

March 9, 2014 | First Sunday of Lent



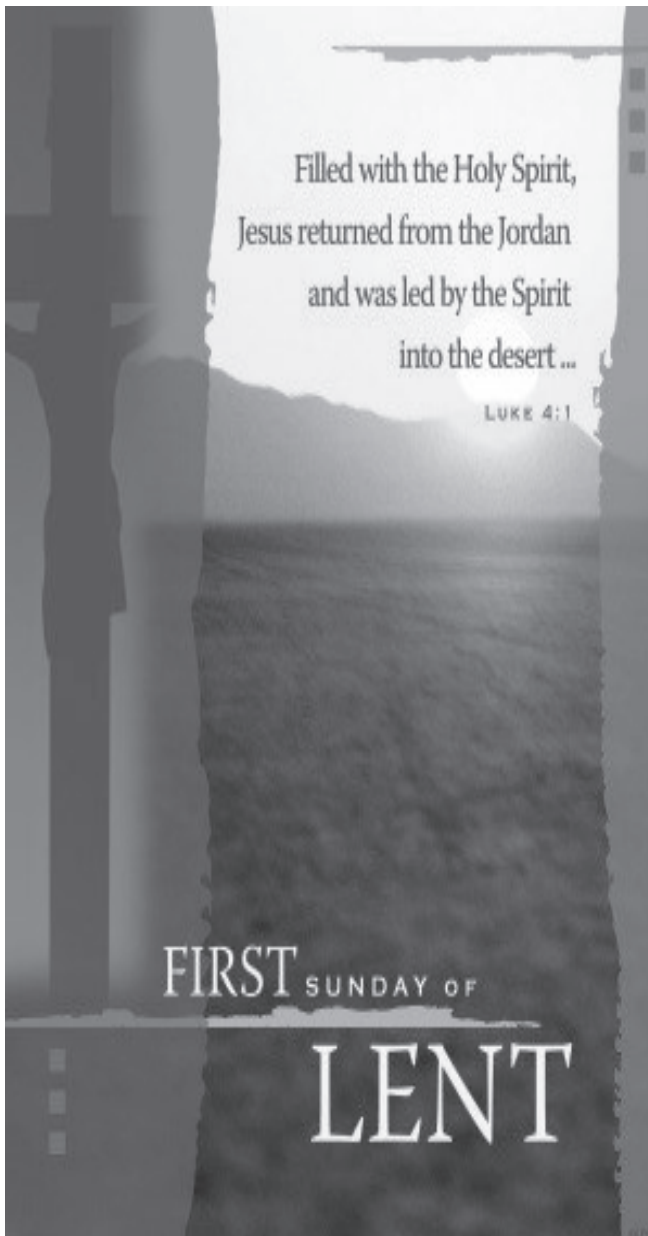
Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

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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.



SAINT CECILIA *Lenten Services*

**Stations of the Cross—Friday nights at 6PM in English
& 7PM in Spanish during Lent**

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, Mar. 30 at 2PM

Thursday, April 10 at 7PM

Individual Celebrations

Saturday afternoons: 3:15-4:30

Monday, April 14 at 11AM-12 noon

Wednesday, April 16 at 11AM-12 noon & 5:30-6:30PM

Palm Sunday

April 13-Procession at the 10:30AM Liturgy

Holy Week

Holy Thur. Liturgy, April 17 at 7:30PM

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 18 at 2PM

Good Friday Liturgy, April 18 at 7PM

Easter Vigil, April 19 at 8:30PM

Easter Sunday Masses, April 20

7AM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM

Lenten Reading.

In this weekend's homily on prayer as part of the life of Christian stewardship, I reference three books I would recommend for reading and prayerful reflection. For those interested, here are those books and information on how to obtain them.

Open Mind, Faithful Heart. Reflections on Following Jesus, Pope Francis. Crossroad Publishing.

You can order this book via Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Books-A-Million via their websites. I was able to obtain my copy by going to the "new and used" section of Barnes and Noble where they contract with other book sellers. You could also stop by the local Books-A-Million store and have them order you a copy. Cost: \$20-25 depending on the seller.

The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis.

You can download a *free copy* of the Holy Father's exhortation from the *Vatican website*: www.vatican.va It's about 50 pages long, printed on both sides of a piece of paper, so have plenty of paper and ink available!

You can also order a paperback edition, cost \$9.56 plus postage and handling from:

The Word Among Us

7115 Guilford Dr. Suite 100

Or

www.wau.org

Frederick, Md. 21704-9804

Catechism of the Catholic Church. (Section IV "The Lord's Prayer"; Section I "The Creed")

Copies are readily available at secular bookstores such as Barnes and Noble or Books-A-Million or by utilizing their websites as well as Amazon. Prices vary according to whether you desire a hardback, paperback, or pocket-sized edition.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our upperclassmen leadership team, Totus Tuus, is excited about our growing roster of new members! We invite sophomores to join our "revolution" after their Confirmation retreat each year. Please contact Anna Herrman or Delaney Aitchison if you want to be a part of Life Teen's "student council." Next meeting is Mar. 30.

