

March 26, 2017

Fourth 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

Thursday, April 6 at 7PM

St. Thomas Aquinas

Mon., March 27 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)

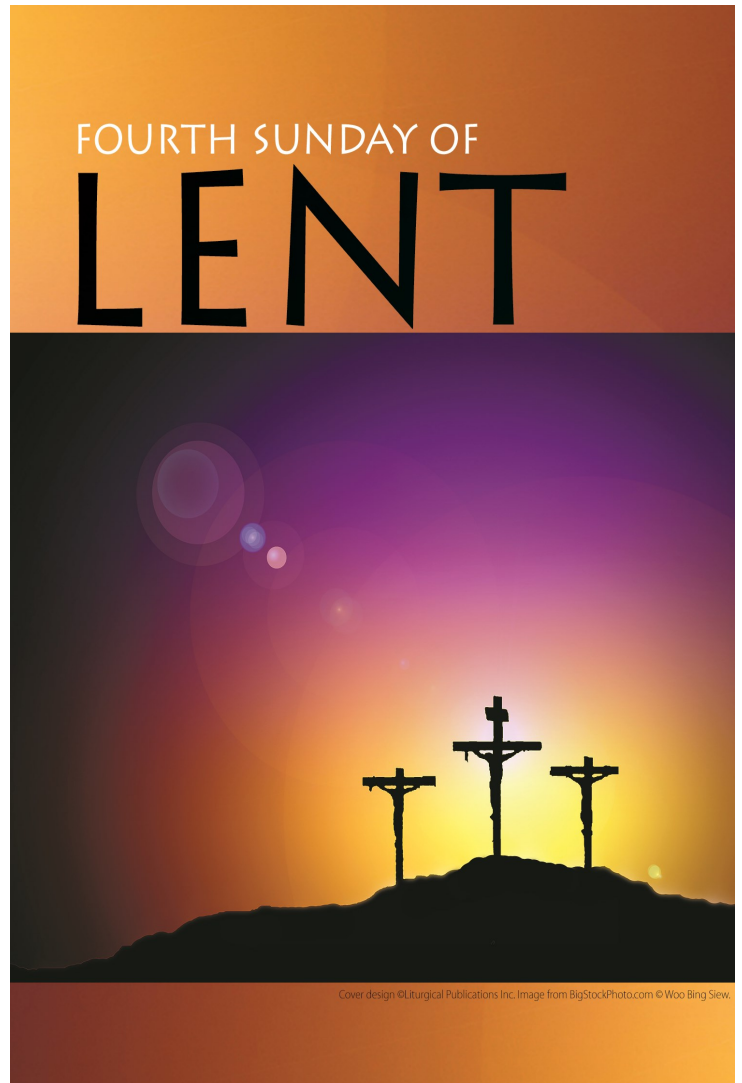
Easter Sunday, April 16: Masses at 7AM, 8:30AM & 10:30AM, 5:00PM (Spanish)

FORMED by the Word of God ...

UNITED by the Holy Eucharist ...

ENLIVENED by the Holy Spirit!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT



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Next weekend, Imad Qumseih a Palestinian Christian originally from Bethlehem, Israel (the Holy Land) will once again be here offering for sale religious items hand carved and crafted by his fellow countrymen in the Holy Land. As in the past, his work has the approval of the Latin (Roman archbishop) Patriarch of Jerusalem. Proceeds from the sale of these items go directly to support Christian families living in the Holy Land. Given the constant political tensions in the area many Palestinian Christians have either been forced out of their homeland or have simply left. Traditionally, these Catholics have been the custodians of the Christian shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Support of these Christians through the wood-carved work they offer helps to keep a Catholic presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for your continued support.

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

This Sunday marks the start of the fourth week of Lent. Now is a great chance to set aside some time as a family to talk about how it's been going so far. What have you learned about yourself during this season of Lent? What have you learned about God?

Anchor Youth Ministry

March 26th 7-8:15PM: Edge Small Groups: "Bodyguard"
7-9PM: Life Teen: "Wild at Heart Part I"

March 27th 6:15-7:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation

March 29th 7:15-8:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation
7:15-8:45PM: YDisciple

April 1st: Trip Payment Due

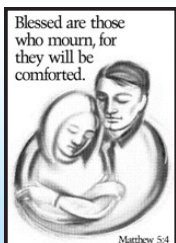
April 2nd: Life Teen: "Wild At Heart Part II"

April 17th 8PM: Forms Meeting for NCCYC participants

April 21-22: Middle School Retreat: "Keep Calm and Sing Alleluia" — 6th-8th graders can sign up by scanning the bar code or visiting this link: <http://tinyurl.com/jklc7lb>



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



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Mildred Tahany, sister of Tom Budnik and **Charlotte Little**. 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.

