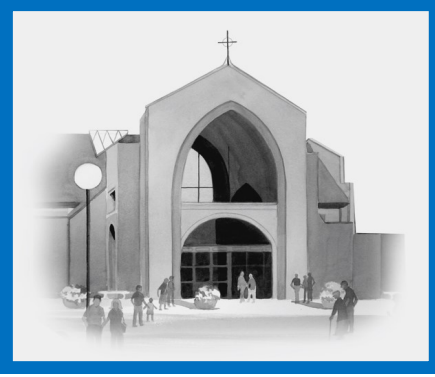


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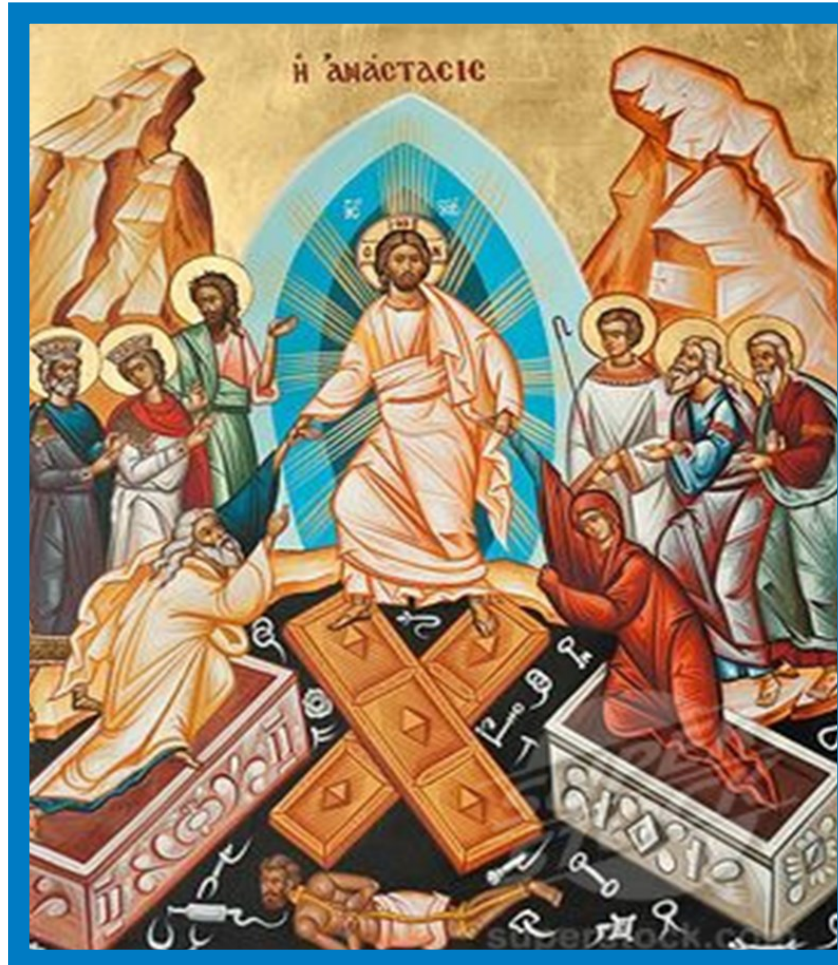


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FORMED by the Word of God ...

UNITED by the Holy Eucharist ...

ENLIVENED by the Holy Spirit!



Easter, 2017

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead and alive for evermore: stand in our midst today as in the upper room on that first Easter; show us thy hands and thy side; speak thy peace to our hearts and minds; and send us forth into the world as thy witnesses; for the glory of thy name. Amen.

May the Risen Jesus breathe in your hearts the Spirit of his love today and all days. A Blessed Easter to all of you! –Fr. Jim

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation



There are no elementary Faith Formation or CGS classes on Monday, April 17th. Happy Easter! Faith Formation and CGS classes will take place as usual Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

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

Save the dates: Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 Maker Fun Factory will take place July 24-28 9AM-12PM each day. Volunteers are needed to make this week a huge success. All adults (including college students) willing to take on leadership roles should contact Susan Vernon at susvernon@gmail.com as soon as possible. A call will go out in a couple of weeks to fill our support positions and MANY middle and high school students are needed in those roles.

