

March 22, 2015 • Fifth Sunday of Lent



# Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

**S**aint 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



## Card Shower for Don Hahn

Don Hahn, the head of our parish maintenance staff, experienced an unfortunate medical incident and is currently at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. He is expected to be in the hospital 8-12 weeks for rehabilitation.

Don has been a faithful parish employee since 2008. Over the past year Don has been preparing to join the Catholic Church and on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, Don Joined the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at a Mass celebrated by Father Jim in the chapel of Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

As a way of showing our support for Don at this time, you are invited to join in a Card Shower for him.

You are welcome to use your own card or to use a card provided by the parish which are located in a basket located in the Narthex.

If you choose to also include a monetary give for Don you are welcome to do so. If choosing to enclose a monetary gift to Don by check, make the check payable to "Don Hahn" not to St. Cecilia Church.

Return your card to the baskets marked for this purpose and the parish staff will deliver them to Don when we go down to visit him.

Please continue to keep Don in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you.

## FAITH FORMATION

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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

### 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.

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### Parish Sedar Supper

Holy Thursday, April 2

5:30-7PM Parish Social Hall

See the on-line newsletter for more information

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:RCIA@stceciliaparish.org) or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.



# Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

*In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.*

## Spring Break

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break. It is encouraging that the weather has made a change to Spring and hopefully you are able to enjoy the seasonable weather. We will be ready to welcome your children back on Mon., Mar 23.

Upcoming Events:

**Monday, 03/23:** 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, 03/25:** 9AM All School Mass

## 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 **Mar. 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.

**For admissions information call:**

**515-232-5290**

**[www.stceciliaparish.org/school](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/school)**

## SCRIP

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!

## 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



**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](http://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.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness takes place. Jesus invites his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges us to step out of our "comfort zone." How will we respond to Jesus?

**STEWARDSHIP:** "If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Month of March as of Mar. 16, 2015

General Collection MTD	\$ 59,694
Budget MARCH	\$101,295
General Collection YTD	\$925,716
Budget YTD to 3/31	\$932,686

## PLANNED GIVING

The Lenten season brings us closer to our faith in living the life Christ modeled. One way to model Christ's love and generosity and to become a steward of our Church is to make a planned gift to our endowment. For more information, contact Frank Oppold (290-1163).

## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE



**Needed Volunteers:** To help clean up leaves in flower beds and around building. Call parish office to Volunteer at 233-3092 .



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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

## Tuesday, March 24

8:00AM: Lucille O'Neill †

## Wednesday, March 25

9:00AM: All-School Mass  
Priest's Intention

## Thursday, March 26

8:00AM: Alvera Irlbeck †

## Friday, March 27

8:00AM: Paula & Jerry Wiebel

## Saturday, March 28

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

## Sunday, March 29

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Marge Legg †

5:00PM: Richard Zbaracki †  
Misa en Español



Some of our parishioners are highly allergic to perfumes and scented lotions. Please be considerate and refrain from wearing perfumes and scented lotions to Mass.

## 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

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” What a sobering thought during this season of Lent. Take time today to thank God for your spouse, realizing that your earthly time Together won't last forever.

## Readings for the Week of March 22, 2015

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk  
14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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### St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

#### Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

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

#### 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

April 5 bulletin announcements  
due by Wednesday, March 25

April 12 bulletin announcements  
due by Friday, April 3

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/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/)



## MEETINGS

**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](mailto: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](mailto:danrajewski@gmail.com)). Thank you for your continued support of Knights activities in our parish.

**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 [jiloecke@gmail.com](mailto:jiloecke@gmail.com) or (515) 451-8126. All are welcome!

**Holy Family Cluster (Wright County)** is again sending items to Haiti in a sea crate. Items needed are: eyeglasses, Totes (18 gallon) to ship in, white or ecru linen-like fabric for embroidering table runners/tablecloths/napkins/placemats that they will be bringing back to sell for the sewing school, metal buttons that you cover with fabric for their blouses, toothbrushes/toothpaste; Pyrex or stainless bowls, bleach, manual can openers. Shipping checks can be made to HFC Haiti Fund. Please call Mary Ross (232-5080) for more information or for pick-up of donations. Deadline is March 27. Thank you!



**Democratic Republic of Congo** When banana trees dies, farmers have nothing to sell. CRS helped start a school to teach farmers different ways of treating banana wilt disease and community members then visited each other's fields and worked together to rid the disease from the trees.

**Reflection:** Human beings are social by nature. We are called to come together in a community whether that community is our classroom, workplace or family. Do we see God in new ways when we come together as a community? How does God speak through others?

## EVENTS

### GALA PREVIEW THIS WEEKEND in Social Hall

Purchase new car raffle tickets.

Register for Event.

Join us Saturday after Mass for snacks & drinks and Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Masses.

Preview auction items including

a Fred Hoiberg Fantasy Camp,

World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia with an audience with Pope Francis, family and adult trips, activities and MORE!

Please contact Mindy Stahr at 515-450-1037 to register or donate.

Want raffle tickets? Contact Angela at 515-292-2639

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

This 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. 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!



### The next Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish

**Supper** will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on Fri., Mar. 27 from 5-7PM.

**The Catholic Daughters** are sponsoring a \$500 Scholarship for local Catholic Seniors. See your Religious Education Director for details at [tprimmer@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:tprimmer@stceciliaparish.org). Applications are due by April 30.

## COMMUNITY

### The Annual Bethany Life

**Palm Sunday Brunch, Bake Sale/Craft Fair— March 29** Due to construction, we are holding this year's brunch at the Story City Community Center at 503 Elm St. (the former Viking Lodge) **Starting at 10:30AM.** A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

Are you interested in a sewing project that helps girls in other countries? The project, called "**Days for Girls,**" would involve sewing hygiene kits for girls in other countries. The sewing could be done at group meetings or in your home, or both. If you are interested in forming a "Days for Girls" sewing team, please call Mary Ross (232-5080) or email: [marye925@gmail.com](mailto:marye925@gmail.com). More information can be found at: <http://www.daysforgirls.org/#!usachaptersandteams/c1u3l>

*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
- 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:  
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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 3:15-4:30PM and by appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE**

- Hours .....Mon.-Thur. 8:30AM-4PM  
Fri. 8:30AM-2:30PM
- Phone.....(515) 233-3092
- Priest Residence.....(515) 233-9477
- St. Cecilia Website.....[stcames.org](http://stcames.org)

**PARISH STAFF**

- Pastor.....Father James Secora  
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John McCully and Ron Smith
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Referral Phone: 515-231-8099 [Deacon.alan.christy@gmail.com](mailto:Deacon.alan.christy@gmail.com)

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Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling.  
Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414  
[www.birthrightames.org](http://www.birthrightames.org)