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., May 25 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

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



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

2017-18 St. Cecilia School Enrollment Commitment Form

School and preschool parents, please watch for the Enrollment Commitment form in your child's Friday folder. Please complete and return it by March 31st. Please contact the school office if you didn't receive the form or have any questions. Thank you.

School Events

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration: There's still time to give it a try for Lent! The hours of most need are Fridays 8PM; Saturdays 10AM. Second adorers are still needed for: Mondays: 1AM, 12PM noon, 1PM; Tuesdays 9AM, 2PM; Wednesdays 2AM, 7PM; Thursdays 3AM; Fridays 8AM, 9AM, 3PM; Sundays 7PM. Sign up online at stceciliaparish.org under "Latest News" or by contacting Cyndi Volcko 515-451-4749; cvolcko@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are the Knights of Columbus? We are the world's leading and most influential Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. This weekend stop by the St. Cecilia Knights table in the narthex after Mass to learn more about how Catholic men and their families can have the experience of a lifetime in the Knights of Columbus.

As we consider our lives as Christians, it is good to ask ourselves if we are being stewards of our Church. Consider a plan, perpetual gift of financial stewardship to our endowment. Not only are we stewards of our time, talent, and treasure, we are also stewards of the assets that gave us the treasure and opportunity to develop our talents. For more information contact Frank Oppold, 290-1163.

MARRIAGE CORNER

"Not as man sees does God see...the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sam 16:7) Do you look into your spouse's heart? Do you let them look into yours? Cherish the opportunity to go beyond appearances with the one you love.

WHAT ST. CECILIA MEANS TO US

St. Cecilia Parish

- Provides role model parishioners (saints) that inspire us to more closely follow Christ through their words and actions
- Surrounds us with wonderful friends to share in the joys and sorrows of life
- Supports a Catholic school which provided a solid education and spiritual environment to help our three children become successful, well-rounded adults
- Connects us with others of diverse backgrounds but similar values
- Offers many opportunities for us to grow spiritually
- Is our home

- Rick & Janet Brimeyer

STEWARDSHIP: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message. Spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of March 20, 2017

General Collection MTD	\$ 67,128
Budget March	\$ 82,400
YTD General Collections	\$ 884,967
YTD Budget 3/31/2017	\$1,026,131
YTD Actual 3/31/2016	\$1,022,055
YTD Deficit as of 2/28/2017	\$ 143,363
Annual Budget 2016-2017	\$1,319,000
Good Sam Black Bag	\$ 3,274
Food Collected	425 lbs.

May God Bless Your Generosity

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Unconditional: Not subject to any conditions or limitations
It is hard to find anything that is unconditional. Everything seems to have strings attached to it. Yet God's love is unconditional—we don't have to earn it or achieve anything to receive it. At times, however, we can feel quite removed from God's unconditional love. We can feel guilty, undeserving, or downright "unlovable." At those times, Stephen Ministers can help. They are trained to listen and care in a nonjudgmental way, focusing on letting Christ's unconditional love flow through them and into the life of their care receiver. If you or someone you know has been struggling with guilt or feeling unlovable and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Anne Schmitt (515-291-8257) or Deacon Alan (515-231-8099).

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The first Holy Week, by the plan of God, was the most important week in the life of Jesus Christ. Holy Week, likewise, should be the most important week in the entire year for each one of us. Have a beer or root beer and join us in prayer and meditation, in understanding the events of the Passion of Our Lord on April 3 at 7PM in Olde Main Restaurant.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 25
5:00PM: Pat Derks †

Sunday, March 26
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Living & Deceased Catholic Daughters
5:00PM: Fr. Secora
Misa en Espanol

Tuesday, March 28
8:00AM: Pete & Wendy Fellner

Wednesday, March 29
9:00AM: All-School Mass

Thursday, March 30
8:00AM: James "Bud" Kearn†

Friday, March 31
8:00AM: Karl Gschneidner †

Saturday, April 1
5:00PM: Gennadj & Marie Coder

Sunday, March 26
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Pauline Mueller †
5:00PM: Special Intention
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, 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!



Easter memorials—Don't forget to have your Easter Memorial floral requests into the office no later than **April 10**.

Gabriel Project of Ames: Due to the overwhelming response to the Ames Informed Choices Free Medical Clinic (515-232-8000), as of March 17, 2017 the Gabriel Project has concluded. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Gabriel Project.

