

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 16, 2005

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

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.

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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 in English and Español

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: Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

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 date: 17

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

January date: 19

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

January dates: 19

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

January dates: 16, 23, 30

Applachia 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 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 17.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 9:30-11:00AM in the Adult/Youth room. Beginners welcome. Baby sitting provided. Deacon John McCully, facilitator. Next session: January 18.

Sunday Scripture Study Group: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, St. Francis Library. This group discusses the historical and social context of the readings for the following Sunday and shares personal implications of the readings for those present. Next Session : January 18.

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.

STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE WEEK

This weekend begins the annual Stand Against Violence Week at Saint Cecilia Parish. Several years ago, the U.S. Catholic Bishops designated the week between Martin Luther King's birthday and the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade as a time to affirm life and take a stand against violence in our homes, neighborhoods, community and world.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Building Project Update

Thursday, January 20, 7:00PM, Church

All members of the parish are invited to attend. The Building Committee will share information on construction of Phase 1 of our project, which includes a new gathering space and remodeling of the Social Hall. The schedule for the project, as well as floor plans and other drawings will be available for review. Time will be allotted to answer questions.



Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, January 18, 9:30AM at the home of Althea Palmer. Anyone who is interested in making Rosaries, please call 233-1393.

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

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

Misa en Español: Comenzando este Domingo, 16 de Enero, Santa Cecilia celebrara una misa en Español cada primer y tercer Domingo del mes a las 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. 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."

Lasagna Supper,

Saturday, January 29, 5:30-7:30PM, Education Center Multi-purpose Room. Please join the children and families of Saint Cecilia School in their kick-off to Catholic Schools Week.





VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
 All parish volunteers are invited
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 7:30PM
HOLY GROUND BAND
 Refreshments served

THANKS to the many volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. Please accept our apology if you helped and your name is not included in this list. Gary, Kay and Steve Aitchison; Walt Albers; Dennis Bovee; Samantha and Mark Bortle; Darrel Campbell; Dan and Austin Curry; Cathy Gerbracht; Bill Haas; Chuck Habing; Nancy & Steve Heideman; Mike Heitzman; Jim Hogan; Gail Johnston; Cathy Kaspar; William and Jean Kresse; Tracy Laws; Jeannine Moore; Tom, Janet, Ales, and Grant Samson; Lou and Cozette Scallon; Tim Simodynes; Steve and Mary Stritzel; Matt, Andrew and Hannah Thatcher; Dianne and Michael Weber; Marlene Weishaar; and Jacque Zbracki. Your time and hard work is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to Saint Cecilia Parish and the Social Action Committee for your contribution from the Good Samaritan Fund to provide aid to the poor of Honduras. \$500 was given to the "Casa do los Ninos". An orphanage and nutrition center. This will provide care for 30 children for one week. An additional \$500 was donated to the eye clinic where we will be working in March and is enough to fund sight-restoring surgery for 15 people.

Lou and Cozette Scallon and family

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Why do we do what we do?

Have you ever wondered who we do what we do when we celebrate Mass? Or what our Sunday celebration means in the middle of the week?

You'll have an opportunity to get answers to those questions AND much more when you join one of our adult faith sharing groups as we celebrate "The Year of the Eucharist." The Pope has asked Catholics throughout the world to grow in their understanding of the sacrament we celebrate each Sunday. At our parish, we are going to take six weeks to draw closer together as a community of faith by learning about the Eucharist and discussing what it means for us in our daily lives.

Each participant will receive a discussion booklet titled, ***Eucharist: Source and Summit of Life and Mission of the Church***. Since there will be a number of groups in the parish, you can choose the day of the week that works best for you. Sign up will be the weekends of January 29/30 and February 5/6. If you are unable to sign up at these times, you can register by calling the parish office at 233-3092. Groups will begin meeting the week of February 13.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
 For peace in our country! "When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence, I will revive their land." (2Ch7:14)

THERESE, the story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, has opened nationwide and will be shown at the CINEMARK Movies 12 theaters beginning January 14. This motion picture masterpiece beautifully portrays the ordinary life and the extraordinary soul of the Little Flower. Visit www.theresemovie.com for more information about the movie. **Please see THERESE soon and ensure a strong box office, so that the film can expand to even more theaters.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

An additional babysitter is needed from 9:15-11:15AM, Tuesdays, while parents attend 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 (382-6558) or Nannet Horton (292-5486).

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.

Transportation: Occasionally the parish office receives calls asking if we have anyone willing to provide transportation to parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor appointment. Often the person is willing to pay something for this service but they have no contact. If you would be willing to provide occasional transportation, please call the parish Office at 233-3092.

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.





2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Learning a new language can be a real challenge. New words, grammar and sounds can be difficult to master and our first words and sentences might seem strange. With a little practice and lots of help, we can soon carry on basic conversations.

With practice and support, we might even become fluent.

The language of faith is one we must all learn and master. Not only does it allow us to speak about God and the things we believe, but it also teaches us. This living language helps us better understand what our hearts already know-the mysteries of God as they unfold in our lives. St. Paul knows he is an apostle, but the meaning of that will become clearer to him each time he speaks, writes, and endures hardships and trials.

We are all called Christian when we are baptized, yet the meaning of the word will become clearer each time we pray, do good works, give a good example and lead others to faith. It is more than a name; it is a way of life. Its meaning will be known only as we live what we are called.

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

Come join us at a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) as we examine our spirituality, prayer life and apostolic action as a member of community. Weekends are being held at St. Henry's in Marshalltown, January 21-23 and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny on February 4-6 & March 4-6. Brochures are available in the Social Hall Hallway literature rack. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263 for Ankeny and Sharon McCombs at 641-673-8594 or 641-660-3522 for Marshalltown. (A CEW for men will be held February 18-20 in Ankeny).

PRAYER FOR LIFE

A state wide prayer service petitioning for a culture of life followed by an ice cream social with Iowa legislators will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2:00PM on the west steps of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines.

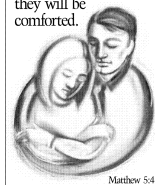
ENGAGING THE CHALLENGES OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACISM—MILITARISM—POVERTY

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

Please remember in your prayers:

BOBBY HANSEN, brother of Fr. Howard; & **JOHN BATES**, father of Gary Bates; who recently passed away. 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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



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

Tuesday, January 18

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Wednesday, January 19

7:00AM: Bobby Hansen

9:00AM: Jim & Penny Sullivan

Thursday, January 20

7:00AM: Camilla Frame

Friday, January 21

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Saturday, January 22

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, January 16

8:00AM: Blair C. Johnson

9:30AM: Raymond and Marie Frank

11:15AM: Roger Newburn

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 16, 2005

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/ Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/ Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/ Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/ Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/ Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23