

September 7, 2014 | 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.

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Worthy Cause?

If you've been watching the news lately, you have probably seen that many people are getting on board with the "Ice Bucket Challenge" to raise money for research to help find a cause and possible cure for ALS Disease (commonly called "Lou Gerhig's Disease"). *Please refer to the insert in last weekend's Bulletin regarding Catholic participation. Since the national ALS Association funds embryonic stem cell research as part of the research for a cure, Catholic moral teaching sees such embryonic involving the destruction of the embryos as immoral, and therefore, while the cause is a good one, the methods employed are immoral. Archbishop Jackels urges anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause to send their donations to the Pope John Paul II Medical Research Institute located in Iowa City, Iowa. Copies of the Archbishop's statement are available by the parish bulletin board located in the east hallway next to the historical artifacts display or you can obtain a copy from the parish office or the parish website.*

What if we started our own cause and made a pledge to say three Hail Mary's every day at 6:30 p.m. for world peace as urged by Pope Francis? Pope Francis is begging prayers for world peace. With the conflict in the Holy Land and the on-going persecution of Christians in Iraq the need is very great. If this seems a worthy cause for you, spread the word your "contacts/friends" via email or Facebook. "Where two or three gather in my name" (even if not in person) Jesus tells us in this weekend's gospel, "I am present there. Whatever you ask for in prayer shall be granted."

Let us pray.

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Begins on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 mass

Children will be dismissed from the mass to participate; and then will return during the Offertory hymn.

Ages Pre-K through 2nd grade are welcome!

Faith Formation Sessions begin the week of Sept 7, 2014.

Sunday Sept 7 at 9:00AM grades Pre-k through 5th

Monday Sept 8 at 6:15PM grades 1st - 8th

Wednesday Sept 10th at 7:00PM grades 6-8th

Sign up deadline is Sept. 1. After Sept. 1 there is a \$25 late fee.

If you have not received the online sign-up/welcome letter contact

Dori Gass at dgass@stceciliaparish.org, we will send it out promptly.

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!

First fall session begins Thur., Sept. 11. The group meets from 7-8:30PM in the St. Louis Room.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our bimonthly bulletin was sent for the first time on Fri., Aug. 15 to all registered youth ministry families. Please register or contact the Faith Formation Office if you did not receive these important updates!

Upcoming Events

Confirmation, Sept. 7 6-9PM, St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Lounge

EDGE Small Groups, Sept. 8: 6:15-7:30PM, St. Cecilia

EDGE Youth Group, Sept. 10: 7-8:30PM, St. Cecilia

Life Teen, Sept. 14/21 and 28: 7-9PM, St. Cecilia

ADULT CONFIRMATION

St. Cecilia Parish

Confirmation for Adults

Are you a Catholic, age 17 or older, who has never celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?

Join a 7 week Confirmation Preparation Program and celebrate Confirmation on Sat., Oct. 25, 2014

First session: September 11, 2014

Second session: September 18, 2014

Third session: September 25, 2014

Fourth session: October 2, 2014

Fifth session: October 9, 2014

Sixth session: October 16, 2014

Seventh session: October 23, 2014

Confirmation: October 25, 2014 5:00 PM Mass

Program location: St. Cecilia Parish - St. Louis Room
Thursdays: from 7 - 8:30 PM

OR

At a time which best fits your schedule
For more information contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org or 515-233-3092.

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

Thank You...

Those that work in the Education Center want to thank the Vacation Bible School 5th grade students for their improvement of entrance to the Education Center. The hard work by these students has helped to enhance the appearance as you enter the building. It is always valuable when our students have a chance to share their time and efforts to benefit others and in this case the parish and education center. Thank you students and all the adult volunteers who helped with this project!



Wednesday, 09/10: 9 a.m. All School Mass
 Thursday, 09/11: School Picture Day
 (remember your order forms)



Saint Cecilia
 SCHOOL

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

• 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 Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in-full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."

STEWARDSHIP: Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

SCRIP

Scrip Tidbits!!

We will continue to sell Scrip the first weekend of the month. The dates are: Sept 6/7, Oct 4/5, Nov 1/2, & Dec 6/7.

NEW HAPPENINGS AT ST. CECILIA

St. Cecilia Playgroup & Parent Fellowship

1st & 3rd Wed. of the month after the 9AM Mass (approximately 10:15) until 11:30. Kids ages 0-5 and parents (if all your kids are in school, still come & chat!) At Inis Grove Park (playground back behind the tennis courts, *not* the playground along Duff Ave.) when the weather is nice; if it rains and once the weather turns cooler we will meet in the Sun Room at St. Cecilia Church. If you have any questions or if you want to receive email reminders/updates about the playgroup/parent fellowship, email Jessica Loecke at jjloecke@gmail.com or call (515) 451-8126.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of Aug as of Aug. 31, 2014

Month to date Actual:	\$ 85,987
August Budget	\$ 79,026
YTD Actual	\$ 168,353
Need to Meet Annual Budget	\$1,228,000
Immigrant Children	\$ 5,676.04
Good Sam	\$ 3229

Electronic Giving Available: Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will receive in the year ahead. It is through the pledges and contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at **St Cecilia**.

