

December 14 2014 | Third Sunday of Advent

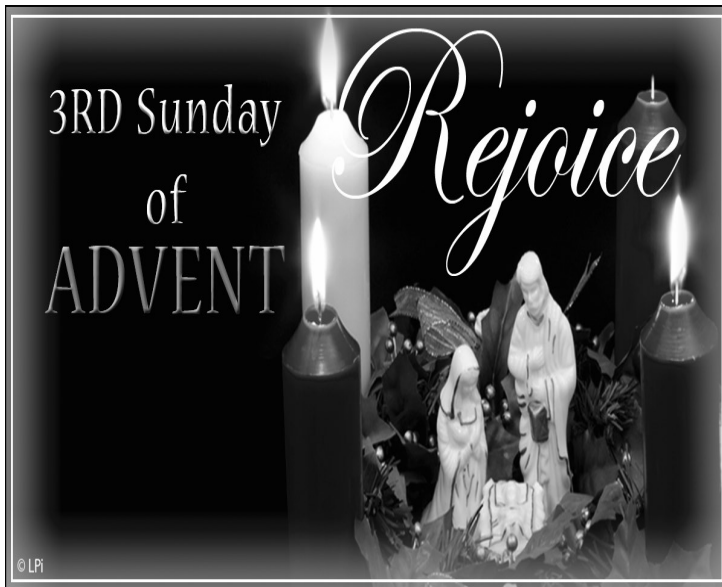


Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

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Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

www.stceciliaparish.org



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.

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24: 4:00, 6:30 and 10:00PM

(Incense will be used at the 10:00PM Mass, so if allergic, plan accordingly.)

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25: 10:00AM

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 at 5PM

Thursday, January 1 at 10AM

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 18, 7PM at St. Cecilia

Individual Reconciliation Times

3:15-4:30PM Saturdays, December 20.

5:30-7:00PM Wednesday, December 17

11AM-12PM Friday, December 19

5-6 PM Tuesday, December 23

If at all possible, please participate the Communal Celebration.

There will be sufficient priests so the time commitment should not be burdensome.



Support religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

FAITH FORMATION

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Held each Sunday 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 SCHEDULE

Sunday: Prek-5 th grades	9:00-10:15AM
Monday: 1 st -8 th grades	6:15-7:30PM
Wednesday: 6 th -8 th grades	7:00-8:15PM

Holiday Schedule

No classes on the following dates:

Sun. Dec 21 through Jan 3, 2015 due to Christmas and New Year’s Holiday

All classes resume the week of January 4, 2015

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry cancellations will be posted on KCCI and sent via e-mail.

In the case of inclement weather, please use your judgment if you should travel or not to classes.

In the case of school closing we will NOT have classes for Faith Formation or Youth Ministry.

What: Women’s Advent Book Club

Who: All Women of the parish are invited

Where: South Social Hall

When: Beginning Sun., Dec.14th through Sun., Jan.11th 1:30PM–3:00PM

Book: A Friendship Like No Other by William Barry S.J.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen Parents: We are now sending a weekly e-mail review of each Life Night. Please contact us if you are not receiving these e-mails!

8th Grade & High School: Sign up for next weekend’s Yule Ball at www.tinyurl.com/YuleBall2014

We are in need of more Core members for 2015! Please contact Anna (amescatholicym@gmail.com) to find out more about leading teens closer to Christ.

“To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.” @Pontifex

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EDGE

SAVE THE DATE

January 23rd
WINTERJAM

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., February 26, 2015 at 6:15PM

Baptism Preparation II for second/later child -

Next session: Thur., Jan. 22, 2015 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



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

- Monday, 12/15:** 8:45AM Advent Prayer Service-
All are Welcome!
- Tuesday, 12/16:** 7PM Christmas Concert at
Ames City Auditorium
- Wednesday, 12/17:** 9AM All School Mass and 11:15AM
Four-Year-Old Preschool Christmas Lunch
- Friday, 12/19:** 9AM Stations of the Nativity by 5th Grade
(All Are Welcome!) and 1:30PM
Early Dismissal followed by Christmas Break
- Monday, 01/05:** Classes Resume

Christmas Break

Please note that we will dismiss at 1:30PM on Fri., Dec. 19th.

Our Christmas break will be until Sun., Jan. 4th.

School and preschool classes resume on Mon., Jan. 5th.

The school office will be closed during this time. We hope you have a safe and relaxing Christmas break that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas.

God's blessings!



For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

SCRIP

Scrip Tidbits!!

Did you know that you can do all of your Christmas gift card shopping through Scrip? Don't run from store to store getting your gift cards. Fill out a scrip order form online or turn it in to the parish office by Monday, and we'll leave all your cards in the office by the following Friday. We can order stores such as American Girl, Nike, UnderArmour, Gap, Dress Barn, Kohl's, JCPenny, Bath & Body Works, Ge-Angelo's, Aunt Maude's, Café, Dublin Bay, Red Lobster, Harry and David, Omaha Steaks, iTunes, Amazon and many others!

