

July 13, 2014 | Fifteenth 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.

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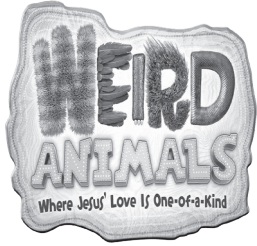
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Mission Co-Op Appeal, 2014.

As stated in last weekend's Bulletin, please welcome Sister Marcine Klemm, OP who joins us this weekend and will be speaking at all the Masses on behalf of her congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan and their missionary work. Sister Marcine is here as part of the annual "Mission Co-Op Program" of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

FAITH FORMATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!

Wanted:
An energetic man to perform the role of a Bible character at VBS on the morning of Aug. 1.

This is a perfect opportunity for a dad or grandpa to get involved in Bible school or for an enthusiastic college student or high school boy to perform some service to his parish.

The script is provided. You don't need to be a great actor, just a fun person.

Please contact Susan Vernon if you want to help or have questions
svernon@gmail.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Chance to Register for EDGE Summer Camp!

Please pray for our 51 pilgrims encountering Christ at the Steubenville Mid-America Conference this week and teens attending the Christian Leadership Institute next week!

"This is Christian hope: that the future is in God's hands."
@Pontifex



Celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, October 25, 2014

CONFIRMATION

A "fast track" Summer Confirmation program will be held through the youth ministry office for Catholic teens seeking Confirmation this Fall of 2014. Young adults age 14-20 are welcome to participate. There are 8 classes on Sunday afternoons beginning July 6, concluding Sept. 21.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office immediately if you're interested in joining the course. Candidates **must** be Baptized Catholic, receive First Communion/First Reconciliation and bring a sponsor to each class.

RCIA

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.

Baptism Preparation I for first born child -
Next session: August 28, 2014 at 6:15 PM

Baptism Preparation II for second/later child -
Next session: July 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Please call the parish office at 233-3092 for reservation. Godparents are also expected to attend.

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

2014-2015 PowerSchool eRegistration Update

Due to a software upgrade, the e Registration system is not expected to be available until August 1, 2014. There is a possibility that the upgrade will be completed earlier. Parents will receive an email when the system does become available.

2014-2015 Tuition and Payment Form

Parents were emailed on July 7th asking them to complete their 2014-2015 Tuition and Payment form between July 7-16, 2014. If you did not receive this email, please email Tana Tesdall at ttesdall@stceciliaschoolames.org. Thank you.

School Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday, July 15th, the school office will be open during the weekdays from 9AM -3PM.



Saint Cecilia
SCHOOL

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

Scrip Tidbits!!

Summer Scrip selling schedule (say that 5 times fast): August 2 & 3.

If you have any questions about Scrip, please contact Bev Williams or Shannon Schroeder at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org

July 13th- Hosts/Servers for Coffee/donuts after Mass

8:30 -The Luzbetak Family
10:30 -Stanley and Franco Families

July 20th- Hosts/Servers

8:30 - Stephens Ministry
10:30 Christian Family Movement - Town & Country Group



CATHOLIC RADIO
KWKY 1150 AM

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.

• WELCOME •

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.

• A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT •

In today's reading from the prophet Isaiah, there is a guarantee that the unleashing of God's Word will bear much fruitfulness in the world. The Word of God will accomplish whatever God sends it forth to do. His Word is given to us as a gift to be nurtured, shared and made to "bear fruit." The question is whether or not we are exercising good stewardship over God's Word. Have we been "fruitful" with God's Word? Have we unleashed God's Word? Do we share God's Word or do we leave that task to others?

STEWARDSHIP: May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred—or sixty—or thirty-fold!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of July as of July 7, 2014

Month to date Actual:	\$ 25,284
July Budget	\$ 119,500
Need to Meet Annual Budget	\$1,228,000



The Good Samaritan Fund envelopes are left in the pews for your use, preferably on Good Samaritan collection weekends (the third full weekend of each month) but you may put them in the offertory collection baskets on other weekends. We sincerely appreciate your generous donations. Information on the Good Samaritan Fund is always available in the parish office or on the Social Justice Committee section of the parish website. Everyone is also welcome to attend Social Justice Committee meetings (on the third Monday of every month), where decisions on use of the fund are made.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 12

5:00PM: Priest's Intention

Sunday, July 13

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intention

5:00PM: Greg Bernhard †
Misa en Español

Tuesday, July 15

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Tracy Nutty

Wednesday, July 16

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: **Fr. Troy Overton's 25th Anniversary**
Mass of Thanksgiving

Priest's Intention

Thursday, July 17

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: No Mass

Friday, July 18

8:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Rita Voss †

Saturday, July 19

5:00PM: Priest's Intention

Sunday, July 20

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intention †

5:00PM: Barbara Newman

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 8AM (Chapel in Summer) & 5:30PM (Chapel)
Thursday 8AM (Chapel)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

