

May 17, 2015 Ascension of the Lord




Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

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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.



The ASCENSION of the Lord



The Church's Response in Nepal

As our brothers and sisters in Nepal experience the devastating effects of the recent earthquake, which has taken more than 5,000 lives and injured thousands more, Catholic Relief Services and its partners are responding with critical supplies for families rendered homeless: tarps and materials for emergency shelter, means for clean water, hygiene supplies and sanitation materials. The initial goal is to support 10,000 families with emergency shelter, blankets, and water treatment and hygiene kits. This number is expected to rise as our staff and partners are better able to assess the situation.

If you are interested in financially supporting relief efforts, your gift can be sent directly to CRS and sent to: CRS, P.O. Box 17526, Baltimore, MD 21298 "Nepal Earthquake" in memo line.

Many thanks for your ongoing prayers and support.

FAITH FORMATION

Parent Meeting Sunday May 31 at 7-8:15PM 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.

Totus Tuus Sign up

Entering these grades in the Fall of 2015
Grades 1-6 July 20th-July 24th - 8:30AM-2:30PM
(register at <http://goo.gl/ZjwLMq>)
Grades 7-12 July 19th-July 23rd - 7:00pm-9:15 pm
(register at <http://goo.gl/Q1GzvD>)

More information on Totus Tuus program <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adolescent-faith-formation/programs-services/totus-tuus/>



Sign up is now ready!

Vacation Bible School July 27-31, 2015

Sign up available on the website home page under VBS

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/VBS2015STC>

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen Schedule

May 17: Ite Misse Est (Last Life Night of the Year) - 8th Grade students are welcome!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Please join us for Coffee, Juice & Danishes following the 8:30AM mass on the following dates in honor of our graduates, May 17 at St. Cecilia, May 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas

What are we doing this summer? Check out the high school youth ministry schedule at AmesLifeTeen.weebly.com.

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

May 31, 7PM St. Thomas Aquinas

YM Summer Sports Ministry

This summer, starting in July, we will be offering a weekly Summer Sports Ministry. We will get together the Monday of every week in July to play pick-up games of different sports.

Anyone who is entering 6th through 12th grade is welcomed to join.

See the link for more information and to sign up

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C4DA9A62FAB9-summer

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.



Saint Cecilia S C H O O L

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Graduates

Amou Anyuon	Achol Lual	Alanna Schroeder
Nyadio Chan	Awien Marach	Julia Sillman
Paige Flory	Quinn Margrett	Isabella Soriano
Kailey Gibbs	James Marino	Peter Stahr
Bo Gidel	Zane McBroom	Sanjay Stanley
Araely Hanson	Claudia Murphy	Josiah Teske
William Hanson	Anna Nguyen	Phillips Townsend
Trent Hustedt	Keara O'Brien	Stevie Uthe
Samuel Keenan	Alexander Read	Jason Vernon
Samuel Kellen	Natalie Rudman	Evan Weary
Olivia Lorenz	Isaac Ryan	Grace Wirth
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Wed., May 20: 9AM All School Mass & Fifth Grade Graduation-All are Welcome!

Fri., May 22: Last Day of School with 1:30PM Dismissal; 9-11:30AM Field Day, 11:45-1:00PM Family Picnic & Activities.

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

SCRIP

Scrip Tidbits!

We will continue selling SCRIP after Masses on a monthly basis during the summer months. Summer SCRIP selling schedule: June 6/7, June 27/28 and August 1/2.

Shouldn't you have your business on the bulletin?

Terry Collins was with us this past week securing advertisers for our weekly bulletin. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have renewed their ads for the upcoming year and also to all of the new advertisers who have generously committed to the bulletin for this year. If you would be interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or on behalf of your favorite charity/organization there is still time. Please contact Terry at the phone number on the back of the bulletin.

As a reminder, we ask that all of our parishioners utilize these wonderful advertisers whenever possible. Please use the bulletin as a resource whenever you are in need of products or services. Please let them know we truly appreciate their loyal support of our weekly bulletin. It is their generosity that provides the weekly bulletin at little or no cost to our parish.