EDGE is attending the Mar. 28 WinterJam concert at Wells Fargo arena! Register through a SignUp Genius link until Mar. 26.

The Nicaragua Team will be commissioned at 5PM mass at St. Cecilia Sat., Mar. 15. You're invited to join us for our last meal at home with family at 6PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to enjoy a brief presentation on a Missionary's Rhythm of Prayer at 6:45PM.

We are still accepting donations for Nicaragua (available on the Saint Cecilia website under "Online Giving.") All donations will be used to purchase classroom supplies for children in Chinandega.

We are ONE!

Anna

FAITH FORMATION

Preschool & Elementary Faith Formation Sessions

March 9—Sunday Sessions—10:30-11:30 Preschool & Kindergarten

March 10—Monday Sessions—6:15-7:30 Grades 1-8

March 12—Wednesday Sessions—4:00-5:15 Grades 1-5

March 12—Wednesday Sessions—7:00-8:15 Grades 6-8

A LOOK AHEAD!

* **CALENDAR CHANGE!** There will be no Sunday classes on Mar. 23 due to Spring Break.

* **SECOND GRADE PARENTS:** Make sure you have signed up for Learning Centers (at the end of Mar.!) and reserved your Mass for First Eucharist. Questions or to reserve times call Julie Anne.

* **LECTIONARY LINK:** First Sun. of Lent Cycle A. Reflect on the Gospel for today with your whole family. Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Adult: What temptations most lead modern people away from God?

Child: When you feel tempted to do the wrong thing, what do you do?

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children of Catechetical Age

Please pray for the following individuals who are preparing to join St. Cecilia Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, April 19, 2014

Ross, James and Sara Bergeson

Godparents: Craig Bergeson, Marian and Floyd Ross

Kim Beach

Sponsor: Carol Weber

Kelcey DeGarmo

Sponsor: Jeri Mace

Graye Farnum

Sponsor: Kara Shindelar

Kathleen Winters Frazier

Sponsor: Tilda Thompson

Jessica Juarez

Sponsor: Carla Williams

Michael Mauton

Sponsor: Donna Mauton

Ashley Nussbaum

Sponsor: Madison Hunke

Michele Rogers

Sponsor: Joel Rogers

Cards for prayer & support may be sent/delivered to the parish office.

Come to
St. Cecilia School
 & watch your child(ren)
GROW...

School News

Wednesday, March 12: 9AM All School Mass followed by 3rd Grade Reception and 2:15PM Early Dismissal

Monday-Friday, March 17-21: SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL OR OWLS CLUB

Wednesday, March 26: 9AM All School Mass and 2:15PM Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 27: 6:30PM Marketing Meeting

Come One-Come All to the 3rd Grade Reception following our March 12th All School Mass. This is held in the social hall and is a great opportunity to meet our 3rd grade students and teachers.

Scrip Tidbits!!

Did you know that the St. Cecilia Scrip program offers over 80 Reload Products? If you purchase certain supplier gift cards from our Scrip program, there are a number of the cards that can be reloaded (examples include Lowe's, Papa John's, Subway, Starbucks, and many others). When we submit orders on Monday, the reloaded value usually shows up on your card on Tuesday. You can help our school by using scrip and juggle less cards in your wallet because you can usually load much higher amounts onto your current gift card.



For more information visit our website
www.stcames.org/school
 or call 515-232-5290

OWLS CLUB: We are very excited about the success of our child care program, Owls Club, that began in the fall of 2013. We are in the process of making plans for next school year. The Owls Club currently operates at full capacity on most afternoons with some openings available in the mornings. Our ratio is 1 childcare provider to 8 children. Enrollment for next year will be taking place soon. Current members will be given first priority. If you are interested in having your child(ren) join the Owls Club for 2014/2015, or have a question about our program, please email Judi Blum, Program Manager, at jblum@stceciliaschoolames.org. Formal enrollment will take place sometime in Mar. 2014. At that time, we will have you complete the necessary paperwork and ask for \$100 non-refundable deposit. The deposit will be applied to your first Owls Club payment in the fall. We take pride in our safe, friendly & Christian based environment & in our experienced, dedicated & nurturing childcare providers. References are available upon request. We encourage you to check out our program.

TO OUR GUESTS

We hope that God will grant you peace and rest while you are under our roof today.

May this church be your "second" home.

May those you love be near you in thought and prayer.

Even though we may not get to know you, We pray that you will be comfortable and happy as if you were in your own church home.

May whatever need brought you our way find a hearing by God.

When you leave, may your journey be safe.

We pray you God's peace.

STEWARDSHIP: "Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in Today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?"

