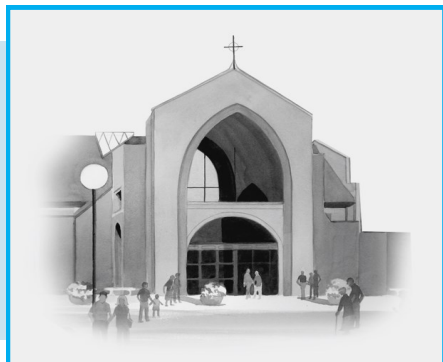


May 3, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

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.



5th Grade St. Cecilia Graduates

Amou Anyuon
Nyadio Chan
Paige Flory
Kailey Gibbs
Bo Gidel
Araely Hanson
William Hanson
Trent Hustedt
Samuel Keenan

Samuel Kellen
Olivia Lorenz
Achol Lua
Awien Marach
Quinn Margrett
James Marino
Zane McBroom
Claudia Murphy
Anna Nguyen

Keara O'Brien
Alexander Read
Natalie Rudman
Isaac Ryan
Alanna Schroeder
Julia Sillman
Isabella Soriano
Peter Stahr

Sanjay Stanley
Josiah Teske
Phillips Townsend
Stevie Uthe
Jason Vernon
Evan Weary
Grace Wirth
Wol Wol





Congratulations to the Graduates of 2015



FAITH FORMATION

Save the Date:

Parent Meeting Sunday May 31st 7:00-8:15PM at St. Thomas Lower Lounge Parents of students entering **6th & 9th** grade in the fall 2015.

Informational meeting regarding youth ministry programs. Please leave your students at home.

Save the Date:

Totus Tuus

July 19-24th at St. Thomas Aquinas

Totus Tuus is a week long, summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Life Teen Schedule

Mother's Day Brunch:

May 10, Following both masses at St. Cecilia, reservations requested not required at <http://tinyurl.com/k8p3bpq>

Honoring the Class of 2015:

May 17 at St. Cecilia, May 23/24 at St. Thomas Aquinas

Youth Ministry Orientation for 5th & 8th Grade Parents:



~ SAVE THE DATE ~
Vacation Bible School July 2015
July 27-31

RCIA

The Easter season provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the grace of God's love for us and for the Church. Resurrection is not only about Jesus Christ. For what God has done in Christ, God will also do for each of us. As we journey into our futures, let us be like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus - questioning, finding Christ in the everyday experiences of our lives, and sharing our faith with those around us.

In case you are not aware, the RCIA process receives interested persons at any time during the year. If you are an adult or know an adult or child over the age of 7 interested in becoming a Catholic & 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.

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., June 25, 2015 at 6:15PM

Baptism Preparation II for second/later child -
Next session: Thur., May 28, 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 S C H O O L

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

May Crowning

Our May Crowning will be held after our All School Mass on Wednesday, May 6th. We hope you can stay for this special event with our second grade students dressed in their First Eucharist outfits and our special fifth grade representatives, Keara O'Brien and Trent Hustedt. Weather permitting, it will be held at the Madonna of the Schools statue or if raining, it will be held in the church. All are welcome!



May 4: 7PM Spring Concert at Ames City Auditorium

May 5: 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting

May 6: 9AM All School Mass followed by May Crowning by Kindergarten Reception - All are Welcome!

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

SCRIP

Scrip Tidbits!!

We continue selling scrip after masses on a monthly basis during the summer months.

Summer Scrip selling schedule: June 6th/7th, June 27th/28th and August 1st/2nd.



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS.

PLEASE PICK UP Dishes, water bottles, back packs, scarves, coats, sweaters, umbrellas, gloves and books.

If you have left items of importance and want to retrieve them, please ask the ushers for the lost and found area.

These will all go to Goodwill the end of May if they are left behind. Thank you.

• 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: The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

PLANNED GIVING

Where there is a will there is a way to be an angel for our parish. Please remember our endowment in your will. Your lawyer can add a simple inexpensive amendment, a codicil, to your existing will. Contact Frank Oppold—290-1163.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of April. as of April 27, 2015

General Collection MTD	\$ 122,560
Budget April	\$ 115,190
General Collection YTD	\$1,087,647
Budget YTD April 30	\$1,047,876

STEPHEN MINISTRY

In Matthew 18, Jesus promises to be with us. That's one of the great miracles of Stephen Ministry. When a Stephen Minister meets one-to-one with his or her care receiver, Jesus is present too. He brings the power of His transforming love, and the peace, healing, and comfort that only God can give. For a Stephen Minister call 231-8099.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 2

5:00PM: Theodore Nostwich †

Sunday, May 3

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Charles Nelson †

5:00PM: Rita Voss †

Misa en Español

Tuesday, May 5

8:00AM: Don, Brad, & Michelle Friedly †

Wednesday, May 6

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Priest's Intention

Thursday, May 7

8:00AM: Jack Gehm †

Friday, May 8

8:00AM: Agatha Varnum †

Saturday, May 9

5:00PM: Don Chernich †

Sunday, May 10

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Marian Putz †

5:00PM: Youth of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas

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.