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

• 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 second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessaonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

STEWARDSHIP: All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

CONTRIBUTIONS

As of Dec. 7, 2014

Month to date Actual:	\$ 28,821
Budget for Dec.	\$ 243,875
YTD Actual	\$ 517,482
Budget to Dec. 31	\$ 664,787



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 13

5:00PM: Theodore Nostwich †

Sunday, December 14

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Theresa Vanderah †

5:00PM: Greg Bernhard †

Misa en Español

Tuesday, December 16

8:00AM: Ingrid Brady

Wednesday, December 17

9:00AM: All School Mass

Priest Intention

Thursday, December 18

8:00AM: Ken Gillette†

Friday, December 19

8:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak †

Saturday, December 20

5:00PM: Bob & Mary Myers †

Sunday, December 21

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: William Strabala †

5:00PM: Irene Klingseis †

Misa en Español

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8AM (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/

Holiday Office Hours

Parish Office will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2. The office will close at noon on Wed., Dec. 24 & Wed., Dec. 31.

Faith Formation Offices will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2.

School Offices will be closed December 22 through

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2014

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/
Lk 1:26-38

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St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30AM on Sunday

7PM Sunday (No 7PM Mass on Dec. 21 & 28)

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

January 4 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, December 19

January 11 bulletin announcements
Due by Friday, January 2

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on the due date.

MASS INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Daily Mass Cancellation Policy due to Inclement Weather

8AM weekday Mass will be cancelled if St. Cecilia School has a late start 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.

MEETINGS



The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Monday, December 15 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend!

Man Up - Ames is a Catholic men's group whose goals are to make better men, husbands and fathers through fellowship, catechesis, and evangelization with monthly meetings and topical presentations. We are happy to announce that our next monthly meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 15 at St. Cecilia in Ames. The evening will begin with a Rosary at 5:10, Mass at 5:30PM, followed by a meal. Our speaker will be Father Scott Bullock. Father Bullock will share with us the Church views marriage and the process of requesting a declaration of nullity. The evening will conclude with group discussion and end around 8:15PM. All men are welcome and do not forget to bring a friend.



The Rosary Makers will meet Tues., Dec. 16 at 9:30 AM at Pauline Skarda's home.

St. Cecilia Playgroup & Parent Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month after the 9:00 Mass (approximately 10:00-11:15AM). The next date will be Dec. 17. The group meets in the South Social Hall at St. Cecilia Church. Please enter from the outside door. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email reminder list, please contact Jessica Loecke at jjloecke@gmail.com or (515) 451-8126. All are welcome!

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet on Dec. 21 at noon at the new Wallabys on Stange Road. Call Pat Rood for reservations or information.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you noticed?

Nine adults are preparing to join the Catholic Church. Six of those nine people celebrated the *Rites of Acceptance and Welcome* on Sunday, Dec. 7th at the 10:30AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers and continue to be the witnesses of faith to them and to others who may also be thinking about exploring membership in the Church here at St. Cecilia.

If you are an adult or know an adult or child over the age of 7 interested in becoming a Catholic and celebrating baptism or confirmation and First Eucharist, please contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at RCIA@stceciaparis.org or call the parish office at 515-233-3092

EVENTS



MICA Food Pantry

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

At this time, the MICA Food Pantry especially needs soup, crackers, ramen noodles and hamburger helper. Other 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. Please check expiration dates on donated items.

Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from 12PM noon Sat., Dec. 20 until 7PM Sun., Jan. 4 due to Christmas and New Years.

COMMUNITY

The Ames Choral Society opens its 50th season on Sun., Dec. 14, at 3PM at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave., with "Sweet Singing", a holiday choral concert featuring music of the holidays and winter season. A reception follows the concert. Tickets are \$12 for adults; children under 12 are free. They are available at the door. For info contact: 515-232-5545, www.ameschoral.org or Facebook.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20th St, Ames, is holding an Advent recital series, hosted by NPC organist Paul Hertz, each Sunday of Advent (12/14 & 12/21) at 6PM. There will be a free will offering that will go to support the Ames Emergency Residence Project.

Please remember to Shop +1 and buy one extra item for the MICA Food Pantry when you shop! Some requests have been for Hamburger Helper, soup, crackers, and Ramen noodles.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Are you a people person?

Do you enjoy connecting people?

We currently have 16 organizations under the Parish Life umbrella within St. Cecilia Parish, including Funeral Lunches, Prayer Chain, Circles, Noon Potluck, Welcoming Committee and Coffee & Donuts.

We are seeking four individuals (could be two couples) to promote communication and alignment between the various Parish Life organizations and St. Cecilia Parish.

Please contact Rick Brimeyer at 515-450-8855 if you have questions or are interested.

MARRIAGE CORNER

Third Sunday of Advent

One way to prepare spiritually for Jesus' coming is to try to correct a bad habit. Have you been overly critical of your spouse? Judgmental? Too preoccupied to really listen? Pick one fault and work on it.

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
Women's Rosary.....Tuesday 9:00PM

For Peace and Health in our world
Eucharistic Adoration The 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 3:15-4:30PM and by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

HoursMon.-Thur. 8:30AM-4PM
Fri. 8:30AM-2:30PM
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STEPHEN MINISTRY

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www.birthrightames.org