Anchor Youth Ministry

April 16: No Life Teen (Easter Sunday)

April 17: 6:15-7:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation
8pm: Forms Meeting for NCYC participants

April 19: 7:15-8:30PM: Middle School Faith Formation
7:15-8:45PM: 9th, 11th, 12th YDisciple

7:15-8:30PM: Confirmation Rehearsal (St. Cecilia Sanctuary)

April 23: Confirmation (No Life Teen)

Candidates arrive at St. Cecilia at 1pm; Ceremony begins at 2pm

KEEP CALM AND SING ALLELUIA

Do you like parties? Interested in surprise parties, sleepover parties, birthday parties and more? Join our Middle School Retreat April where we will learn about how the resurrection is the chief cause of our joy and how celebration is the appropriate mood for the Easter Season!



Friday, April 21: 6PM – Saturday, April 22nd 9AM. 6th-8th graders can sign up by scanning the bar code or visiting this link: <http://tinyurl.com/jklc7lb>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The chaplet of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish at 2PM on April 23. The Divine Mercy display can be viewed from Holy Thursday through Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration

Easter Holiday Break Schedule

12PM Thurs, April 13 until 8AM Tues, April 18

MARRIAGE CORNER

Christ is risen! Celebrate new life today. Recall a hardship in your marriage that is now history. Take a moment to thank God for all the times your marriage has risen from difficulties. Remember this, and Jesus' Resurrection, in future tough times.



Saint Cecilia SCHOOL

In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

Source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

School Events

Wednesday, 4/19: 9AM Prayer Service (MP Room)
Monday, 4/24: 6:30PM Marketing Meeting
Wednesday, 4/26: 9AM All School Mass

For admissions information call:

515-232-5290

www.stceciliaparish.org/school

Dear Parish Family:

The Gabriel Project of Ames has been reaching out to Mothers in need for over 6 years, making Ames a more loving community, through our mentoring program. 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. Informed Choices is an accredited ambulatory medical clinic with emphasis on procreative health, and is developing a new mentor Mom program. They are in need of volunteers. Many of you have served Gabriel as coordinators, contributors, volunteers, prayer partners, email networkers, Angel-Mentors, baby showers, storage of items, advertising/promotions, baby bootie/blanket makers, and fund raisers. For this, we are grateful.

We may not really know the full impact these acts of love will have on the lives we've touched, but thanks be to God we place them in His hands. We know we have had personal contact and intervened in a good number of lives.

Building the Culture of Life, Gabriel Project of Ames

Don't Forget: St. Cecilia will be publishing a new parish directory. Mark your Calendars to have your and/or your family picture taken to be included in the directory. If you have any questions, please call the parish office 233-3092 or email parishbusiness@stceciliaparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!

Stewardship: Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

CONTRIBUTIONS Month of April 3, 2017

General Collection MTD	\$ 28,057
Budget April	\$ 112,823
YTD General Collections	\$ 948,760
YTD Budget 4/30/2017	\$1,138,954
YTD Actual 4/30/2016	\$1,107,856
YTD Deficit as of 3/31/2017	\$ 190,194
Annual Budget 2016-2017	\$1,319,000

May God Bless Your Generosity

WHAT ST. CECILIA MEANS TO US

Saint Cecilia School is more than just a school, it is a community. Everyone at St. Cecilia's comes together to help each other out. Whether it is a birth, illness, death or difficult situation, people pull together to provide support to each other. In turn, this is teaching and providing our children life skills which cannot be taught in a classroom.

In addition, the teachers and staff are warm, compassionate, friendly and extremely accommodating. The students are able to learn, foster and appreciate their faith at weekly all school masses as well as in a small class environment. Saint Cecilia's does an excellent job at welcoming and treating all students as God's children. At Saint Cecilia School, you can count on your child being seen as the unique gift that they are.

-Dave & Kim Schrader

Give a gift of Easter Joy. Be an angel and make a planned gift to our endowment. Christ's resurrection gave us hope for eternal life. Your gift gives hope to our parish that we can continue to proclaim this joyous message for years to come. "Go and proclaim to all nations." Contact Frank Oppold at 290-1163.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15—Easter Vigil

8:30PM: Priest's Intention

Sunday, April 16—Easter

7:00AM: Priest's Intention

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intention

5:00PM: Brad †, Michelle † & Don † Friedly
(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, April 18

8:00AM: Mary Ann Quint †

Wednesday, April 19

9:00AM: All-School Mass

Thursday, April 20

8:00AM: Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters

Friday, April 21

8:00AM: Pete & Wendi Fellner

Saturday, April 22

8:00AM: Jerome Heimer †

Sunday, April 23

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Denise Grant †

5:00PM: John † & Doris † Kleinschmidt
(Misa en Español)

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)

St. Thomas Aquinas: Save the date! We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Women's Retreat Evening on Friday June 9, 2017. For more information, contact St. Thomas Aquinas. Announcement for registration and more details in a couple of weeks.

