

March 15, 2015 • Fourth 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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Celebrations

St. Cecilia

Thur., Mar. 26 at 7PM

St. Thomas Aquinas

Wed., Mar. 25 at 7PM & Mon., Mar. 30 at 7PM

Individual Celebrations

Saturday afternoons: 3:15-4:30PM

(Please, no confessions after 4:25 to allow me time to finish by 4:30 and then prepare for 5PM Mass)

Fri., Mar. 27, 11AM-Noon

(In conformity with church liturgical law, no public celebrations of the sacrament on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.)

Stations of the Cross

The traditional Lenten devotion, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night of Lent at 6PM

Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Mar. 29: Palms blessed before all Masses.

Saturday, 5PM & Sunday 8:30AM Masses begin in Church
Sunday 10:30AM Mass begins with everyone assembling in Narthex with blessing of palm and Palm Sunday procession to the Church for Mass. (Incense used at 10:30AM Mass)

Holy Thursday, April 2: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM. (Incense used)

Good Friday, April 3: Stations of the Cross, 2PM led by St. Cecilia School 5th graders

Good Friday, April 3: Liturgy of Good Friday at 7PM

Easter Vigil, April 4: Vigil Liturgy at 8PM (incense used)

Easter Sunday, April 5: Masses at 7, 8:30 and 10:30AM



HOLY LAND HANDCARVED RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE, MARCH 21/22.

Next weekend, Mar. 21/22, Mr. Imad Qumseya will once again be here to offer for sale hand carved religious articles produced by Catholic Arab-Christian families in and around Bethlehem. The on-going political situation in the Holy Land not only has reduced the number of tourists who travel to the holy sites, but also governmental policies have made living conditions very difficult for these Christians resulting in many of them emigrating from the Holy Land in order to provide for their families. Today, it is estimated that there are around 300,000 Christians living in the Holy Land, down from over 2 million about fifty years ago. Our support not only of the annual Good Friday Collection, but in purchasing these religious articles helps the remaining families not only to provide for their daily needs, but also, to help keep alive the Christian community in its birthplace. Please take a moment to stop and look at the items for sale. These “one of a kind” items make good First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Graduation gifts. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

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

Faith Formation during Spring Break

There will not be any formation sessions for adults, youth or children during Spring Break. We will resume our regular schedule of formation on Sunday, March 22nd. Enjoy Spring Break Everyone—travel & return safely!

First Eucharist Celebrations

Families, please turn in your yellow reservation card as soon as possible, so that we plan seating arrangements. Remember we can only reserve 10 spots maximum per family due to space limitations in the worship space.

Has your 2nd Grader been a gift bearer for mass?

Please check the on-line newsletter for the sign up link. We invite all 2nd graders to bring up the gifts at least once before her/his First Eucharist Celebration.

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., April 23, 2015 at 6:15PM

Baptism Preparation II for second/later child -
Next session: Thur., March 26, 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Want to be a part of a growing, life-changing ministry?

Life Teen is seeking small group leaders for the 15-16 school year. Adults 21 and older are needed to mentor and evangelize 4-6 awesome teens for 90 minutes a week in a comfortable, straight-forward learning environment. We will provide you with a trained assistant and work with your schedule for training; co-leading with a friend is encouraged. We offer relevant, easy to use curriculum, a stipend each semester and an incredibly fun chance to grow in your own faith. Contact amescatholicym@gmail.com to find out more.

EDGE

EDGE Social Nights

April 8: Movie Night

EDGE Catechetical Nights

March 23 & 25: Comfort and Joy/The Return
(Anointing of the Sick/Reconciliation)

April 20 & 22: Full Active Conscious (The Mass)

RCIA

HAVE YOU NOTICED the RCIA poster - in the back of the church? Pictures of the Catechumens (those seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil celebration) and the Candidates (those already baptized seeking full communion with the Catholic Church) are posted there. Please know that each of them could use your prayers and support during these last few Lenten weeks of preparation before they celebrate the Easter sacraments. Cards/notes/letters indicating your support and prayers can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office in their names. This is your opportunity to share the love and mercy of Christ with these individuals on their journey of faith.

In case you are not aware, the RCIA process receives interested persons at any time during the year. So, 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@stceciliaparish.org or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

STO Reminder

A reminder to complete the STO form to qualify for assistance on your tuition for the 2014-15 school year. The due date is **March 23, 2015** and we want everyone to consider filing for this assistance. If you have heard others saying they would attend, but the tuition is a concern, please share with them that there is a scholarship program. A reminder that you need to file STO forms to be eligible for local assistance from the parish. Please contact the office if you need assistance with the form.



Upcoming Events:

Monday-Friday, 03/16-03/20: Spring Break

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

Due to Easter and First Holy Communion, Scrip will be sold after masses the 2nd weekend of April and May. Those dates are April 11 & 12, and May 9 & 10. Thanks so much to all of you who support the SCRIP program!

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.



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.

RESTORE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE

Bask in His presence.

Talk to the Master. Covet God's presence.

Is 40:31. Those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Get addicted to His power.

Thru daily contact with Him, get to know Him.

Give us this day our Daily Bread.

Dan 6:10 Daniel entered his house (now in his roof chamber, he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before I God,

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus tells his disciples of the immeasurable generosity God has bestowed on them by offering His only Son for their salvation. Good stewards realize this wonderful gift. God has sacrificed what is most dear to Him for our sake. Do we rejoice in this gift of Our Savior and respond to this love with our own immeasurable generosity? Do we allow the light of Christ to shine in the world through us? Or do we withdraw, refusing this gift, and prefer to live in a way that denies the light of Christ? This week, reflect on the ways you allow the light of Christ to shine through you. Could that light reflect even more brilliantly through you?

