

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 9, 2005

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



We are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.

“Building for our Future”

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15AM

First and Third Sundays at 7:00PM
Misa en Espanol (Mass in Spanish)

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM
Anytime by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date.

Baptism

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required.

Sick Calls

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

Stewardship: Our baptism, like the Lord's is a consecration to service. The bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Religious Education Classes

Pre-School & Kindergarten meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

January date: 16

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

January dates: 10, 17

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

January dates: 12, 19

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

January dates: 12, 19

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

January dates: 9, 16, 23, 30

Appalachia Trip:

Scheduled for July 30-August 6

January 31 is the sign-up deadline.

First planning meeting: January 31 in Social Hall at 7:00PM.

R.U.S.S.H.

January 12: Card tournament in Adult/Youth room. Snacks provided. Meet at 7:00PM.

January 19: Movie night at North Grand 5. Meet at 6:30PM in the A/Y room.

January 26: Bowling at Memorial Union. Meet at 6:00PM in A/Y room. Contact Joe to sign up for lane reservations.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: January 10.

Sunday Scripture Study Group: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, St. Francis Library. This group discusses the historical and social context of the readings of the following Sunday and shares personal implications of the readings for those present.
Next Sessions : January 9, 16.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. Inquirers are welcome to join the process at any time. For information call John at 232-3514.

"If God for you does not smile, there is something wrong with your idea of God."

- Peter Marshall

MEETINGS/EVENTS

St. Anne's Circle will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 9:00AM in the church parlors. Geff Gescheidler will speak about the Boys and Girls Club here in Ames.

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 1:30PM in the parlors. John Hayes will speak on sacramentality. Guests are welcome. Please call 233-2853 for a ride.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. All are welcome. For information, contact Dawn at 233-6157 or e-mail tdwied@worldnet.att.net

Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, January 13, in the parish hall for dinner at 6:00PM, followed by a program and short business meeting. Suellen and Tony Pometto will speak on Pope John Paul II's 'Theology of Marriage.' Any woman—teen to elderly—may attend by calling Radka Steffes at 268-9145.

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/ Food Shelf Collection weekend.

Suggested items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged and shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, cereal, toiletries, and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Mass in Spanish: Beginning on Sunday, January 16, St. Cecilia will celebrate a Spanish Mass every first and third Sunday of the month at 7:00PM.

The Marshalltown Deanery Council of

Catholic Women will hold its quarterly meeting at St. Mary Church, 11 W. Linn St., Marshalltown, IA on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The day begins with Mass with the children from MACS School at 8:45AM in the church, followed by registration, coffee and rolls in the church hall (9:30AM). The general meeting will start at 10:15AM, and lunch will be at 12:00 noon. At 1:00 PM, Rev. Louis Jaeger, the pastor of St. Henry's Church, will speak on "The Church, Now and Then."

Make Him your priority for the New Year!

Freshen up the relationship with yourself, others and Him. Register now for the Women's CEW 2005, January 21-23. God says, "All things are possible with Me." (Luke 18:27) Brochures/Registration available in the entrance of the church.



A BIG THANK YOU . . .

To all who contributed to the beautiful Advent/Christmas liturgies. The parish expresses our gratitude for the planning, hours contributed, and the sharing of talents that resulted in our celebrations. A whole-hearted thank you to the spirited bunch of volunteers who helped decorate the Church: Ron Rasmussen; Mike, Connie and Michael Vaclav; Jim and Cathy Lux; Tom and Alex Samson; Jill and Mike Heitzman; Sly, Karen, Kristin and Katie Upah; Gary, Kay and Steve Aitchison; Cathy Gerbracht, Melissa McArthur, Craig Fink, Vonnie Stewart-Kai, Jim Dudding, Tim Symondynes, Jim Hogan, Lou Scallon, Greg and Nick Scallon, Jeff Witt, Michael Weber, Jeanine Moore, Randy and JoAnne Dalhoff, Peter and Anne Marie Vanderzandern, Katie Milani, Bill and Julie Haas, Sandy Fagan, Jacque Zbracki. Also, we would like to thank Bill Haas, Sandy Fagan, JoAnne Dalhoff, Tom Samson and Ron Rasmussen for setting up the outdoor nativity scene, Larry Jackson for providing straw, R. J. Vidimos for providing Christmas trees, Patricio Quiroga, our Church custodian, for picking up trees and testing lights on wreaths, Michael and Jonathan Weber and Randy Whetstone for managing the Christmas Family Liturgy set, Tess Matibag, Morgan McCormick, Anna Carano, Jacqueline and Rebecca Zimmerman for their great contributions to the Children Family Liturgy, and Mary Zimmerman and Angie Whetstone for directing this year's Christmas Family Liturgy.

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those who purchased *Keep Christ in Christmas* cards and carried out the message. As always, we look forward to making the cards available again next year. Thanks again.