First Sunday of Lent • Weekend of March 8/9

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
Contributions to date	\$ 14,684	\$ 808,910
Budget July 2013-June 2014 \$1,171,000		



Saturday, March 8

5:00PM: Marie Putz †

Sunday, March 9

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Don, Brad & Michelle Friedly

5:00PM: Marian Sulewski

Misa en Español

Tuesday, March 11

8:00AM: Cindy Bouggy†

5:30PM: Gibbons Families

Wednesday, March 12

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

5:30PM: Bob Greenwood †

Thursday, March 13

8:00AM: Mary Urbance †

5:30PM: No Mass

Friday, March 14

8:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

5:30PM: VPR Soedyastuti †

Saturday, March 15

5:00PM: Geraldine Burg †

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM: Priest's Intention

10:30AM: Bunny Richert †

5:00PM: Greg Bernhard †

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)

Thursday 8AM (Chapel)

Daily Mass Cancellation Policy due to Inclement Weather

1. 8AM weekday Mass will be cancelled if St. Cecilia School has a late start or has been cancelled due to a winter storm.

2. 5:30PM weekday Mass will be cancelled if St. Cecilia School has early dismissal or has been cancelled due to a winter storm.

Please watch for St. Cecilia School weather-related updates through the various media outlets for cancellations, late starts, or early dismissals.

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2014

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to

www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30AM on Sunday

7PM Sunday

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Don't Miss the



March 23 bulletin announcements are due by noon on Friday, March 14.

March 30 bulletin announcements are due by noon on Friday, March 21.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

April 13 (Palm Sunday) bulletin announcements due by Thursday, April 3

April 20 (Easter Sunday) bulletin announcements due by Wednesday, April 9

***Please Note-If your group would like a flyer in the bulletin, please contact the parish office for availability. As with announcements, prior approval is needed, and space per bulletin is limited.

Is hospitality your gift? We invite you to coordinate the Sunday morning coffee and donut program. Training is provided. Contact Jo Anne in the Parish office 233-3092.

EVENTS/MEETING

St. Anne's Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 9:30AM in the South Social Hall.

Next Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested donations include canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, baby food, packaged shelf-stable main meals, pasta, spaghetti sauce and cereal. Also, non-food items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering: Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games, or just conversation next Sun., March 16 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room (entry in back near chapel door). Any question please call Jean at 450-5715.



Noon Potluck (formerly: 60 Plus)

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Social Hall South

Social time begins at 11:30 AM

Please bring a dish to share. Beverages provided

Mark your calendars for upcoming Potlucks:

April 15, 2014, May 20, 2014, June 17, 2014

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers –
March 28 and April 4 from 5-7PM.

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on Fri., Mar. 28 and Apr. 4 from 5-7PM. Baked Tilapia and Cod will be served with macaroni & cheese, green beans, and a baked potato.

Desserts provided by Catholic Daughters and Ladies Circles will be available. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, and Free for children 4 and younger (Family rates are also available).

Proceeds go to support People with Intellectual Disabilities and other charities.



Fish Supper

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.

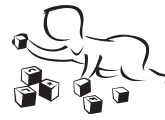
Godparents are also expected to attend.

Next session is April 24, 2014 at 6:15PM
in the St. Louis Room

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Mary Susan Gruenloh, grandmother of Emily Beaudry. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



CHANCE FOR FELLOWSHIP



MOMS

Moms of Pre K children are invited to get together on Tuesdays from 9-10AM or 2-3PM in the St. Louis Room.

Choose the time that best fits your schedule.

MOMS is a group designed to support and affirm women who are mothers.

Children enjoy play time together.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Kenya: Creating Jobs, Creating Hope

Loving God, we pray for all people who work hard to earn their daily bread.

The people of Kariobangi, Kenya struggle every day with hunger, poverty and sickness. Few paid jobs mean people have a hard time affording food for their families. Catholic Relief Services is giving tools and training to form working groups and start small businesses. With no organized garbage service in Kariobangi, one individual, Michael, decided to collect garbage from households for a small fee. Now, Michael can afford healthy food for his wife and young daughter.

Challenge of the Week: Many people in Kenya cannot find work. Give \$1 to your Rice Bowl for every person in your family that has a job.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The Together Our Mission is Service Event provides the opportunity to connect outreach & immersion trip participants with the wider parish community. STA's annual community event and fundraiser will take place the evening of Mar. 29 in the Scheman building. The night consists of friendly socializing, a delicious dinner and competitive bidding. TOMS Event brings student and resident parishioners together to raise funds for parish-wide immersion, educational and faith formation-related events. The planning and execution of the event is 100 percent parishioner driven, with the support and generosity of others that believe in our mission of service.

Check out tomsevent.com for more information about event details, dinner & raffle tickets, sponsorship and donating to the event! Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY

Food at First is in need of several apprentice chefs. Interested persons would work with St. Cecilia experienced head chefs, for a few hours, on either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of each month. For more information, please call Doreen Berg at 956-3414.

Emergency Residence Project is in need of someone with skills in laying carpet squares. Please call Julie Haas (232-7138) or Mary Ross (232-5080) if you would be interested in volunteering or in supervising other volunteers.

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.

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.
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www.birthrightames.org