STEWARDSHIP: All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of Mar. as of Mar. 9, 2015

General Collection MTD	\$ 42,629
Budget MAR.	\$101,295
General Collection YTD	\$900,459
Budget YTD	\$932,686

PLANNED GIVING

As we consider our lives as Christians, it is good to ask ourselves if we are being stewards of our Church. Consider a planned perpetual gift of financial stewardship to our endowment. Not only are we stewards of our time, talent and treasure, we are also stewards of the assets that gave us the treasure and opportunity to develop our talents. For more information, contact Frank Oppold (290-1163).

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 14

5:00PM: Marie Putz †

Sunday, March 15

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Bunny Richert †

5:00PM: Michael Gowdy †

Misa en Español

Tuesday, March 17

8:00AM: Bill Long †

Wednesday, March 18

8:00AM: William Strabala †

Thursday, March 19

8:00AM: Mike Gowdy †

Friday, March 20

8:00AM: Joyce Sullivan †

Saturday, March 21

5:00PM: Theodore † & Ann Nostwich †

Sunday, March 22

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Richard Johnson †

5:00PM: Living & Deceased Members of

Catholic Daughters

Misa en Español

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.

MARRIAGE CORNER

In time, married couples work out a division of labor between them. Usually it's based on skills, interest, and time. Is there a job you dislike? Talk about it. Then try switching for a week.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: **James McDonald, Catherine Toppenberg, and Art Anderson.** May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Readings for the Week of March 15, 2015

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30AM, 10:30AM & 7:00PM on Sunday

(No Sunday night Mass on March 15)

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

March 29 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, March 20

April 5 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, March 27

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on the due date.

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/

MEETINGS

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet today Sun., Mar. 15 at noon at El Azteca on Stange Road. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Mon., Mar. 16 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend!



A rosary in honor of St. Joseph for the traditional marriage crusade will be prayed Sat., Mar. 21, at noon in the chapel.



The next Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Supper will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on Fri., Mar. 27 from 5-7PM.

Building a Joyful Marriage is a group dedicated to encouraging NFP (Natural Family Planning) couples. Whether you've practiced NFP for 30 years, just started or are interested in learning more, please join us for dinner on Sat., Mar. 28 at 6:15PM at St. Cecilia's social hall. Welcome at 7PM. This will be a fun time to socialize and hear how we can work together to build joyful marriages. Childcare will be available.

Please let us know how to plan for the meal and/or childcare by emailing Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or call 515-441-0480.

Seeking new Knights of Columbus: Celebrate our 133rd Anniversary! All practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus on the 133rd founding anniversary of the organization. The Knights council at St. Cecilia's will host a new member event on Sun., Mar. 29 at 1:30PM in the north social hall. More information can be found at <http://www.kofc.org> or by contacting the Grand Knight Paul Fell 515-520-3426 or membership chair Dan Rajewski 515-291-5698 (danrajewski@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of Knights activities in our parish.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Leaders recruit, select, and train members of our congregation to be Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving skills. This training involves general topics like listening skills, feelings, assertiveness, and boundaries; it also includes specialized topics like how to use prayer and other Christian resources or how to minister to someone experiencing grief, divorce, a terminal illness, and more. If you would like more information about an upcoming Stephen Leader Training course, please call 231-8099 (being a current Stephen Minister is not a prerequisite).

EVENTS

Next Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested donations include canned vegetables and fruit, soup, crackers, ramen noodles & hamburger helper, 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. Thank you!

The Rosary Makers will meet Tues., Mar. 17 at 9:30 at Audrey Marley's Home. Call Dixie Lickteig if interested 233-1393.

The 19th Annual Men's Conference will be on Sat., Mar. 21 at Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids beginning at 9AM. Archbishop Jackels will be the keynote speaker. Day will conclude with Mass at 4PM. For more information or car pooling, contact Deacon Ron Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480 or <http://www.catholicmenonline.org/>

The St. Cecilia Playgroup & Parent Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month after the 9 Mass (approximately 10:00-11:15AM). Playgroup will not meet during spring break week, so they will meet on Mar. 25 instead. In April playgroup will be held on April 1 & 15. The group meets in the South Social Hall at St. Cecilia Church. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email reminder list, please contact Jessica Loecke at jlloecke@gmail.com or (515) 451-8126. All are welcome!

SEDER SUPPER, Holy Thur., Apr. 2, 5:30-7:00PM in the Social Hall. All members of the parish family are invited to attend ~ adults, kids, singles, seniors, families. There will not be a charge for the meal but donations are welcomed. The Seder will finish in sufficient time to attend the Holy Thursday Liturgy in the Church. Call Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or e-mail gaitchis@iastate.edu to make reservations.



Lebanon-The civil war in Syria has forced more than 2 million people from their homes- 70 percent are women and children. Neighboring countries like Lebanon have opened their doors to accept them. CRS is providing immediate assistance, like food vouchers, and supporting long-term justice by keeping children in school.

Reflection: The face of God is revealed in the faces of the poor and vulnerable. When refugees and others who are hungry and suffering cry out, we are called to respond. We have an opportunity to explore what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops considers the two feet of love in action: charity and justice. In charity, we satisfy the immediate needs of those we encounter. In justice, we ask: Why are people hungry, thirsty, naked and homeless? *How do you take steps with both feet of love-charity and justice-in your everyday life? Can you think of an example when stepping in with one foot led you to take a step with the other?*

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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Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling.
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