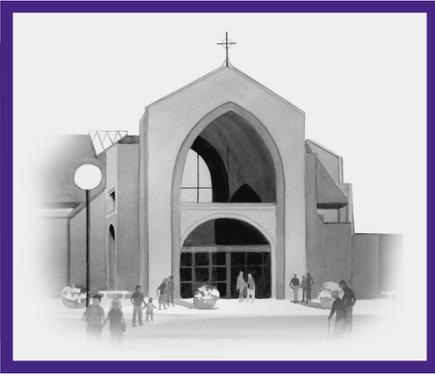


April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of 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

Thursday, April 6 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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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Freedom To Believe Rally, April 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Iowa Capitol, West Steps, Des Moines. As mentioned at Masses last weekend, this Sunday a rally is being held in response to hate-filled letters received at Islamic Centers in Des Moines and here in Ames (an issue I addressed this past Advent on the Sunday following the letter received locally). Also Anti-semitic phone messages have been received at an Iowa synagogue. Rhetoric and bigotry against immigrants has also been in the news these past months, dividing us with hateful walls. These are not Christian, much less, Catholic values. Recent popes, including Pope Francis, as well as our nation's Catholic Bishops and Archbishop Jackels as well as the other bishops of Iowa have consistently and forcefully spoken out against these act of religious and ethnic intolerance. Our parish is listed as one of the sponsors of this rally along with other churches and church organizations throughout central Iowa. Leaders, speakers, music and poetry from Iowans across the religious spectrum will be standing together and fighting back against hate. All Iowans must have the Freedom To Believe without fear. Today's rally is open to everyone.

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

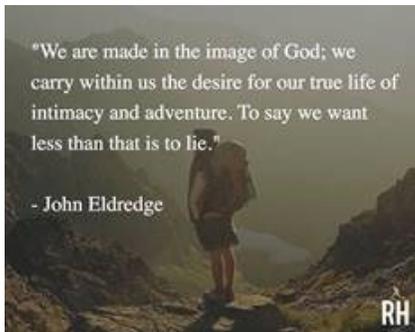
First Eucharist Learning Centers are this Monday and Wednesday, April 3rd and April 5th. Please arrive at the Social Hall for your designated time. If you need to be reminded of the slot you signed up for, please call 515-232-3514.

Anchor Youth Ministry

April 1st: Trip Payment Due

April 2nd 7-9PM: Life Teen "Wild At Heart Part II"

Most heroes long for an adventure to live, a battle to fight and a beauty to rescue. Life Teen will focus on God's calling of a man and how the heart and soul of a man bear the image of God's strength.



April 3: 6:15-7:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation

April 5: 7:15-8:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation 7:15-8:45PM: YDisciple

April 9: 7-8:15PM: Edge "The Way of the Cross" 7-9PM: Life Teen "Captivating Part I"

April 17: 8PM: Forms Meeting for NCYC 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 join us.

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 are now ready to provide this service to you and are 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. **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.

April 1–2

Kindergarten Reception: Please join us after All School Mass on April 5th in the social hall for our kindergarten reception - all are welcome!

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

We hope you can join us on Friday, April 14th at 2 p.m. in the church as our 5th graders present Stations of the Cross. They work very hard on this performance and it has been well attended in the past. We hope you'll be able to join us - all are welcome!

School Events

Tuesday, April 4: 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 5: 9AM All School Mass followed by Kindergarten Reception and 7PM FSA Meeting

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Are YOU that someone who will commit to spending one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration? Hours of most need: Sunday (7 & 9 pm); Monday (1 am); Wednesday (7 pm); Friday (11 am & 8 pm); Saturday (12 am midnight & 10 am). Contact Cyndi Volcko at 515-451-4749 or at cvolcko@gmail.com for more information and to arrange for an hour or go to the parish website <http://www.stceciliaparish.org/councils/liturgycouncil/eucharistic-adoration/>. Thank you.



Please Remember in Your Prayers: **Loretta Tracy**

(previous Principal at St. Cecilia School, 1994-1998). 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.

MARRIAGE CORNER

"And Jesus wept." (Jn 11:45) Such meaning for so short a verse! Spouses share in each other's joys...and sorrows. Don't be afraid to weep together when heartbreaking things happen. Jesus showed us his love for Lazarus through his tears.

WHAT ST. CECILIA MEANS TO US

Recently at mass I noticed a family of 3 generations sitting together - parents, adult children, grandchildren. My own children are grown and live a long distance away and I thought how I'd love to attend mass with my family. Immediately I felt the Holy Spirit reply, "This is your family now." I reflected on how true that is. Perhaps I don't know many names at St. Cecilia but we intentionally gather at weekly and daily masses to worship and to share communion. We are of diverse nationalities, ages, interests and talents. I see you working throughout the Ames community in various ministries and within St. Cecilia itself: teaching, ministering to others, cleaning, singing, planning, serving, praying. I am deeply grateful for our dear Father Secora and for all of you at St. Cecilia - my brothers and sisters, my family.
- St. Cecilia Parishioner

Stewardship: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded. "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for others and ourselves.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of March 27, 2017

General Collection MTD	\$ 89,072
Budget March	\$ 82,400
YTD General Collections	\$ 906,911
YTD Budget 3/31/2017	\$1,026,131
YTD Actual 3/31/2016	\$1,022,055
YTD Deficit as of 3/31/2017	\$ 119,221
Annual Budget 2016-2017	\$1,319,000

May God Bless Your Generosity

STEPHEN MINISTRY

In Stephen Ministry, a care receiver is someone who needs a Christian friend and someone to be there during times of crisis. Stephen Ministry helps to meet the needs of individuals who are:

- homebound/alone
- hospitalized/recently discharged
- facing serious or terminal illness
- experiencing major adjustments to jobs, careers, residences
- residents of long-term care facilities
- facing decisions on future care of aging parents/spouses
- experiencing absence of family members due to death, school, military assignment, marriage, divorce
- persons adjusting to becoming single parents
- change of relationships/personal or career

A Stephen Minister is someone who will be there with regular visits, will listen with confidentiality and will share Christ's love during times of crisis. Contact: Deacon Alan Christy (515-231-8099) or Anne Schmitt (515-291-8257).