July 27 bulletin announcements due
by Thur., July 18

August 3 bulletin announcements due by
Friday, July 25

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2014

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
or 13:24-30

St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30AM on Sunday

7PM Sunday (Resumes Aug. 24)

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL) (Not in summer)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert



Lectors

Lectors needed at 5PM Mass: The church is always in need of people who are willing to share their interest in proclaiming scripture at Liturgy. At this time, we are seeking more lectors to join us, and are particularly interested in having young people, who have been confirmed, serving in this ministry. Our greatest need is currently at the 5PM Mass on Saturdays. If you are interested in serving, please contact Becca Wemhoff at becca.wemhoff@gmail.com.

Mass of Thanksgiving

All are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Cecilia's for **Fr. Troy Overton** who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Some of you may remember Fr. Troy when he was stationed here as a Franciscan with Fr. Dismas and Bro. Don from 1989-1991. Fr. Troy is now a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville and would welcome the opportunity to see old friends and share the Eucharist together. The Mass will be celebrated on **Wed., July 16 at 5:30PM in the Church**. Want to spend a little more time with Fr. Troy? Join us for an **"Open House" in the St. Louis Room 6-8PM**. Hope you can make it!



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Dave Fry, Uncle of Emily Beaudry. 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.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

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 jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org or 515-233-3092.



Next Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/ Food Shelf Collection weekend.

Suggested donations for the MICA Food Pantry 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. Please check expiration dates on donated items.

Sunday Afternoon Gathering. Join us for an afternoon of cards (any kind), board games or just conversation next Sun., July 20 from 2-4PM in the St. Louis Room.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

You are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Celebration of Marriage on Sun. July 20, 2:30PM in at St. Cecilia Church. A reception will follow in the South Social Hall. Family and friends are welcome. Sponsored by the Liturgy Committee.

COMMUNITY

Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held July 17 at St. Henry, 2211 W Olive, Marshalltown. Registration at 9AM; General meeting at 9:30AM; Liturgy at 11:15Am and lunch at noon.

Dream Weekend at the American Martyrs Retreat House July 18-20. Please contact Dan at 319-232-1659 or drnrrig@aol.com for more information.

Save the date now for this powerful weekend!

September 20-21, 2014
The Christ Our Life Regional Conference!
See Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Mark Hart, Immaculae Ilibagiza, Fr. Larry Richards, and six other world-class speakers at Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA. Online tickets and more information are available now at www.ChristOurLife.com. Join us as we Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!



Car Raffle Winner

On the evening of April 26, 2014, Faye Kellen was awakened by enthusiastic knocks on her door. It was after 10PM and her grandsons, Sam and Henry (11 and 9) were so excited to break the news, "Grandma you won a new car!" When Mrs. Kellen had bought the 2014 Saint Cecilia Gala Raffle ticket, she thought it would support her grandsons' school, she didn't expect to win.

But she did.

Kellen's surprise is apparent with her new license plates, "MEANT2B". Kellen made her choice of a 2014 Toyota RAV4 after trading in her previous car. Thank you to Ames Ford, Wilson Toyota, Deery Brothers of Ames and Lithia of Ames for their sponsorship of the raffle.

The car raffle helped make the 2014 Saint Cecilia Gala a success. In just 9 years, the Saint Cecilia Gala has raised well over \$1 million with over \$130,000 raised this year to benefit Catholic educational and faith formation ministries in Ames. Look for more opportunities to win next year. The 2015 Saint Cecilia Gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Q Our local school board has been debating whether our school should teach creationism as part of its science program. Does the church have a position on this?

A Many news programs have covered debates and discussions similar to the one you mention. The question is complicated and can be answered several ways. First, there is a difference between "Intelligent Design" and creationism. The first admits to the creative power of God; the other turns the Bible into a bad science textbook! Both of these stand in contrast to Darwin's theory of evolution, which sees higher forms of life evolving from lower forms. The problems with this idea we will leave to the scientists to explain.

Creationism, however, requires a fundamentalist understanding of Genesis, which contradicts the church's teaching on how we interpret Scripture. Genesis was written to explain a religious truth, not a scientific one: God created the world. The details are not as important, nor are they always understandable to humankind. Instead, the mystery of creation is explained in a story that people will remember. Whether God created the world in seven days does not really matter.

The church teaches that we never need to fear the truth. Truth is one. Theology and science, if truthful, will not contradict one another. The only thing that truth cancels is falsehood.

The only theory of a religious nature that would be acceptable to Catholics is that God is the Creator—in whatever mysterious way God acted.

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Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel

Scripture Rosary.....Monday 7:00AM
Intercessory Prayer Group.....Sunday 8:00-9:00PM
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

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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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