The Diocese of Gallup, NM would like to extend its thanks for our parish's contribution to its missionary efforts as a result of the appeal by Father Arley Downie. The money will help the diocese continue its evangelization efforts and assistance to the Native American people.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

In a few weeks our parish will be embarking on a special opportunity to celebrate the "Year of the Eucharist." Pope John Paul II has asked Catholics throughout the world to spend time from October 2004 to October 2005 deepening their understanding of this important sacrament.

In our parish, we will be using an adult faith-sharing program that takes its title from the Holy Father's message to Catholics: *Eucharist: Source and Summit of Life and Mission of the Church*. Each week will focus on a different topic as small groups read the Bible and discuss the meaning of Eucharist in their lives today.

Small groups will meet on a variety of days of the week to offer the best opportunity for most members of the parish to be able to participate. Sign-up Sunday will be January 29-30. If you can't be here on that day, you can register by calling the Religious Education office at 232-3514. We encourage you to plan now to be part of this parish-wide opportunity.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Jesus is infinitely DESERVING OF OUR UNCEASING THANKSGIVING and adoration for all He has done for our salvation.
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory, and praise." (Rev 5:12)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

A New Daytime Bible Study Group is being held on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM in the A/Y room. Child care is provided. All are welcome to join at any time. Please call Lorna Sellberg (382-6558) or Nannet Horton (292-5486) if you have questions. A babysitter is still needed from 9:15-11:15AM, while parents attend the Bible Study. Some compensation provided. Must be at least 18 and have attended VIRTUS training or be willing to attend a class in January 2005. Please contact Lorna Sellberg.

Ushers Needed for the following Mass times: 5:00PM, Saturday, 11:15AM Sunday. Please call Bernie Beaudry (232-0982) or the Parish Office (233-3092) if you can help.

Spanish speaking baby-sitter needed on Thursdays, 10:00-11:30AM or 7:00-8:30PM during English as a Foreign Language sessions. Call Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or the parish office to volunteer.

Bethesda Christian Nursery School is seeking a part-time assistant teacher for an immediate position. Please send resume to: BCNS, 1517 Northwestern Ave. or email to: bcns@yahoo.com by January 12.

Therese: The Story of St. Therese of Lisieux, a contemplative movie based on the true story of St. Therese, is coming to the Cinemark Movies 12 Theater in Ames on January 14.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, February 3, 6:30- 9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room**. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To Register, call the Parish Office at 233-3092.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH COOKBOOK

Wanted: Your favorite recipes for a parish wide cookbook. The more recipes the better! Please type recipes or print clearly, giving clear, concise instructions. Recipes may be placed in drop boxes by the school or parish offices. Proceeds will go toward the Building Fund.





Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel of Matthew paints a dramatic scene for the baptism of Jesus, with the Spirit of God descending on Jesus as a voice from heaven announces God's favor. It is a scene that artists will depict over and over again, capturing not only the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, but also the power of the sacrament for all those who follow him.

This image instills in us a sense of wonder and awe as we see God's plan begin to unfold.

We are not passive viewers of the ministry of Jesus. We are part of the story, the disciples who follow where Jesus leads. We learn from him the way of God and the way of salvation. It is not just a lesson taught, but also a lesson lived. He walks the way we all will go.

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IS IT TIME TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) to be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny on February 4-6 & March 4-6 for women and February 18-20 for men. Brochures are available in the Social Hall Hallway literature rack. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263.

RETRouvaille

Does your marriage cause you stress? Do you want a chance to eliminate the pain: If both of you want a meaningful relationship, please consider participating in a Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) weekend. The next session will start on Friday evening, January 14 in Waverly and end on Sunday afternoon, January 16. A Retrouvaille weekend will also be held in Dubuque, April 15-17. Please call Dick & Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 or 563-875-8791 for confidential information. View www.helpourmarriage.com for additional information.

ENGAGING THE CHALLENGES OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACISM—MILITARISM—POVERTY

Community Gathering
Sunday, January 16, 3:00PM
Collegiate United Methodist Church
2622 West Lincoln Way, Ames

Are you concerned about issues of racism, war and poverty? About preserving our civil liberties and reclaiming our commitment to justice? Please join us in moving our bodies and souls, minds and hearts as we seek to create a world of peace, compassion and justice.

Please remember in your prayers:
Mary Lou McGough, mother of Marie McCuskey, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 8

5:00PM: Susan Mullaly

Sunday, January 9

8:00AM: Rose Banford

9:30AM: Richard Lang

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, January 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

Wednesday, January 12

7:00AM: T. Ernesto Arrendondo Jimenez

Thursday, January 13

7:00AM: Eleanor Anderson

Friday, January 14

7:00AM: Ed & Marcella Noethe

Saturday, January 15

5:00PM: Marie Putz

Sunday, January 16

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

11:15AM: St. Rita Circle

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer. Call 233-3092 if you wish to sign up for a scheduled adoration hour.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM in the Chapel

Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM & 7:30PM, Chapel
Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7-9:00PM, Chapel

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM, Chapel



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2005

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34