• 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

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

PLANNED GIVING

When it is our turn to join our Heavenly Father, what will we leave behind? Through planned gifts to our endowment, we can give a lasting gift. To learn how, rise up out of your chair and contact Frank Oppold—290-1163.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of May as of May 10, 2015

General Collection MTD	\$ 40,670
Budget May	\$ 78,950
General Collection YTD	\$1,135,525
Budget YTD May 31	\$1,126,823

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 16

5:00PM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

Sunday, May 17

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Bill Waters †

5:00PM: Thomas Palmer †
Misa en Español

Tuesday, May 19

8:00AM: Richard Zbaracki †

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

8:00AM: Felisa Rafael

Friday, May 22

8:00AM: Joyce Sullivan †

Saturday, May 23

5:00PM: Theresa Vanderah †

Sunday, May 24

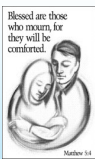
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Ken Gillette †

5:00PM: Living & Deceased Members
of Catholic Daughters
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.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: Kinsey Lee Sodahl, Daughter of Paul & Megan Sodahl, Grand Daughter of Jon & Cindy Emery; and **Helen Mullenbach.** 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 May 17, 2015

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 or Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Ext. Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 or Jn 20:19-23

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St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30AM & 10:30AM

(Sunday night Masses resume on August 23)

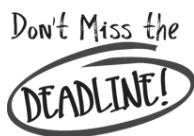
Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday (TNL)

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert



UPCOMING DEADLINES

May 31 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, May 22

June 7 bulletin announcements
due by Friday, May 29

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 Social Justice Committee will meet Monday, May 18 at 7PM in the Sunroom. All are welcome to attend!

COMMUNITY

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 641-757-0798 (corrected phone number) for more information and to request an volunteer application. Training will be provided.

Volunteers are needed the Summer Enrichment Programs in Ames and Nevada June-July. Positions to be filled include Lunchroom Buddies for breakfast and lunch; Classroom Assistants (require 1 week commitment); Meal Servers for breakfast & lunch; Floating Assistants and Activity Room Assistants. To sign up go to vcstory.org . For more information call 515-268-5323 or email the Volunteer Center of Story County at volunteer@vcstory.org

Vacation Bible School at Saint Peter and Paul

St.Peter and Paul is starting a Vacation Bible School program this summer. Dates are Sun., Aug. 2 to Wed., Aug. 5. Beginning on Sun., Aug. 2 with a family night potluck as the opening & Mon., Aug. 3 to Wed., Aug. 5 with traditional VBS programming from 6-8PM. It will be for those families with children from ages 3-10. Also, involving those from 6th-12th grade as assistants to groups and stations. A nursery will be available, as well, for the younger children. The theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power".

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center at Iowa State University in Ames is seeking a full-time pastoral minister responsible for coordinating music ministry as well as providing the planning and organization for parish liturgies. The successful candidate will also be an enthusiastic individual working collaboratively with the campus ministry team, helping to form college students into lifelong intentional disciples. The ideal candidate would work in all three areas (music, liturgy, campus ministry) but the parish is open to alternative responsibilities depending on the candidate. Position description: staparish.net/information/position.pdf. Send inquiries, resume and references to: search@staparish.net. The deadline for application is May 25.

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

Parish Elections - May 16/17, 2015

Ballots will be in the pews this weekend; please plan to participate.

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet today, May 17 at The Other Place at noon. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

Man Up - Ames Meeting

Man Up - Ames will be meeting on May 18 at St. Cecilia's in Ames. Rosary at 5:10 followed by Mass. Food & fellowship around 6.

Memorial Day is right around the corner and it is urgent that we understand the challenges that veterans face whether they are just coming back from deployment, or going through a difficult time with their relationships because of the moral injury suffered during combat.

Saint Cecilia became a "Military Caring Church" last year through Military Outreach USA. Please join us this month at Man Up, as we discuss this new ministry, and **please invite a veteran and their spouse (from any faith background)** to come along with you. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many veterans and their families.

Our Rosary Makers will be meeting Tues., May 19 at Jane Misra's home at 9:30AM. Please call 233-1393 for more information.

Clothing Drive: Please bring cleaned and untorn clothing for the clothing drive the week of May 23/24.

The Catholic Daughters will have their garage sale May 29 & 30 at 2116 Duff Ave.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Service Opportunity for Married Couples

The Ames PreCana team invites married couples to consider helping with marriage preparation for engaged couples. Married couples from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, St. Cecilia Parish, & Sts. Peter & Paul Parish are invited to serve in administration, in presenting a talk (communication, sexuality, finances, or married life), or in hospitality for engaged couples participating in local PreCana events. PreCana is held 3 times a year in Ames. Being involved in PreCana as a couple facilitates quality time spent together in service to others, and it provides an opportunity to share personal experiences with engaged couples. If you believe that the Catholic vision of marriage is a beautiful, joy-filled vision of marriage that must be shared with the engaged couples of today, please contact Bob and Nannet Horton for more information (515) 292-5486.

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
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STEPHEN MINISTRY

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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