SEPT. 30	\$ 91,667	\$ 275,000
Need to meet Budget	\$ 68,567	\$ 112,095
Contributions Last Year	\$ 82,900	\$ 231,551

Couples Retreat-Enjoy Your Marriage Workshop: Sept 14th
9-4:30.at St. Henry's, Marshalltown lead by nationally known presenters, Greg and Julie Alexander. The event will serve to inspire and strengthen marriages of all ages and Christian faith. Cost is \$58 per couple and includes a BBQ lunch by Eric Boone. Limited daycare is available. Couples who attend learn the power of prayer within their relationship, share tools for improving communication and parenting skills, and learn to more fully serve each other as God intended through a sacramental marriage. For more information and to register visit <http://www.enjoyyourmarriage-iowa.eventbrite.com/>; email askupah@yahoo.com or call [641-484-3646](tel:641-484-3646); Deacon Ron Smith @ [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) or DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com.

Marriage Enrichment

"Date Night" Come join us for a great evening on Sept. 21 in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. Couples come together, married and engaged, to gain knowledge and develop tools to build & enrich their relationship. Dinner and refreshments are offered at 6:15PM, followed by the program at 6:45PM, concluding by 8:45PM. The month we learn more about "Fruitfulness in Marriage", God's plan for parenthood and openness to life. Each child blesses couples with an ever increasing ability to give and receive love. To help us plan for the meal and childcare or for more information, please contact Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) by Sept. 20. Each gathering has a different topic. Come when you can and bring a couple with you!

Want to meet new people? Be part of a small faith sharing group? Give and get support? Married? Single? Widowed? New to Ames? Lived in Ames a long time? Empty Nester? New Parent? If you answered yes to any of these questions, CFM (Christian Family Movement) is for you. Come to our "Fall Kick Off" for lunch at 1PM on Sept., 15 in the Social Hall. Call 515-232-0197 with questions or to let us know you are coming. It's never to late to call or come.

The Fall 3-in-1 Appeal will be taken up in our parish next weekend, Sept. 14-15. This is a combination of collections that were traditionally taken up separately and are now combined into one spring and one fall appeal. The combined collections for fall include: Missions: World Missions, Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions and Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry. Also included are the Catholic University of America and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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 October 24, 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. ***

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

In today's gospel Jesus says: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

The sayings in today's gospel are extremely challenging. Only in the wisdom of God and through the power of God's spirit can we hear, not to mention, do, what Jesus asks. To become his disciple, we must first renounce all possessions, and indeed our very selves. Only then can we be as available and open as God requires.

Renouncing one's possessions and carrying one's cross is a difficult task. How 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.

Saint Cecilia Parish Confirmation for Adults

Never been Confirmed?

Join a 7-week Confirmation Preparation Program and celebrate Confirmation on Sun., Nov. 10 2013.

Thursdays, 7-8:30PM in the St. Louis Room

First Session: Sept. 19, 2013

Second Session: Sept. 26, 2013

For More information contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org or 515-233-3092.

The Fall Liturgical Formation night is scheduled for Thur., Sept. 19 at 7PM. All Current Liturgical ministers are **required** to attend and those interested in a Liturgical Ministry are invited. This evening is open to all parishioners.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

St. Anne's Circle will meet on Tues., Sept. 10 at 9:30AM in the South Social Hall.

Altar Server Training

Youth, 5th grade year and older, may consider an altar server ministry. The role of the server is to assist the other ministers of the liturgy, especially the Presider, so that the ceremonies proceed smoothly.

The following training times will be offered and will last one hour. Please choose one of the following sessions:

Monday, September 16 at 5:00PM

Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30PM

If you know for sure you are attending, please respond by e-mail to bhauser@stceciliaparish.org



ST. CECILIA GOLF OUTING

Sept. 15 at 1PM at Ames Golf & Country Club. \$45 per golfer. Includes Driving Range, Golf Cart, 18 holes of Golf and Steak dinner. Non Golfer meal cost is \$8. Steak dinner to follow at St. Cecilia School in the Multi Purpose room. Sign up sheets at the parish office or online at stcames.org under online giving and/or event sign up. NEW THIS YEAR-Hole in one prize: A 3 Year Lease on a New Car-2013 Chevy Cruze.

The Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet on Sept. 15 at noon at Valentinos. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for Reservations or information.

Not a Knight already? Just ask us

Men and their families are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus and benefit from this largest Catholic family, fraternal, service organization in the world serving over 1.8 million members. All practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years of age and older are able to join the St. Cecilia's Knights Council at an upcoming new member initiation on Sun., Sept. 22 at 2PM on the north side of the social hall. Come and see why the Knights have recognition as the "strong right arm of the Church." For more information on the council or the Knights of Columbus contact Dan Rajewski at [515-290-4374](tel:515-290-4374) danrajewski@gmail.com, or visit www.kofc.org

St. Cecilia's Noon Potluck is Tues., Sept. 24 in the Social Hall

11:30AM—Social with wine, beer and Soda

12:00 Noon— Lunch

12:45PM—Update on "Quilts of Valor" with Vicki Swenson



October Baby Movie Night - Sat., Oct 5, 6PM

Please come for a free-will offering Oktoberfest-style meal, *October Baby* (rated PG-13) movie presentation, and discussion on Sat. Oct. 5 after the 5PM Mass in Social Hall. Come and see this powerful and inspiring adaptation from a real life story of hope and healing for families with challenging pasts. This event is organized by the the Sanctity of Human Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus. Come and learn about the many ways you can get involved in Respect Life issues in our parish and community.