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 Saturday, June 13, 2015

Second session: May 7, 2015

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.

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

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

(Sunday night Masses end for the summer after May 3)

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



UPCOMING DEADLINES

May 17 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, May 8

May 24 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, May 15

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/

HOSPITAL VISITS

For those of you who have family or friends in the hospital, please remember that privacy laws prevent hospitals from freely distributing or making available information on patients without their consent. **If you are going to be hospitalized for more than just a "same day procedure," PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH.**

MEETINGS



Theology on Tap is a monthly gathering for young adults to meet, connect, and learn about faith and life. Join us on Mon., May 4th at Olde Main Restaurant from 7PM-9PM. We will be continuing the "Freedom to Love" series by Christopher West. Join us and bring a friend to learn more about John Paul II's Theology of the Body. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Bovenmyer at eaboven@gmail.com.

The St. Cecilia Playgroup & Parent Fellowship will meet on May 6 & May 20 after the 9:00 Mass (approximately 10:00-11:15AM). On May 6th playgroup will start a little later following May Crowning. 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 jjloecke@gmail.com or (515) 451-8126. All are welcome! Stay tuned for information on summer playgroup plans!

The next **Military Caring Church Coffee** is scheduled for Sat., May 9 at 9AM in the South Social Hall. Hall Active military, military veterans, spouses, and their families are welcome to attend. If you know a person that has not participated in our group, please bring them with you.

Father Pat Geary will celebrate his 86th birthday on May 5. To show our love and appreciation for his priestly service, let's all send him a birthday card! His address is Stonehill Care Center, 3485 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Jail Ministry opportunity

Is God calling you to be the light of Christ to the residents at the Story County Jail? Those interested in sharing the Good News through a scripture and prayer service on Saturday mornings, may contact - Barb Moore at 642-757-0798 for more information and to request an volunteer application. Training will be provided.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meets 4th Tues. of each month at 7PM in the North Social Hall
Tim Simodynes, **Chair** 663-0715

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tues. of each month at 7PM in the St. Louis Room
Tina Colburn, **Chair** 509-1827

EVENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2015: Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. James L. Secora.

Anniversary Mass: 10:30AM
Open House: 11:30-2:30 PM
Buffet Lunch: 12:00-2:00PM
Short Program: 1:00PM



Parish Elections - May 16/17, 2015

For Pastoral Council, Faith Formation Commission and Catholic School Board Candidate information sheets will be a bulletin insert on the weekend of May 9/10. Information sheets will also be on the parish website www.stcecilaparish.org by May 1. Absentee ballots will be available for voting in the parish office from Mon., May 11, until Fri., May 15, 2:20PM.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Guests say that St. Cecilia Church has the best funeral luncheons. Thank you to the many parishioners who participate by providing salads and desserts. If you would like to be a part of this hospitality ministry, please contact Dixie Lickteig at 233-1393. All are welcome!

Unseen Servant - Are you looking for a way to serve your parish but prefer to avoid the spotlight? Consider becoming a Mass Coordinator. Mass Coordinators prepare the church before and after Mass. Your services would be required approximately once a month. If you are interested, please contact Todd Clancy at toddmclancy@gmail.com.

Translators Needed- English to Spanish

Volunteers Needed to translate short Pro-Life articles for Church Bulletins. Contact Martin Reiser: reiser33@gmail.com

Wanted: Parishioners with a heart for serving. The Bereavement Committee is looking for adults interested in assisting with funerals at St. Cecilia. Opportunities to serve include greeter, usher, altar server, reader, Eucharistic Minister, luncheon set-up and clean-up. All are welcome! Contact Mary Christy (296-2620) or Jacque Zbaracki (292-1546) with questions & to be added to the list.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Meets 3rd Tues. of each month at 7PM in the Sun Room
Mark Moore, **Chair** 337-1551

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Meets 1st Tues. of each month at 7PM in the St. Louis Room
Steve Hustedt, **President** 956-4388

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
Phone.....(515) 233-3092
Priest Residence.....(515) 233-9477
St. Cecilia Website.....stcames.org

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jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org
DeaconsGary Aitchison, Alan Christy
John McCully and Ron Smith
Director of Music & Liturgy...Robert Hauser
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Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry...Ricardo Garcia
rgarcia@stceciliaparish.org
Administrative Assistant....Dori Gass
dgass@stceciliaparish.org

SCHOOL

Phone.....(515) 232-5290
Fax.....(515) 232-2875
Principal.....Ervin Rowlands
erowlands@stceciliaschoolames.org
Administrative Assistant....Lois Vidimos
lvidimos@stceciliaschoolames.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Referral Phone: 515-231-8099 Deacon.alan.christy@gmail.com

The Gabriel Project is a crisis pregnancy assistance program. Call 450-6473 for assistance.
Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling. Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414
www.birthrightames.org