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 1

5:00PM: Gennadj & Marie Coder

Sunday, April 2

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Pauline Mueller †

5:00PM: Special Intention
Misa en Espanol

Tuesday, April 4

8:00AM: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bonifacio & Children

Wednesday, April 5

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Thursday, April 6

8:00AM: Anna & Steve Kmetz †

Friday, April 7

8:00AM: Kay Naughton †

Saturday, April 8

5:00PM: Denise Brunia †

Sunday, April 9

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Youth of St. Cecilia, St. Thomas &
Sts. Peter & Paul

5:00PM: Bernita Mae Arneson † (Misa en Espanol)

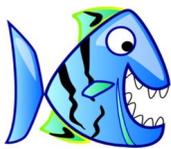
MASS SCHEDULE

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.**

 **Hand-Carved Olive Wood Articles from the Holy Land** are for sale in the narthex. The profit goes to support 27 Catholic Families who made these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please stop by and support our suffering Catholic Families in the Holy Land.

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

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
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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 15/16 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Wednesday March 31

April 22/23 bulletin announcements
Due by noon on Friday, April 14

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

CAYAC (Catholic Ames Young Adult Community) will be holding their annual retreat **Saturday, April 8 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. 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.

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 for Pastoral Council,
Faith Formation Commission and Catholic School Board –
Information Night – Date: Tuesday, 4/4/17; Time: 6PM;
Location: Social Hall (South); Who: Nominees and other inter-
ested parishioners

The Chairs of the Pastoral Council, Faith Formation Commission and Catholic School Board will give a brief overview of their groups including the member responsibilities and time commitments. They will also answer your questions concerning these openings. *Reminder – Nomination period runs through Monday, April 17 – 4:00PM. Nomination forms can be filled out and placed in the Gold Box in the narthex or dropped off in the office during normal office hours.*

During April the Catholic Daughters will be offering raffle tickets for \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5 for a lovely First Communion doll that which includes a beautiful little pearl rosary made by Audrey Marley. Look for her in the narthex after the weekend Masses.

Knights of Columbus: Men who are interested in the Knights but not yet ready for membership often claim conflicts of commitment with work or family schedules as the major reason for not joining. None of the Knights' activities are mandatory and the amount of time put in is completely up to each man and his family. Contact the Grand Knight, Emil Polashek, 515-451-3314 or kcgc2230@gmail.com or Dan Rajewski 515-291-5698 for more information. A new member 1st degree will take place on Sunday April 30 at 1:30PM.

Traditional Blessing of Easter Foods. St. Cecilia Parish will once again offer the Traditional Blessing of Easter Foods. The blessing will take place **promptly** at 11:30 AM on Holy Saturday April 15, 2017, in the Burke Chapel. Access to the Burke Chapel can be gained by parking in the North Lot, entering through the North doors, then proceeding through the Narthex to the left toward the chapel, or parking in the South Lot, entering through the South doors, then proceeding straight ahead to the chapel.

Join Cub Scouts! Pack 159 is currently accepting boys ages 7-11 years or 1st -5th grades for membership. Cub Scouts, a branch of Boy Scouts of America, promotes self reliance, physical fitness, and citizenship. Cub Scouts meet as a den at least once a month and as a pack on the second Monday of each month. To learn more contact Cubmaster, Tim Read, timread@5fingerscreative.com

Theology On Tap: Please meet us at Olde Main Restaurant on April 3 at 7PM for prayer, meditation and great company.

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 Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having a second collection after Communion at all masses this weekend, as a part of our Iowa CDA project for domestic abuse. 60% of the proceeds will go to Ames ACCESS and the remaining 40% will be given to the Dubuque Diocese for its abuse programs.

SCRIP: It is never too early to think about Mother's Day! We will be selling SCRIP after masses this weekend.

2017 St. Cecilia Gala: 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 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. 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 us at www.stcamesgala.org or contact Katie White at kswhite1019@gmail.com.

Spring Salad Supper and general meeting for SCCCW will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a salad or dessert to share for 8 people. Table service and beverages will be provided. Our program will be music provided by Emil and Mary Kay Polashek. If you have questions please call Carolyn Konechne at 232-3399.

The **St. Cecilia Senior Group** will meet for lunch on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Wallaby's, 2733 Stange Road at noon. Contact Angela Fisher at 515 450-1357 or reyfish1@msn.com for reservations or questions.

RICE BOWL– ENCOUNTER STEWARDSHIP

Ethiopia – Encounter Dita whose family depends on growing their own food. Thanks to a CRS program that helps families prepare for crisis, Dita was able to learn business skills that allowed her to open a store and generate enough income to feed her family. Regarding stewardship in all its forms, Pope Francis says it best: “We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” **After all, teaching a man to fish will be of little value if we’ve left a polluted pond. Challenge of the Week:** Put one dollar in your rice bowl for every sink faucet you have in your home.

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