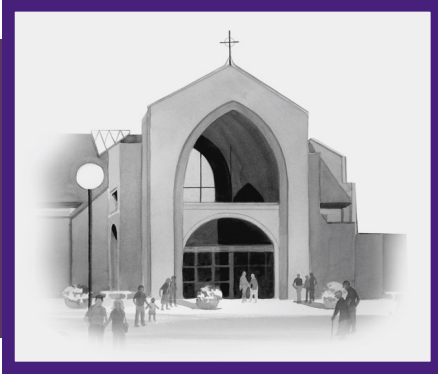


March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent



Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

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FORMED by the Word of God ...

UNITED by the Holy Eucharist ...

ENLIVENED by the Holy Spirit!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal Celebrations

*****St. Cecilia*****

Sunday, March 19 at 2PM; Thursday, April 6 at 7PM

*****St. Thomas Aquinas*****

Thur., March 9 at 7PM and Mon., March 27 at 7PM

*****St. Peter and Paul*****

Thursday., Mar. 23 at 7PM

Individual Celebrations

Saturday afternoons: 3:15-4:30PM

Friday, April 7, 11AM-Noon

Wednesday, April 12, 5:30PM - 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional Lenten devotion, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday night of Lent at 5:30PM

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 9:

Palms blessed before all Masses.

Saturday, 5PM and Sunday, 8:30AM Masses

begin in the Church.

Sunday, 10:30AM Mass begins with everyone assembling in Narthex with blessing of palms and Palm Sunday procession to the Church for Mass.

(Incense used at 10:30AM)

5:00PM (Spanish Mass)

Holy Thursday, April 13 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM. (Incense used)

Good Friday, April 14: Stations of the Cross at 2PM led by St. Cecilia School 5th Grade

Good Friday, April 14: Liturgy of Good Friday at 7PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15: Vigil Liturgy at 8:30PM (Incense used)

Easter Sunday, April 16: Masses at 7AM, 8:30AM & 10:30AM, 5:00PM (Spanish)

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation

Faith Formation and CGS classes will take place as usual this week.

Monday: 6:15-7:30PM 1st-5th grade and CGS Level 1

Tuesday: 9:30-11AM CGS Level 1; 11:15AM-12:15PM CGS Level 1

Wednesday: 2:30-4PM CGS Level 1; 4:30-5:45PM CGS Level 1; 4:30PM-5:45PM PreK-5th grade

The following week, March 12-18 is spring break, and there will be no Faith Formation or CGS classes.

During Lent, we focus on three important things: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, families can practice praying together by making a prayer chain. List 40 intentions on 40 slips of paper and then link them together in a chain. Each morning you can rip one link off and pray for that intention that day.

Anchor Youth Ministry

March 5, 7-8:15PM: Edge Small Groups “Valued: A Night on Anxiety and Responsibility”

7-9PM: Life Teen “Castaway”

March 6, 6:15-7:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation

March 8, 7:15-8:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation

7:15-8:45PM: YDisciple

March 12-18: Spring Break- No programs

MEN’S CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Want to try something different for Lent this year? Consider joining us for the **Men’s Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)**. You will discover insights about yourself, your faith and grow your relationship with Jesus Christ. You will be surrounded by like-minded men who want to do the same. This retreat is held at Pilgrim Heights, a beautiful wooded area located off of HWY 30 near Tama. This year’s dates are **March 10-12**. So get away from the everyday distractions. Spend this faith-filled weekend with men who truly want to become better people through Christ. Space is limited. Contact R.J. Vidimos at (515) 291-4753 or vidimosiowa@mchsi.com for more information or to reserve your space. *You will not be disappointed!*

MARRIAGE CORNER

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.” (Ps 51:3) On this first Sunday of Lent, make plans for your family to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during Lent. This sacrament is a great practice for asking forgiveness for the times we hurt our spouse or children.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Are you thinking about possibly becoming Catholic? If so, we would love to talk to you about this! The process of becoming Catholic is deeply personal and no two faith journeys are identical. We would really like to meet you and accompany you along your journey if you will allow us. Don’t travel alone! This process is open any time during the year for adults (or children older than 7) who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for Baptized Catholics who never received their First Communion or Confirmation. Please contact us at: RCIA@stceciliaparish.org, or 515-233-3092, or stop in the parish office 8:30AM–4PM on Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM–2:30PM on Friday. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Parishioners: Do you know anybody who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Please pray for them, walk with them on their journey, and encourage them to contact us! A great info resource is www.formed.org, code: a12562

BAPTISM PREPARATION

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session.

Parents are recommended to attend a session prior to the birth of their child.

