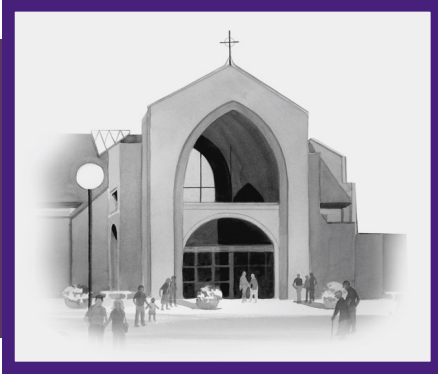


March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent



Saint Cecilia Catholic Church

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

Fr. James L. Secora, Pastor

www.stceciliaparish.org

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

Sts. 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)

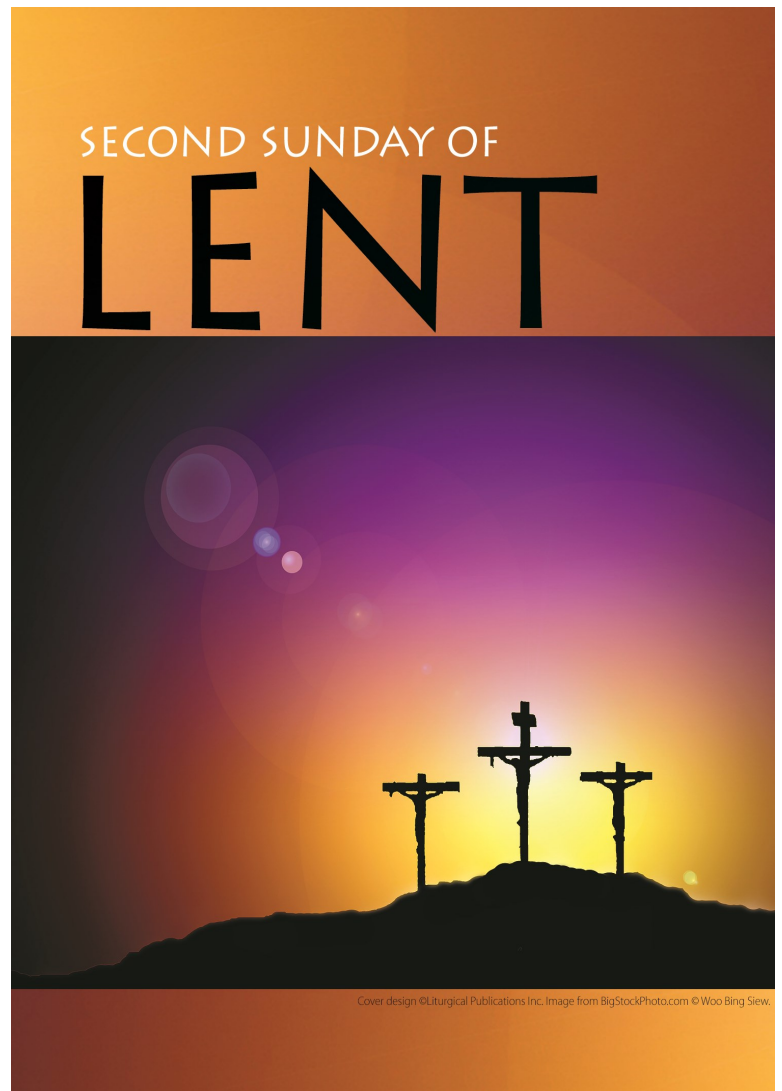
Easter Sunday, April 16: Masses at 7AM, 8:30AM & 10:30AM, 5:00PM (Spanish)

FORMED by the Word of God ...

UNITED by the Holy Eucharist ...

ENLIVENED by the Holy Spirit!

SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT



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St. Patrick Day Dispensation: Archbishop Jackels has granted a dispensation from the Lenten Friday law of abstinence for Friday, March 17, St. Patrick Day. In granting the dispensation, the Archbishop reminds us that should one choose to use the privilege, the Lenten Friday still remains a day of particular penance and that in place of abstinence one should substitute some other form of penance.

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation

There are no PreK-5th grade or CGS classes this week, March 12-18th, due to spring break. Classes will resume as usual next week.

During Lent, we focus on three important things: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Why do we fast? Sometimes, we might need a reminder about why we give things up. *We're making room for God!* By emptying ourselves, we make room for God to enter into our life. If it's getting hard to keep fasting, remember- turn to God in prayer and ask for help!