CAYAC (Catholic Ames Young Adult Community) will be holding their annual retreat Saturday, April 8th from 1:00 - 4:15 PM in the Lower Lounge at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Father Jon Seda will be giving a talk about how we can give up control and trust God as young adults. There will also be time to get to know the other participants, small group discussion, and prayer. Snacks will be provided and there is no cost to attend the retreat. If you see a paper registration, you can fill that out and hand it in to the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office, or you can register online through the St Thomas Aquinas website (event registration). Please contact youngadults@staparish.net with any questions

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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 **DEADLINE!** April 8/9 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Wednesday March 29

April 15/16 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Friday, March 31

Announcements can be sent to
parish-office@stceciliaparish.org.

There are magnetized pictures of Christ's Divine Mercy available in the parish library. Please feel free to take one for your home or car. There are also free summaries of Vatican statements on social justice. These items help show some of the beauty of Divine Mercy. You can find them on the library bulletin board this Lent, until 'Mercy Sunday,' which is the Sunday after Easter.

Parish Leadership Openings:

Nominations for Pastoral Council, Faith Formation Commission and Catholic School Board

Nominations will be accepted *through Monday, April 17*. To nominate yourself or another parishioner complete the nomination form found in narthex (to the right as you enter) and place in the gold nomination box. Please take time to think of fellow parishioners who would provide good leadership for the Parish. You may also nominate yourself. Nomination forms are available in the bulletin, online at www.stcames.org and in the narthex next to the Gold Box. Place your completed form in the Gold Box.

Pastoral Council - The Council is the vehicle for dialog about the life and activities of the parish, a forum for planning and evaluation. The role of the Pastoral Council is, through on-going pastoral planning, to maintain the integrity of the parish mission and the goals and objectives related to it. The pastor seeks a collaborative relationship with the Pastoral Council, considering its guidance and active involvement in reaching consensus. The council meets monthly and members are elected to serve a 3-year term.

Faith Formation Commission - The Faith Formation Commission determines goals and objectives to meet the educational & faith formation needs of the total parish community, which include: the religious education program, youth and child ministry, spiritual growth opportunities, adult and family education, and sacramental preparation. Members are elected to serve a 3-year term.

Saint Cecilia Parish Catholic School Board - This Board is a permanent standing committee of the Faith Formation Commission specifically charged with governance of Saint Cecilia School subject to the policies and regulations that proceed from the Archdiocesan Catholic School Board, the Archdiocesan office of Faith Formation and Education, and in conformity with verification standards of the State of Iowa. Members are elected to serve a 3-year term.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Date Night - "Sexuality and Authentic Love" - Does love lead to sex or does sex lead to love? Are love and intimacy more than simply fulfilling one another on a physical level? What if there is an authentic love that encompasses our physical, emotional, and spiritual life together in marriage? *All adults* from the area are invited to join us **April 1** in the Social Hall. Meal and refreshments will be provided. The meal at 6:15PM, followed by our presentation at 7PM—8:45PM. We will provide a meal for the children. Please RSVP for the meal and/or childcare by contacting Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at (515)441-0480 or DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com by April 1. Please know you are welcome to join us, if you have not made a reservation.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having a second collection after Communion at all masses on the weekend of April 1 and 2 as a part of our Iowa CDA project for domestic abuse. 60% of the proceeds will go to ACCESS and the remaining 40% will be given to the Dubuque Diocese for its abuse programs. Please be as generous as you can.

During April the Catholic Daughters will be offering raffle tickets for \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5.00 for a lovely First Communion doll. Her name is Maria and she comes with a beautiful little pearl rosary made by Audrey Marley. Look for her in the narthex after the Saturday and Sunday Masses in April.

SEDER SUPPER - The annual Seder Supper will take place Thursday April 13th from 5:30 to 7:pm in the Parish Social Hall. All members of the parish family are invited to attend - adults, kids, singles, seniors, families. There is no charge for the meal but donations are welcome. To make reservations, call or e-mail Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966, gaitchis@iastate.edu.

RIGHT TO LIVE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

End of Life Care and Awareness: Everyone is invited to an update on the topic of "End of Life Care and Awareness" on March 28 at 7:00PM in the St. Louis Room. This is the next topic in the series by the Diocesan office of Right to Life and Social Justice. You may also view online at dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation. For more information, please contact Deacon Ron at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480.

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

RICE BOWL- ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

Mexico - Encounter Maria, who joins with other women in the village, to laugh, to talk and **to grow cactus to sell**. CRS launched a greenhouse project empowering women with meaningful work and community. As the cactuses grow, so do the economic opportunities. She is also proud that she remains close to her family. Even though her children moved far away because of a lack of jobs, she is still very close to them. Her children advise her to not give up and to have faith in God. **Challenge of the Week:** Put 50 cents to your rice bowl for every club/organization you belong to.

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

HoursMon.-Thur. 8:30AM-4PM
Fri. 8:30AM-2:30PM
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