

October 20, 2013 | Twenty-Ninth 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.



West Bend Grotto Trip-October 11, 2013

Thank you to our Family School Association (FSA) for providing the funding for our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade school students to enjoy the experience of the West Bend Grotto.

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

Early Childhood & Elementary
Faith Formation Sessions

Week of October 20-26

St. Cecilia—Ames CLASSES THIS WEEK!

October 20—Sunday Sessions—10:30–11:30AM
Preschool & Kindergarten

October 21—Monday Sessions—6:15–7:30PM
Grades 1–8

October 23—Wednesday Sessions—4:00–5:15PM Grades
1–5

October 23—Wednesday Sessions—7:00–8:15PM Grades
6–8

* **HELP STILL NEEDED** Catechists and helpers are still needed in some classes. Please prayerfully consider being another adult to help in these classrooms.

Kindergarten Sunday 10:30am

Fifth grade Monday 6:15pm

Fourth grade Wednesday 4:00pm

Fifth grade Wednesday 4:00pm

(Current Wednesday 5th grade class has 22 students and we need to divide into two classes!)

Sixth grade Wednesday 7:00pm

Thank you!

A LOOK AHEAD!

* **SECOND GRADE PARENTS—LEARNING CENTERS NEXT WEEK!** The Learning Centers are 3:00-8:00 on Mon., Oct. 28 and 2:30-8:00 on Wed., Oct. 30. **Rainbow books are also due next week also!**

* **PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK!** The week of November 3-9 has been designated as National Parish Religious Education Week.

* **LECTIONARY LINK:** The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Reflect on the Gospel for today with your whole family. Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Adult: Name a time this past week when your actions matched your thoughts.

Child: When is God so close to you that what you feel in your heart is the same as what you do?



CATECHETICAL NIGHT

WED OCT 30TH

TOPIC: GENERAL ADMISSION
“SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION”



Life Nights

Oct 20—“Word of Mouth”

Oct 27—“Reconciliation”



NEW FOR PARENTS



Life Nights

Next Meeting November 3rd

Contact Herrman’s @ eherrman@isunet.net

Frantzen’s @ rpfrantzen@aol.com

Dougherty’s @ cddort@gmail.com

For more information!

Confirmation Information

:Mark the Date:

November 10th - Miraculous

6-7PM Social Hour/Dinner

Provided by 9th grade girls

7-9PM Confirmation Life Night @ St Cecilia

NCYC Youth/Chaperone Meeting

Sunday Nov 17th

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP

MARCH 15-22, 2014

For teens or families!

Questions contact Matt & Dawn Aitchison

dawn.aitchison@gmail.com

or SIGN UP AT STCECILIAPARISH.ORG

ONLINE GIVING/REGISTRATION TAB

Check us out at the following



• GRATEFUL SHARING • JOYFUL LIVING •

The final Summary Report detailing the results of our Grateful Sharing, Joyful Living campaign will be mailed out to you on October 30. We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parish members. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important campaign. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing mission of Saint Cecilia Parish.

• A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT •

If we want to know what Jesus' parable is about in today's gospel, it seems that we don't need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: "Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus' time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>OCT. 2013</u>	<u>YTD to OCT. 31</u>
Contributions MTD	\$ 48,206	\$ 272,638
Budget OCT. 31	\$ 91,667	\$ 366,667
Need to meet Budget	\$ 43,461	\$ 94,029
Contributions Last Year	\$ 72,349	\$ 303,901

STEWARDSHIP: Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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.

Have you considered becoming a Deacon?

Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is seeking married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an "Information Meeting" on Thur., Oct. 24 at St. Joseph, State Center at 7PM in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at 1-800-876-3546 ext. 252.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of us who might know someone who fits the categories above.

Invite that person!

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.

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 North Social Hall.

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



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Greg Bernhard, Brother of Charles Bernhard. 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.

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 will meet today, Oct. 20 at noon at Dublin Bay. Call Pat Rood for reservations or information.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering: Please join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games (bring your favorite if you would like) or just conversation today, Sun., Oct. 20 from 2-4 PM in the St. Louis room (entry in back near chapel door). See you there!



The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Mon., Oct. 21 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend!

Man Up - Ames Men's Group

Man Up - Ames will have its monthly meeting on Oct. 21 at St. Cecilia in Ames. The format will be similar to past meetings and will begin at 5:10PM with a Rosary, Mass at 5:30, followed by a meal, speaker and small group discussion.

We are excited to inform you that our speaker will be Randy Kiel. Randy will speak on "Putting on the Armor of God: Equipping Men for the Journey". Randy will share with us how his spiritual strength has equipped him to survive the challenges presented to men.

See you on the 21st and please bring a friend.

You're invited!

Please join us for the quarterly **CCC (Councils, Commissions, and Committees)** meeting at 7PM, Thur., Oct. 24 in the North Social Hall. Meet and mingle with your servant leadership in a casual and fun environment. Share a snack as you hear what's going on and what's coming up in the parish. If you've ever wondered how things get done in the parish and/or who's doing it (and maybe test your interest in getting involved), this meeting is for you! For more info, contact Cyndi Volcko 451-4749.



Saint Cecilia Christmas Market, November 23 & 24.

Organizations, groups and individuals can reserve a booth for charitable fundraising at the annual Saint Cecilia Christmas Market. To reserve your space, download a registration form from the parish website: www.stceciliaparish.org or obtain a form from the parish office. Deadline for returning registration forms to the parish office is **Mon., Nov. 4**, and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Mary Ross (232-5080) or Doreen Berg (956-3414).