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

 **Lost and Found:** Lost and found items are located above the coat racks in the narthex. If you are missing an item, please check there. Items remaining in the Lost and Found will be taken to Goodwill on June 1 and 2.

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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 29/30 bulletin announcements

Due by noon on Friday, April 21

May 6/7 bulletin announcements

Due by noon on Friday, April 28

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Needs You! Even if you are not a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Leader, you can play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. The Stephen Leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative, or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry at St. Cecilia's and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader. Contact: Deacon Alan Christy (515-231-8099) or Anne Schmitt (515-291-8257).

To those who have donated food: Please remember to pick up your dishes and pans in the old ushers' room. **Thanks for your generous donations!**



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.

**Parish leadership endeavors to challenge the parish to grow in response to the gospel.

**Parish leadership attempts to provide resources and methods to serve the people of the parish as they engage in the mission of the church and the vision of this parish.

**Parish leadership is representative. It endeavors to listen to parishioners and then faithfully address expressed concerns, ideas and questions so that faith needs are met.

THE FIRE AND THE MERCY, The Pentecost Musical, returns for 5 performances this Easter Season. Written by Holy Trinity Des Moines parishioner, Tom Quiner, it debuted last year with 8 performances in celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy. This year's show has been expanded to include another new story of mercy based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Depending on the venue, the show comes with either heavy appetizers or a dinner. Details and tickets are available online at: www.FireandMercy.com. Questions? Call Karen or Tom Quiner @ 689-9266. First performance: April 21, Basilica of St. John, Des Moines.

Christian Family Movement (CFM) may be just what you are looking for. CFM is a network of small faith-sharing groups. A typical group consists of 5-7 couples or about a dozen parents meeting monthly for study and conversation. CFM is for all ages and stages. To learn more, please contact Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or gaitchis@iastate.edu.

Rice Bowl- Encounter Jesus

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl. **By encountering Jesus through others we embrace Him.** We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate. Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Mexico, Ethiopia, India, Zambia, El Salvador, the United States and all over the world! **Please convert any change or bills to a check (made out to CRS Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia's) and place it in the envelope found in your rice bowl. You can return the envelope by placing it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the church or by putting it in the collection basket. Encounter and embrace Jesus.**

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

Ames Man-Up, April 17: Our speaker this month will be Mr. Bo Bonner, Director of Campus Ministry and Assistant Professor at Mercy College of Health Sciences. Mr. Bonner will talk to us about the many blessings that can be attained from stewardship. The evening's agenda will be: - Rosary: 5:40PM; Mass or Evening Prayer: 6PM; Dinner: 6:30PM; Speaker: 7PM. Come for all or only a portion!

The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee will meet Monday, April 17 at 7PM in the Oscar Romero Room. All are welcome to attend.

Catholic Daughters invites interested women of any age to join them for light refreshments on April 20 at 6PM in the South Social Hall. Kristen Lenhard will speak about being Catholic women. RSVP to Marilyn Krocheski at 292-9297. On the weekends of April 23 and 30, the Catholic Daughters will be offering raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5 for a lovely First Communion doll which includes a beautiful little pearl rosary. Look for her in the narthex after the weekend Masses.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: A reminder that the April business meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, **April 20** because the original meeting date on the 2nd Thursday of the month occurs during Holy Week. A meal will be served at 6PM followed by the meeting at 7PM in the St. Louis Room.

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. Contact the Grand Knight, Emil Polashek, 515-451-3314 or kcgk2230@gmail.com or Dan Rajewski 515-291-5698 for information. A new member 1st degree will take place on Sunday, April 30, at 1:30PM.

The April meeting of the **Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women** will be held Thursday, **April 20** at St. Mary's in Colo. Registration is at 9AM followed by the general meeting at 9:30AM. There will be a prayer service at 11AM followed by a noon luncheon. The speaker is Claudia Campial, a foreign exchange student from Mozambique. Mozambique is a predominantly Islamic country. Claudia has studied Catholicism and has

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; Saturday 12PM (*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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