Baptism Preparation I for first born child –
Next session: Thurs., April 27 at 6:15PM

Baptism Preparation II for second child –
Next session: Thurs., March 23 at 7PM

Baptism Preparation III for third/later child –
By special arrangement

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

The Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated at a time convenient to the couple and in accordance with the parish schedule. The date and time of the celebration must be scheduled only with a priest or deacon of the parish. Since it is necessary for the couple to participate in marriage preparation prior to their wedding, the couple must contact a priest or deacon of the parish preferably one year prior to the desired wedding date, but no less than six months prior to their desired date. The St Cecilia Wedding Guidelines 2017, which is available from the Parish Office and on our website, contains additional information and guidelines.

Also, please see Wedding Music Guidelines and Wedding Music Outline for guidance and assistance in choosing your wedding music.



Did you know you can watch Catholic Programming on the Archdiocese website? Archdbq.org and Catholictv.com.



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be occurring the nights of March 7 and March 9. I hope that they can be successful for you and the teachers. Conferences are an opportunity for two-way communication. They're not merely a meeting for teachers to give parents information on classroom performance, but a chance for parents to share information with the teachers to help the students gain the most from their class experience. After a good conference, both the parent and teacher know more about how things could be better. We look forward to these evenings and hopefully they will be a success for the parents and teachers.

School Events:

Tuesday, 03/07: 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting
Tuesday - Thursday, 03/07 - 03/09: No Preschool Classes, K-5 1:30PM Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
Wednesday, 03/08: 9AM All School Mass followed by 1st Grade Reception - All are Welcome! and 7PM FSA Meeting
Friday, 03/10: No Classes
Monday - Friday, 03/13 - 03/17: No Classes - Spring Break

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

SCRIP

Scrip will be sold after masses the weekend of March 4 & 5. If you would like to place a pre-order, please have it in by Monday, February 27 at 9AM.

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 10-11:30AM in the St. Louis Room.

WHAT ST. CECILIA MEANS TO US

We are called to love one another. We are called to serve one another. We are called to forgive one another. We are called to be Christ to one another. What a gift we have to be able to celebrate the mass and receive the Eucharist; we should be filled with gratitude. It is only because of the gifts of others and the grace of God that I have been able to participate in the many opportunities available at St. Cecilia. Stephen Ministry, in particular, has opened the doors to many other activities and I have met some remarkable people. Please join me as I share my gifts (time, talent & treasure) this Lenten season and throughout the year. Who knows what doors may be opened for you? A gift isn't really a gift unless it's given away.

- Rich Lee

Lent provides us an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps this is the time to make a planned gift to our endowment which will strengthen our parish future and keep our faith alive in generations to come. Contact Frank Oppold at 290-1163.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of February 27, 2017

General Collection MTD	\$ 78,951
Budget February	\$ 86,021
YTD General Collections	\$ 800,387
YTD Budget	\$ 943,750
YTD Deficit as of 2/28/2017	\$ 143,363
YTD Actual Last Year	\$ 913,646
Annual Budget 2016-2017	\$1,319,000

May God Bless Your Generosity

2017 GALA CASH RAFFLE

Don't miss your opportunity to support the 2017 St. Cecilia Gala and WIN! This year we are raffling THREE amazing CASH prizes: \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500! ONE raffle ticket puts you in the running for THREE chances to win. Tickets will be sold before and after all masses the weekends of March 25 & 26, April 1 & 2, and April 22 & 23. Each ticket costs \$100 and a limited number of tickets will be sold. All three cash raffle drawings will take place the night of the Gala event. Need not be present to win, but **please consider joining us for the 2017 Saint Cecilia Gala on Saturday, April 29, 2017** for great fellowship, exciting silent and live auction items, and live music! For more information please visit our website at www.stcamesgala.org or contact Katie White at kswhite1019@gmail.com.

SPRING CLEANING 2017

Spring Cleaning of the parish lawn will be from 9AM-12PM on Saturday, March 25 (rain date is Saturday, April 1). Lunch will be provided. Please contact the Parish office at 233-3092 if you are able to help us out! Come and join the fun! Thank you for your help!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 4
5:00PM: Brooke Hovland

Sunday, March 5
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Marie Putz †
5:00PM: Special Intention
Misa in Espanol

Tuesday, March 7
8:00AM:

Wednesday, March 8
9:00AM: All-School Mass

Thursday, March 9
8:00AM: Mary Ann Quint †

Friday, March 10
8:00AM: John Kock †

Saturday, March 11
5:00PM: Nate Brunia †

Sunday, March 12
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Priest's Intention
5:00PM: Patrick Cain †
Misa en Espanol

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)

Lenten Fish Dinners ~ St. Cecilia Social Hall, Friday 5PM - 7PM,
March 10 and 24, April 7. The dinner menu is: Baked Tilapia or
Cod, baked potato, macaroni & cheese,
green beans, and coleslaw salad.