Anchor Youth Ministry

March 12-18: Spring Break- No Middle School Faith Formation Class or YDisciple

March 19 7-9PM: Life Teen "Castaway: Unsettled" *What is one thing you'd like to see changed in the world? What is stopping you from doing it yourself?*

March 20-24: Middle School Faith Formation and YDisciple resume

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 21st Annual Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, April 1 at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker is Doug Barry from the Lincoln, NE diocese and for the first year there will also be a Spanish speaking keynote speaker, Deacon Freddy Palacios from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Register in advance by March 17 and save \$10. Advance registration is \$35 for adults, \$5 for students and \$50 for one adult and three or more students. For more information and to register go to www.catholicmenonline.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Men's Fellowship.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS

In response to efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Iowa, the Catholic Bishops began the *Supportive Care Iowa* project. This involves training volunteers to help you understand Church teaching on health-related issues, and to offer help in filling out related documents, such as durable power of attorney for health care, and directives on specific healthcare decisions in the event of being incapacitated. These volunteers, called *Advanced Care Planning Consultants*, are now ready to provide this service to you, free of charge. To locate a Consultant in your area, contact the parish office, or look through the Directory of Consultants posted on the Archdiocesan website: dbqarch.org/advance-directives (then click on Directory of Catholic Advance Care Planning Consultants).

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/late 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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

When was the last time you heard someone say, "That's the priest's job," when referring to some aspect of ministry? Ministry is not just the responsibility of the clergy. It is the responsibility of all Christians in the name of the body of Christ. Through our baptism, the opportunity and responsibility for doing ministry has been given to all Catholics. With the shortage of priests, the need for lay ministry is growing. You could serve as an integral part of ministry by reaching out to others. With the Lenten season upon us, take some time to pray about helping with the needs of those in our midst who are going unnoticed and uncared for. Stephen Ministry is available in all three Catholic parishes in our area and is available to the Ames community. It is a source for you to be a "connection" for someone who would benefit from having a caregiver in a one-to-one relationship to help them with trials they may be having at this time. Contact: Anne Schmitt (515-291-8257) or Deacon Alan Christy (515-231-8099) for information.

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



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

2017-2018 School Registration

We are currently accepting registration for the 2017-18 school year in all grades, preschool through fifth grade. Please stop in or contact the school office for a registration packet. All are welcome!

School Events:

Monday – Friday, 03/13 – 03/17: No Classes – Spring Break

Wednesday, 03/22: 9AM All School Mass

Monday, 03/27: 6:30PM Marketing Meeting

Wednesday, 03/29: 9AM All School Mass

Friday, 03/31: End of 3rd Quarter

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

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 St. 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.

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. Contact Frank Oppold at 290-1163.

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!

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

STEWARDSHIP: "Bear your share of the hardship of the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of March 6, 2017

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| General Collection MTD | \$ 35,686 |
| Budget March | \$ 110,749 |
| YTD General Collections | \$ 852,263 |
| YTD Budget 3/31/2017 | \$1,054,499 |
| YTD Actual 3/31/2016 | \$1,022,055 |
| YTD Deficit as of 2/28/2017 | \$ 143,363 |
| Annual Budget 2016-2017 | \$1,319,000 |

May God Bless Your Generosity

UNITED IN PRAYER DAY

Join the ecumenical Central Iowa centering prayer community and the worldwide network of Contemplative Outreach in an unbroken bond of Centering Prayer. Suggested donation for this event is \$15. Register online: centeriowa.org/events. Questions? Contact Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf at 515-441-6446 at maryjowulf65@gmail.com. Saturday, March 18, 2017, 8:30AM until Noon, Northminister Presbyterian Church 1416 20th St.

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are getting ready for our new pictorial directory and we need you to help make it complete! By participating you will receive a printed directory. Sign up now for your professional photography session (on our website at stcames.org, sign-up tables before and after weekend Masses, or by contacting the parish office at 233-3092). Photographs will be taken beginning April 18.

MARRIAGE CORNER

Just as Jesus was transfigured and appeared gloriously to Peter, James and John (Mk 9:2-10), so too love for your spouse can bring out the best in the other. Recall for a moment your wedding day and the wonder of seeing each other clothed in splendor.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, March 14
8:00AM: Youth of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas, Sts. Peter & Paul

Wednesday, March 15
9:00AM: All-School Mass

Thursday, March 16
8:00AM: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bonifacio & children

Friday, March 17
8:00AM: Jack Gehm †

Saturday, March 18
5:00PM: Alvera Irlbeck †

Sunday, March 19
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Don, Brad & Michelle Friedly † † †
5:00PM: Rose & Richard Tondra
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 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!

