

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 30, 2005

Fourth 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 5:00PM
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: Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!

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: 30 February dates: 13, 20, 27

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.

TEEN MASS , Sunday February 6, 11:15AM

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/
Youth room. Next Session: January 31.



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: February 1.

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 pre-
sent. Next Session : February 1.

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.

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.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

All parish volunteers are invited

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4, 7:30PM

HOLY GROUND BAND

Refreshments served

MEETINGS/EVENTS

PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, February 1, 6:00PM in the
Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage,
rolls and table service provided.

Please bring a large main dish, salad

or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome to attend.



St. Gerard Circle will meet Thursday, February
3, 7:00PM at the home of Melba Gschneider,
2216 Duff Avenue. The program will be **Finances
for Women** presented by Clark Grinde. If you are
NOT currently a member but would like to attend,
please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.

St. Mary Circle will meet Thursday, February 3,
7:30PM at the home of Carol Greiner, 1609 Jack-
son. Sue Stanton will present a program on The
Holy Land and Connecticut. Non members are
welcome to attend. Please call Priscilla Matt at
232-7688.

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

Sanctity of Human Life Committee will
meet after the 8:00AM mass, Sunday, February
6, in the Parlors.

Couples Valentine Dinner and Theater

Couples in the parish are invited to a Valen-
tine'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 or the Parish Office at 233-3092 to
make reservations. Cost is \$25 per couple.



Sponsored by the
Family Life Committee

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

TODAY IS SIGN UP SUNDAY!

We're doing sign-up today for our six-week program, *Source and Summit*. The program begins the week of February 13.

Are you still not sure if you should participate? There are always times when we're not sure if we should be part of a group but these adult faith-sharing groups give our parish the opportunity to grow closer together in the bond of unity that we celebrate each Sunday.

We have a relationship with Christ through our baptism. When we receive communion we grow closer to Him. Taking time to share our faith about Christ with others helps to encourage one another in the Christian life.

Maybe in these next six weeks someone in our parish will need to hear the words of faith that you will share in a small group to build up their faith. And maybe you will need to hear the words of faith that someone else will speak to you.

Please sign up this weekend or call the Religious Education office at 232-3514. Meeting time options include weekdays or weekends and morning, afternoon or evening. Please have 3 options in mind. You may also choose to meet during Lent, after Easter or next fall.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

At the halfway point of our fiscal year, the Social Concerns Committee has received \$21,320 in donations. Thirty one organizations have benefited from the generosity of the parish. Some of these include Good Neighbor, Emergency Residence Project, the Honduras Project, American Red Cross, MICA, Bethesda Food Pantry, Holy Land and Youth Shelter Services.

...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...



Dear Members of Saint Cecilia Church,
Thank you for sharing such wonderful gifts with our children. Such generous support is a great way to share Christ's love during the Christmas season. God bless your church in 2005.

Dear Fr. Terry,
I want to thank you and the many parishioners of Saint Cecilia for the cards, sympathy and concern after the death of my brother.
Fr. Howard

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS honoring deceased members, will be held Sunday, February 13, at 9:30AM. Please contact Tom Samson, 233-1950 if you have any questions about this or are interested in participating in the honor guard.

L.I.F.T. (Living Information For Today)

Wednesday, February 9, 11:30-1:30PM , The Basil Restaurant

A new social group for widows and widowers is being formed in Ames. There are over 30 chapters throughout the country. This group is meant to help individuals connect with others and their community. There are NO dues, and NO sales pitches. The group is led by a hired director who enjoys planning fun and exciting activities. The only cost is for the activity itself which might include meals, movie outings, overnight trips, picnics, potlucks, etc. Stevens Memorial Chapel is sponsoring the local chapter. Attend on February 9 and check it out.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament BRINGS JOY, PLEASURE AND DELIGHT TO HIS SACRED HEART! " My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Consider joining the Parish Family Life Committee and be part of a small, dynamic group that sponsors activities and events that minister to all ages and stages of families. For more information call Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966.

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

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RECIPES FOR THE PARISH COOKBOOK

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A common theme throughout Scripture is that God chooses the weak, the poor and the lowly to accomplish great things. The qualifications for sainthood are found in the heart, not the social resume. When we say "yes" to God, we become instruments of His grace and power. As St. Paul says, when we are weak, it is then that we are strong.



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As believers, we need to see ourselves as God sees us. Opportunities to serve should not be seen as times to judge ourselves incapable, but rather times to allow God to work through and in us. We might need some guidance and help, but most importantly, we need to trust God. In all that we do for Him, God will provide. The more we need, the more He'll give!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FOCUS YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE DURING THE LENTEN SEASON?

A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) may be just the thing you need. The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. The theme of the weekends is JESUS, You Are The Way. Weekends will be held at our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny, February 4-6 and 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

FREE THROW CONTEST

The Story/Marshall Knights of Columbus annual free throw contest is this Sunday, January 30, 1:00PM at the Nevada Middle School. Doors open at 12:30PM. The contest is open to boys and girls age 10-14 as of January 1, 2005.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

An energy awareness group will meet in the Farwell T. Brown Auditorium in the Public Library, Monday, January 31, 7-9:00PM. A documentary "The End of Suburbia" will be shown and Dr. Michael Kirby will lead a discussion on American life in an energy changing world. Call 232-1459 for more information.

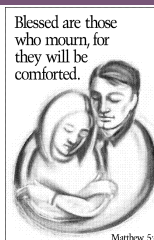
NAMI-CI FAMILY TO FAMILY

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.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Tsunami Victims Sunday, January 30, 4:00PM St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center

Please remember in your prayers:

JOHN RICHARD; CLARENCE BRUCE, father of Bonnie Callahan; **ALMA HORNBY**, mother of Barbara Wilson; **MARIETA RAM**, sister of Adelina Parlade; 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 29

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, January 30

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Keith Roberts

11:15AM: Henry Harkensee

Tuesday, February 1

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, February 2

7:00AM: Communion Service

Thursday, February 3

7:00AM: Communion Service

Friday, February 4

7:00AM: Communion Service

Saturday, February 5

5:00PM: Tom Remmes

Sunday, February 6

8:00AM: Ronald Laws

9:30AM: Eleanor Anderson

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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 30, 2005

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/ Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/ Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/ Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16