- \$ 9.00 - Adults (16+)
- \$ 5.00 - Children (5-15yrs);
- Free - Children (0-4yrs);
- \$ 25.00 - Family of 4;
- \$ 30.00 - Family of 5-6;
- \$ 35.00 - Family of 7+ (a family consists of two adults and children
under 16. Four adults may not pay as a family).



Desserts from women's circles are also provided for an additional
donation. Please come and share a tasty way to support the
charitable works of the Knights and the women's circles!



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.

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt
17:1-9

St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday
8:30AM, 10:30AM & 7PM Sunday

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday
9:15PM Thursday

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Don't Miss the



March 18/19 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Friday, March 10

March 25/26 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Friday, March 17

Announcements can be sent to
parishbusiness@stceciliaparish.org.

COME AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP JACKELS

Tuesday, March 7 at St. Thomas Aquinas, Ames

7PM in lower lounge: Tools for recognizing God's call, a
presentation by Fr. David Schatz
8PM in church: Holy hour of prayer for vocations with
Archbishop Jackels

*Please join us in learning about and praying for vocations in our
Church.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care

The 2017 Class of Stephen Ministers who have recently completed the extensive 50 hour training program have joined the team of Stephen Ministers and are now ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or who are going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with a care receiver once a week for an hour to listen, care, pray and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement for as long as the need persists. To learn how to connect yourself or someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders Anne Schmitt (515-291-8257) or Deacon Alan Christy (515-231-8099). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care! Check our website at: Stceciliaparish.org/home/Stephen-ministry/.

St. Patrick's Fish Fry: Friday March 24 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Adults: \$9.00 Children: \$5.00 Ages 3 and under: free
Everyone is welcome! (St. Patrick's, Nevada, IA—Corner of 10th St. and Lincoln Hwy.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus: Join Us! During this Lent, we ask all Catholic men in the parish who are not already members of the Knights of Columbus parish to prayerfully consider becoming involved in our St. Cecilia Council. The Knights of Columbus feature many charitable works to build up families, the Church, and our local community. We also participate in state and international programs of the Order to help those in need or support those persons who are most often neglected. We stand with our Holy Father, our bishops, and priests in promoting the teachings of the Church and in spreading the Faith. For more information on the Knights of Columbus at St. Cecilia's visit our website: <http://www.stceciliaparish.org/councils/parish-life-committee/kofc/> or contact Grand Knight, Emil Polashek kcgk2230@gmail.com, 515-451-3314 or Membership Director Dan Rajewski 515-291-5698.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

What is the true meaning of Lent? What are we supposed to do during Lent? On March 6 at 7PM in Olde Main Restaurant **Theology on Tap** is going discuss this topic. Have a beer or root beer and join us for an in depth discussion about the true meaning of Lent. Young adults and families with children are welcome!
Thank you and God Bless.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meets 4th Tues. of each month at 7PM in the North Social Hall
Ric Nelson, Chair 451-8384

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tues. of each month at 7PM in the St. Louis Room
Joe Baumgarten, Chair 337-1134

MEETINGS & EVENTS



New Member Registration March 4 & 5: Are you new to St. Cecilia's, moving back, just married, attending Mass but never officially registered? If you have not officially registered at St. Cecilia's, stop by the new member registration table after Mass March 4 & 5. We can answer your questions and help you with the registration process.

All women and teens are invited to attend the Catholic Daughters' meeting on March 9 at 6PM for light refreshments in the South Social Hall followed by a talk given by campus court member, Kristin Lenhard, on how Catholic women can share the Gospel. Please RSVP to Marilyn Krocheski at 292-9207.

Knights of Columbus: Meeting: The Knights of Columbus will meet in the North Social Hall for the monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7PM. A meal will be served at 6PM with a suggested donation to help cover the costs of the food items.

RICE BOWL

Encounter Innovation

India - Encounter the Singh family in India where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques and tools provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to feed their family amidst floods that occur in their area. CRS collaborates with 30 local partners to work with vulnerable and marginalized populations to strengthen agriculture livelihoods, improve health systems and service delivery, support communities to prepare and recover from disasters, and reduce trafficking and sexual and gender-based violence.

Challenge of the Week: Give one dollar to your Rice Bowl for every innovative tool you use this week. Yes, cell phones do count as an innovative tool!

NAMI Central Iowa (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be offering the **Family to Family** course for family members of adults with mental illness, beginning at 6:30PM on March 7 at the DMAAC Boone campus. This 12-session class focuses on the major mental illnesses, discussing treatments and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. All classes and materials are free. Registration is required. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board or contact us at 515-292-9400. or namiofci@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Meets 1st Tues. of each month at 7PM in the St. Louis Room
Susan McNicholl, Chair 231-0585

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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.)
 Prayer Group.....Tuesday 7:00PM-7:30PM Adoration
 7:30PM-8:00PM Rosary
 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 Melissa Bortle at 232-8354.

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

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