St. Patrick's Fish Fry: Friday March 24 5:00 - 7:30PM
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.)

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 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

St. Thomas Aquinas Mass Times

Weekend Masses

4:45PM Saturday

8:30AM, 10:30AM & 7PM Sunday (No 7PM Mass on March 12)

Weekday Mass

12:00 Noon Monday-Friday

9:15PM Thursday

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Time

8:30AM Sunday in Gilbert

UPCOMING DEADLINES



March 25/26 bulletin announcements

Due by noon on Friday, March 17

April 1/2 bulletin announcements

Due by noon on Friday, March 24

Announcements can be sent to parishbusiness@stceciliaparish.org.

Coffee Sale To Support Honduras Community

St. Cecilia would like to partner with St. Thomas' sister parish in Honduras to sell their Coffee after weekend masses. If you would like to lead the committee or assist with the worthwhile project here at St. Cecilia, please contact Charlotte at 233-3092 or cvanckerck@stceciliaparish.org.

SOMETHING NEW!

The parish office will begin emailing to parishioners a weekly highlight of St. Cecilia activities. This weekly email will be sent each Tuesday, beginning next week and will **highlight** activities scheduled throughout the week. For all scheduled activities, please continue to check the parish online calendar (www.stcomes.org). If you have not provided the parish office with your email address, and you want to receive these notifications, please provide the office with your address. Contact the parish office at 233-3092 or email at parish-office@stceciliaparish.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Building the Domestic Church: In this weekend's Gospel, The Knights of Columbus offer many opportunities for family growth and Faith renewal in the *Building the Domestic Church while Strengthening the Parish* program. This featured March prayer meditation is on Family Difficulties: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/monthly-themes/march.html>. The Knights of Columbus encourage family involvement in all their charitable activities. For more information on how to become involved in the Knights at St. Cecilia, contact: Grand Knight, Emil Polashek, (515)451-3314 or kcgk2230@gmail.com or Membership Director Dan Rajewski at (515)291-5698.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Director of Evangelization – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Ames, IA is looking to hire a full-time (with benefits), 11-month Director of Evangelization for the 2017-18 parish year. The Director of Evangelization will foster within the parish a culture of missionary discipleship and evangelization through gathering, forming, training and sending adult parishioners as evangelizers in the world. Applicants must be willing to meet with adult parishioners for one-on-one discipleship and leader formation groups. The Director will also oversee and work alongside the Coordinator of Faith Formation for the children's faith formation program. For more information about the position visit <http://staparish.net/information/DirofEv.pdf> or contact us at ffsearch@staparish.net or 515-292-3810. A cover letter and resume can be emailed to ffsearch@staparish.net by Friday, March 24.

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

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

The St. Cecilia Seniors Group will meet Sunday, March 12 at noon at Iowa Stater Restaurant, 2100 Green Hills Dr. for lunch. Call Angela Fisher at 450-1357 or E-Mail reyfish1@msn.com for reservations or information

St. Anne's Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30AM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a donation for Birthright.

The Days for Girls sewing team will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7PM in the St. Mother Teresa Room. New members are always welcome! See www.daysforgirls.org for more information.

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food Shelf Weekend. Demand has increased! Suggested food items include soups, baby foods, canned meat products, packaged shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper. Non-food items are also needed: laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo. Homemade jams and jellies and food with expired dates cannot be used. *Thank you!*

Rosary Makers will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 9:30am at Mary Fawkes' home. Anyone wishing to help make rosaries, please call 233-1393.

One Earth, One Chance: Come join the parish of St. Mary – Holy Cross, Elkhart, on Sunday, March 26 for our intergenerational event *One Earth, One Chance*. We'll begin at 11:15AM and conclude at 1:30PM. Lunch is provided. FREE. Please RSVP by March 21 to smhc@saintmaryhc.org; 515-367-2685.

RICE BOWL—ENCOUNTER NUTRITION

Zambia – Encounter Evelina as she and other members in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals to their children and families. Catholic Relief Service, (CRS) Zambia, works in collaboration with local partners to improve health outcomes, build economically vibrant communities, and ensure equitable access to high-quality health care. To date through the Center for Disease Control AIDS Relief Transition Project, CRS and its partners have improved pediatric and adult treatment of HIV and AIDS, clinical and laboratory practices, and compliance of 13 faith-based health facilities. **Challenge of the Week:** Give 25¢ to your Rice Bowl for every non-nutritious snack (pop, candy, chips, etc.) you consume this week.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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