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is he truly asking up to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the midst of the Great Recession many construction plans were abandoned. Back in February, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis released a report analyzing the effect of the restrained construction environment on the economy. From a peak of 400,000 housing starts per quarter to just over 100,000 in the final quarter of 2012, the total industry (construction and real estate), which once accounted for ten million jobs, lost 2.5 million of its workers over five years. Data used by the Fed showed that employment was on a growth trend if you excluded the construction industry. Add that industry into the picture, and employment in the past few years continues its downward march. The report also points to the fact that construction has a large indirect effect on the economy as well, since more building increases demand for things like furniture and banking and legal services.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus uses the example of calculating the cost to build a tower as a way of inviting those who heard him to consider what it means to become one of his followers. The life of the Gospel is more than just a quick acceptance of Jesus into one's life. There are costs associated with becoming a disciple. Jesus puts it rather bluntly at the end of this week's text when he states, "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Great Recession certainly saw many people losing all of their possessions. Jobs were lost, retirement savings were used up, homes were foreclosed, and plans for college were abandoned. But this kind of imposed loss is not what Jesus is speaking of. He is inviting those who have-and there are still many of us that fall into that category-to not become overly attached to all of our possessions. Love of material things can keep us from seeing Christ, most especially from seeing Christ in our brothers and sisters in need. ©2013 Liturgical Publications Inc.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON GATHERING Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games or just conversation today, Sept. 15 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). See you there!

The Emergency Residence Project (aka "homeless shelter") needs additional people to serve on its Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Haas (232-7138) who serves on the board, or ERP Director Vic Moss (232-8075). *St. Cecilia makes a monthly donation to ERP through its Good Samaritan Fund.*

Home for Awhile, which provides temporary housing to low-income families, needs volunteers to mentor residents about life skills (budgeting, etc.). Mentors meet with a family once a week for about three months. Volunteers are also needed to help clean the apartments, approximately every three months. (Form a cleaning crew with your friends!) Please contact Jack Owens for more information at jck.wns@gmail.com or call Cornerstone Church (232-5488). *St. Cecilia donates to Home for Awhile through its Good Samaritan (black bag) collection.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 7

5:00PM: Janice Guldan †

Sunday, September 8

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Michael Rader †

5:00PM: Special Intention †

Tuesday, September 10

8:00AM: Living Members of Catholic Daughters

5:30PM: Alvera Irlbeck †

Wednesday, September 11

9:00AM: All-School Mass
Priest's Intention

5:30PM: Frank Trcka †

Thursday, September 12

8:00AM: Paul Skarda †

5:30PM: No Mass

Friday, September 13

8:00AM: Lorie Huls †

5:30PM: VPR Soedyastuti †

Saturday, September 14

5:00PM: Yohanes Haryono †

Sunday, September 15

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Traven Olsson Keigley †

5:00PM: Burt Willard †

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday & Friday 8:00AM & 5:30PM (Chapel)

Wednesday 9AM (Church) & 5:30PM (Chapel)

Thursday 8AM (Chapel) & NO 5:30PM

Readings for the Week of September 8, 2013

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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Next weekend, the Melinda Luzbetak Family will serve after 8:30 Mass.

SCHOOL NEWS



School News

Wed., 09-11: 9AM All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal

Thur., 09-12: Picture Day & 5:30-7PM FSA Ice Cream Social

Fri., 09-13: 11:15AM-12:30PM FSA Preschool Lunch



Ice Cream Social - All are Welcome!

FSA is sponsoring our Ice Cream Social on Thur., Sept. 12 from 5:30-7PM in the Education Center multi-purpose room. We will begin with an opening by Mr. Ervin Rowlands, Principal, with staff and committee introductions. Around 6PM parents can visit their students' classroom for a short presentation by the teacher. Children can go outside for some play time and will be supervised by our specials' teachers. Around 6:15PM, all will meet up for ice cream.

We are extending this invitation to all of our parishioners and hope you'll be able to join us!

Preschool News

Helping your child grow...socially, academically, and spiritually...we have openings in our morning and afternoon classrooms at St. Cecilia Preschool. Call 232.5290 for more information!



SCRIP NEWS—SCRIP IS NOW ONLINE!

Thank you for supporting the St. Cecilia education programs by purchasing scrip. We will continue selling scrip after all masses 1x per month. Look for us the 1st full weekend of every month unless that weekend falls on a holiday or holy day. In that case, we will be there the following weekend. Contact Shannon Schroeder or Bev Williams at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

September 22 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, September 13

September 29 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, September 20



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Bradley Cassavant, Great Nephew of Nancy Farmer. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

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 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.

Homebound Ministry

If someone is unable to get to mass, please contact the parish office at 233-3092 to be added to the list to be visited

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