

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 23, 2005

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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.

**S**tewardship: The watchword today is “immediately”. Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

## 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.

February dates: 6, 20

#### Grades 1-6

**Monday, 6:10-7:30PM**

January 31: Conferences 6-9:00PM (No Class)

February dates: 7, 14, 28

**Wednesday, 4-5:20PM**

February 2: Conferences 6-9:00PM (No Class)

February dates: 9, 16

#### Grades 7 & 8

**Wednesday, 7-8:20PM**

February 2: Conferences 6-9:00PM (No Class)

February dates: 9, 16

### Youth Ministry

#### Grades 9-12

**Sunday, 7-8:30PM**

January dates: 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 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 24.

**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 25.

**Sunday Scripture Study Group:** Meets Tuesday, 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 25.

### 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.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

All parish volunteers are invited

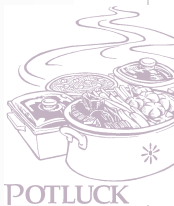
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 7:30PM**

**HOLY GROUND BAND**

Refreshments served

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Sixty Plus Group** will meet Tuesday, January 25, in the Social Hall for a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Former Ames Mayor Larry Curtis will speak on the history and present work of the Ames International Partner City Association. All parishioners 60 years of age or older are invited to attend.



#### Couples Valentine Dinner and Theater

Couples in the parish are invited to a Valentine's Dinner to be held Saturday, February 12, 6:30PM in the Social Hall. The candlelight dinner will be followed by a short theatrical presentation. Call Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 to make reservations. Cost is \$25 per couple.

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

**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](mailto:tdwied@worldnet.att.net)

**A PARISH POTLUCK DINNER** is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage and table service provided. Everyone is welcome to attend. Next potluck: **February 1.**

#### Father Howard's address is:

Fr. Howard Hansen OFM Conv.  
St. Joseph Cupertino Friary  
16386 St. Francis Lane  
Prior Lake, MN 55372

### Interfaith Prayer Service for Tsunami Victims

**Sunday, January 30, 4:00PM**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center**

Soup Supper follows

Free Will offering for Red Cross International accepted.

Families are encouraged to bake cookies to sell at this event to raise money for the victims. Each congregation is asked to provide at least one crockpot of Vegetable soup. Please call the parish office if you can provide soup.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Catholic Schools Week — "Faith in Every Student"

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated January 30 to February 5. Catholic education is one of the great and generous works of the Church. Are they worth the cost? Catholic school students have become leaders of this country, teachers, religious men and women, business entrepreneurs, etc. Catholic schools have had and continue to have a far-reaching impact on shaping the world. Are they worth the cost: Father Andrew Greeley, Sociologist, wrote, "The U. S. Catholic parish is one of the most successful attempts at community formation human ingenuity has ever devised, and the parochial school is the most successful instrument that we have yet developed to link Catholics with their parish community. The money spent on the school is an investment — in present parish community, in present financial contributions, and in the future of the Church. The parish benefits enormously from its school. Moreover, the school is an investment in the future of the church." Heartfelt thanks to all those who help Saint Cecilia School provide the academic excellence and spiritual values that make it special.



**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.

**JANUARY 26: ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM**

**JANUARY 29: FAMILY MASS 5:00PM**

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

### Why do we do what we do?

Have you ever wondered why 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 Religious Education office at 232-3514. 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.

Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul EVERLASTINGLY MORE BEAUTIFUL AND GLORIOUS in heaven. "They who humble themselves shall be exalted..." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (Lk 18:14; 2 Cor 3:18)

## 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

### December Baptisms

**Tate Harold**, son of Vance & Stephanie Downs  
**Mark Libden**, son of Von Mark Cruz & Rocela Papag  
**Troy Michael**, son of Justin & Tami Vasey

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. Baptisms are scheduled for 1:00PM, February 6; and the Easter Vigil and 8:00AM mass Easter Sunday.



### 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

On a weekend retreat for college students, a morning prayer service was held outside just as dawn broke. One of the students admitted that she had never seen a sunrise before. It was spectacular! The reflections that morning were all about how the beauty of dawn made them a thing of creation, new birth, sin and grace, and life and death. Divine artistry flows through nature, teaching us the beauty of God, the power of grace and the glory of goodness.



God teaches us in many ways. When we are open to His word and His wisdom, He fills us with more than we could hope for. At times, the early disciples were more concerned about who taught rather than

what was taught. St. Paul reminds them that Christ is one and not many. However they received the Word did not really matter. The message was much more important than the messenger.

God still teaches us in unexpected and surprising ways. Through people and events we least expect, he reveals Himself, calling us to a greater faith, hope and love. It might be the question of a child, the wisdom of a parent, or a friend's shared thought. However it might happen, listen carefully. Today God will speak to you.

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### MEN, 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, February 18-20. Join us as we examine our spirituality, prayer life and apostolic action as a member of community. Brochures are available in the Social Hall Hallway literature rack. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263

### 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.



**A BIG Thank You** to all parishioners who contributed gifts for the Giving Tree. We have received grateful appreciation for over 800 gifts that were contributed by the parishes of Saint Cecilia and Sts. Peter and Paul of Gilbert to the following:

- Bethany Manor Inc.
- Lutheran Social Service of Iowa
- Riverside Manor
- The Abington on Grand
- Richmond Center
- Youth and Shelter Services
- Saint Cecilia Home Ministry
- Mary Greeley Adolescent Psych Ward

### NAMI-CI Family to Family

The NAMI Family to Family Education program is a free 12 week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illness). The course is taught by trained family members. All instruction and course materials are free for class participants. The class meets on Monday evenings from 7-9:00PM beginning February 7.

The Family to Family curriculum focuses on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, clinical depression, panic disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The course discusses the clinical treatment of these illnesses and teaches the knowledge and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. Contact Jeanette Olson, at 232-8583 or the NAMI-CI office at 292-9400, for more information.



### Saturday, January 22

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, January 23

8:00AM: Blair C. Johnson

9:30AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

11:15AM: Roger Newburn

### Tuesday, January 25

7:00AM: Deceased members of Judge Family

### Wednesday, January 26

7:00AM: Special Intention

9:00AM: Richard Lang

### Thursday, January 27

7:00AM: Margaret Lang

### Friday, January 28

7:00AM: Isabel Pesek

### Saturday, January 29

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

### Sunday, January 30

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Keith Roberts

11:15AM: Henry Harkersee

### 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.

**Catholic Charities:** Individual, marital, and family counseling; confidential assistance with marital problems, depression, stress and other issues. Affordable sliding fee schedule. For an appointment call 296-2759.

### Readings for the Week of January 23, 2005

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

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/ Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/ Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/ Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/ 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a