The Market will once again feature recycled Christmas Decorations with all proceeds going to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Donations of Christmas decorations may be brought to the Sunroom **starting Nov. 18**.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



We have witnessed plenty of tragic events in our country's history. Very recent events, like the attacks on 9/11; Hurricane Katrina; the tornado through Joplin, Missouri; Super Storm Sandy; and plenty of other tragedies have affected wide swaths of the public. These events are so

far-reaching, that almost everyone feels the impact. But these shattering events are no more devastating in their effects on the lives of individuals than the adversities that befall people each day: a diagnosis of cancer, a violent death in the family, a horrible accident, the loss of a job. Life's traumas can break into our own lives, or the lives of people we know, at any moment.

Jesus uses a curious example in the Gospel today. An unjust judge renders a helpful decision because of the incessant pestering of a widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were without recourse. They had no man to stand for them, so they were left to their own devices. The widow wears down the judge, who becomes fearful for his own well-being, unless he provides a just outcome.

We have seen it over and over again in our lives: when tragic events happen, people respond out of the goodness of their hearts. Whether it is a large-scale response as in the case of hurricanes or storms, or the compassionate outreach of a small group of neighbors and friends, in a time of need, it seems as though there is always someone who steps up to help. God is there too. We may not always be aware of God's presence, but he is with us in the darkest moments of life. Our prayer to God is not so much pestering an unjust judge (for God can never be unjust) as it is reminding ourselves that God is near to us. In the dark and difficult moments of our existence, God is there, and our prayer keeps us close to him.

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Adult volleyball meets every Tues. at 7PM beginning Oct. 8 in the St. Cecilia gym. Drop in and play for fun. All skill levels welcome. Any questions contact Jim

Central Iowa informed Choice Medical Clinic Annual Banquet with guest speaker: Gov. Mike Huckabee. Thur., Nov. 14 7-9:30PM Hyvee Hall at the Iowa Events Center. Free-Register by Nov. 5 at www.informedchoiceia.org or 319-337-0575.



*This weekend, CFM will serve after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses.
Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will serve after both Masses.*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 19

5:00PM: Rosellen Sasse †

Sunday, October 20

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Mildred Zmolek

5:00PM: Youth of St. Cecilia, St Thomas &
Sts. Peter & Paul
Misa en Español

Tuesday, October 22

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Special Intention

Wednesday, October 23

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

5:30PM: Faithfully Departed

Thursday, October 24

8:00AM: Theresa & John Hudak †

5:30PM: No Mass

Friday, October 25

8:00AM: Frank Trcka †

5:30PM: Fred Varnum †

Saturday, October 26

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

Sunday, October 27

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Jim Mitchell †

5:00PM: Burt Willard †

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

Readings for the Week of October 20, 2013

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

November 3 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, October 25

November 10 bulletin announcements due by
Noon on Friday, November 1

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Wednesday, 10-30: 9AM All School Mass and 2:15PM
Early Dismissal

Friday, 11-1: NO SCHOOL-Workshop Day

Monday, 11-4: Normal Preschool and School Day

Tuesday, 11-5: No Preschool Classes, Parent-Teacher Conferences
& 1:30PM Early Dismissal

Wednesday, 11-6: No Preschool Classes and 1:30PM
Early Dismissal

Thursday, 11-7: No Preschool Classes, Parent-Teacher Conferences
& 1:30PM Early Dismissal

Friday, 11-8: NO SCHOOL

What's This Student Tuition Organization (STO) All About?

The STO... Is it too good to be true? Not at all. If you file an Iowa state income tax return, your contributions to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future* School Tuition Organization (STO) qualify for a 65 percent tax credit. That means for every \$100 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$65. In addition, the entire amount of your gift qualifies for federal deductibility. And that gift you made? It helps makes a Catholic education affordable for every child. It really is that simple. Visit <http://www.ourfaithsto.org/> or call (319) 261-1031 and speak with Jamie Henley to make a contribution or to learn more.

COMMUNITY

You are invited to attend the
Good Neighbor Combined Choir Benefit Concert
on Sunday afternoon, November 3, at 2PM at
St. Cecilia Church. Doors open to the public at 1:30PM.

Please join us for this annual concert that has become a fall favorite that draws both audiences and performers who appreciate great choral music. This year St. Cecilia's choir, directed by Bob Hauser, will join 14 choirs from the Ames area who will perform before a full audience.

In addition, Bob will also conduct a combined concert choir in a two-song finale.

A free will donation will be received to benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., and its mission of providing emergency rent, utility, food, and gas assistance in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement to needy residents of Story County.

For more information about the work of Good Neighbor, phone 515-296-1449 or visit www.gnea.org.

Each year Youth & Shelter Services, Inc. (YSS) seeks sponsors for low-income and deserving families for the holidays. This year we expect over 300 families to request help to make their holidays brighter and more joy-filled, especially for the children. Each family participates in a YSS program and has been identified as a family in need for the holidays. The Holiday Giving Program allows individuals, families & organizations to sponsor a family in need for the holidays. You will receive information on the ages, genders, etc. of the recipients so that you can purchase new gifts for them. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, please contact Teresa Stolfus at tstolfus@yss.ames.ia.us or 515-232-4332 before Oct. 31.

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