As you consider your pledge, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings, or you may use Bill Pay VIA your financial institution. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Authorization forms are available at the church office.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 6

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

Sunday, September 7

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Theresa Vanderah †

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

Tuesday, September 9

8:00AM: Ken Gillette †

Wednesday, September 10

9:00AM: All School Mass
Priest Intention

Thursday, September 11

8:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

Friday, September 12

8:00AM: Phyllis Thomas †

Saturday, September 13

5:00PM: VPR Soedyastuti †

Sunday, September 14

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Tom & Margaret Lubitz

5:00PM: Theodore Nostwich †
Misa en Español

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00AM (Chapel)
Wednesday 8AM (Chapel in Summer)

Wednesday 9AM All School Mass (Church During School Year)

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Marriage Corner

Do you and/or your spouse have parents who have been married a long time? What can you learn from them?

Prayer of the Faithful

That all married couples may be guardians of their family, the "Domestic Home," we pray:

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2014

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

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

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St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30AM on Sunday

7PM Sunday

Weekday Mass

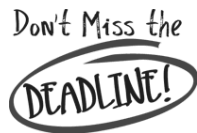
12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

UPCOMING DEADLINES



September 21 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, September 12

September 28 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, September 19

Prayer to Remember 9/11

Heavenly Father,
on this day, a terrible act of brutality
was visited upon our people.

We ask for your grace upon
the souls of those who died this day,
and the loved ones they left behind.

Bless those who, today, work unceasingly
to protect us all from further acts of violence.

Change the hearts and minds of those
who would murder the innocent in your name.

Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.

Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity,
begotten not of blood that was shed in anger,
but shed by your Son, out of love for us.

Amen.



September 11, 2001

EVENTS/MEETINGS



Theology on Tap is a monthly gathering for young adults to meet, connect, and learn about faith and life. Join us on Mon., Sept. 8 from 7-9PM at Maple Shelter in Brookside Park. We will be having a potluck social, so bring some food or drink to share and bring a friend! For more information, visit the St. Cecilia Theology on Tap Facebook page or contact Elizabeth Bovenmyer at ebaboven@gmail.com.

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

For Charity, for Unity, for Fraternity:

Join the Knights of Columbus

The Knights council at St. Cecilia welcomes all practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older in joining the largest Catholic family fraternal organization. The Knights of Columbus support the teaching and mission of the Holy Father and the bishops of the church and offer many service and faith-building programs, notably the World Day of Prayer for Peace on Sept. 11. A new member initiation is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 28 at 2PM in the North Social Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight Paul Fell 515-520-3426 or membership chair Dan Rajewski 515-290-4374 (danrajewski@gmail.com).

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Madonna #858 will be meeting in the South Social Hall of St. Cecilia Church on Thur., Sept. 11. Dinner is at 6PM and Installation of Officers ceremony and an extensive business meeting starting at 7PM is planned. Guests are welcome to attend.



Saint Cecilia Annual Golf Outing - Veenker Golf Course on Sun., Sept. 14, 2014. 4-person Best Shot with a Shotgun start at 1PM. \$45 entry fee includes: Golf, Cart, Prizes, and Steak Supper in the Social Hall.

Non-golfers dinner \$8. Sign-up sheets by the bulletin board by the parish office.

New Member Registration Weekend September 20 & 21

Are you new to St. Cecilia's, moving back, just married, attending Mass but never officially registered? Formally registering is a declaration of your desire to become a part of the life of St. Cecilia's Catholic community. Being registered makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, being a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. Registered parishioners receive all parish mailing and information.

If you have not officially registered at St. Cecilia's, stop by the new member registration table after Mass September 20 & 21. We can answer your questions and help you with the registration process.

BAPTISM

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: Thur., Oct. 23, 2014 at 6:15PM

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

Please call the parish office at 233-3092 for reservation.
Godparents are also expected to attend.
All sessions take place in the St. Louis Room

COMMUNITY

Last Chance! - Marriage Enrichment Day -

Registration extended to noon on Monday, Sept. 8

All couples are invited to a Day of Reflection on Marriage entitled, "Our Marriage is Our Treasure," on Sept. 13 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha from 9:30-3:30. John and Teri Bosio, producers of "Six Dates for Catholic Couples" will be the presenters. Cost is \$50 per couple/family and includes lunch and materials. Child Care provided. Register by noon on Monday at www.DBQArchEvents.org

Clothing that Works is a FREE clothing closet for those needing interview or work clothes PLUS Iowa Workforce Development Computers for job searches. It is open Wednesdays 1-4PM until Sept. 24, then Wednesdays 2-6PM. Location: **Collegiate Wesley Annex building 130 S. Sheldon, Suite 308.** Second building behind Dunkin Doughnuts, use door off parking lot (515) 292-2156.

54th Convention Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

On Sat., Oct. 11 at St. Mary's; 2700 Horton Road, Waverly, Iowa. Registration begins at 8AM. For more information call Mary Rausch at 563-7593 or rauschm@acegroup.cc

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Building Stronger Families
JOIN The Family Project A Divine Reflection
A 12 session DVD small group experience that combines lessons and inspiring stories to help families thrive **Started Sept. 4 on** Thurs. 7- 8:30PM Prophets & Martyrs Room, St. Thomas Aquinas Church. All are Welcome. Register by emailing domesticchurchinstitute@gmail.com. Babysitting Provided
Contact Nannet nanagatep@hotmail.com.

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel

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

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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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Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling. Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414
www.birthrightames.org