

# Christian Initiation of Adults

St Cecilia Parish, Easter Vigil, March 31, 2018



## **Emily Brekunitch – Reception into Full Communion**

Hey there! I grew up in Geneva, Iowa (about 20 minutes northeast of Iowa Falls). I recently graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, last May with a degree in Music Education and minor in leadership. Shortly after graduation, I moved to Ames to be closer to my husband to be, Louis, and accepted a teaching position doing seventh and eighth grade instrumental music at Greene County Schools in Jefferson, and fifth through twelfth grade instrumental music at Paton-Churdan Community School District. Louis and I are planning on sharing our marriage vows at Saint Cecilia this coming summer. I am making the choice to

become Catholic for a few different reasons, but the most prominent is so Louis and I can build our family within the Catholic Church.

## **Natalie Kelley – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**

My name is Natalie Kelley, I am a 33 year old mother of a beautiful 2 1/2 year old girl whose name is Isabella. I live in Ames IA and work at Friedrich Properties! I have been attending St. Cecilia church for the past 5 years with my Fiancé's family, Steve and Carol Bond, and have decided that this is the church and school for my daughter and I. (Isabella will be starting preschool this fall!) I am excited for our journey ahead and the values that the Catholic Church instills!



## **Betsy Stow – Reception into Full Communion**

My fiancé, Albert, and I will be getting married this coming September. We have been together for six years and I have loved attending Mass with him every Sunday. Albert and his family have been members of the St. Cecilia parish since 2002. I have known for a long time that I wanted to come to into full communion and become Catholic, so after getting engaged I knew it was time. I am very thankful for all I have learned through the RCIA program and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow with the fellowship here at St. Cecilia.

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## **Tapia Family –Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**

We are a loving family of 6: Jose, Diana, Ryan, Jersey, Josh, and Ariana. My husband, Jose, was baptized as a young child and is here supporting me and my children through our journey of RCIA. We have become closer to Christ and one another. Because we've always been moving around, we've never settled into a home or a church. We are grateful to be able to do this now, in time for the birth of my youngest child Ariana, who was baptized last September. We'd love to have her grow up with God in her life, and for the rest of my children to have God in their lives as well. We are all looking forward to being in communion with Christ. We'd like to thank everyone at St Cecilia who has supported my family through this process, especially Jarrett Wendt and Deacon John McCully for their encouragement and teachings of the Catholic Faith.

**Not Pictured – Children for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:  
Mia Castro and Bryanna Hernandez**

# Saint Cecilia Church

invites you to take part in our upcoming

## *“SURGE of THE HEART”* *PARISH MISSION*

featuring international Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti!

### **Who Is God And Why Love Him?**

Sunday, April 15th from 7:00-8:15pm

### **God's Dream For Your Life**

Monday, April 16th from 7:00-8:15pm

### **Living God's Dream**

Tuesday, April 17th from 7:00-8:15pm



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Founder of Dynamic Catholic

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Fr. Winston Bath, NY.

*"I've never heard of the guy."*

Pope Francis



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Training

*Spring Training is a dynamic, conference-style training for catechists, youth ministry volunteers, parish staff, and anyone who is interested in learning how to share their faith.*

Saturday, April 7th | St. Cecilia Church, Ames

## SPEAKERS:



Tim Glemkowski



Bo Bonner



John Gaffney



Katie Patrizio



Emily Schmid



Joe Stopulos

## Schedule

- 8:30 – Welcome & Prayer
- 9:00 - Keynote #1 with Tim Glemkowski
- 10:00 - Breakout Session
- 11:00 - Break
- 11:10 - Breakout Session
- 12:10 - Lunch
- 1:10 - Keynote #2 with Tim Glemkowski
- 2:10 - Adoration
- 3:00 - Closing Prayer & Dismissal

**Tim Glemkowski** is the founder and president of L'Alto Catholic Institute, a not-for-profit apostolate dedicated to helping parishes form disciples. He has taught high school theology and served as both a director of youth and young adult ministry and a director of evangelization and catechesis.

Tim is our keynote speaker and will also present a breakout session titled, "**Deaf Ears: Overcoming the Apathy of Generation Z**".

**Bo Bonner** is Director of Campus Ministry and Assistant Professor at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines. He converted to Catholicism in the midst of Protestant Seminary at Duke Divinity School, coming into the Church at Easter 2006.

Bo will be leading a breakout session titled, "**Stemming the Tide: How to Keep Your Kids Catholic**".

**John Gaffney** is the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Des Moines. He holds a Master's degree in adult education from Iowa State

University and a Master's degree in ministry from Creighton University and has over 20 years of experience under his belt.

John will be leading a breakout session titled, "**Defending the Faith: Basic Apologetics**".

**Katie Patrizio** is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Cecilia Parish and an instructor for the Catechetical Institute of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Katie will be our emcee and will also lead a breakout session titled, "**Bible 101: A Crash Course in Scripture**".

**Emily Schmid** is the Director of Music and Coordinator of Adult Formation at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale. She holds a music therapy degree from the University of Kansas and a Master's degree in Infant Development and Mental Health from Arizona State University.

In addition to providing music throughout the event, Emily will be leading a breakout session titled, "**The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together: Developing a Prayer Life for the Whole Family**".

**Joe Stopulos** is a husband, father, and businessman. He serves as co-host of the Man Up Show on Iowa Catholic Radio and in 2015 was named a Des Moines Business Record "40 under 40" honoree.

Joe will be leading a breakout session titled, "**Ordinary Holiness: Bringing Faith to the Workplace**".

Cost is **\$20** and includes lunch

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**Deadline to register is April 2nd**