

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 6, 2005

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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: In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer our cries for help in time of need.

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

February dates: 7, 14, 28

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

February dates: 9, 16

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

February dates: 9, 16

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

February dates: 13, 20, 27

No class February 6

TEEN MASS ,

Sunday February 6, 11:15AM

Adult Education

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



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 8.

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 : February 8.

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: Santa Cecilia celebrara una misa en Español cada primer y tercer Domingo del mes a las 5:00PM.



FEBRUARY 9

Mass Times: 7:00 & 9:00AM

5:30 & 7:30PM

REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old or older **on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.**

Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means not eating solid foods between meals. It is limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Two additional smaller meals are permitted; however, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tuesday, February 8, 1:30PM in the Parlors. The program will be "Our Lord's Prayer." Please call 233-2853 if you would like to attend and need a ride.

St. Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, February 8, 9:00AM in the Parlors. Lynette Pohlman will tell about the work of Christian Peterson.

Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, February 10, in the South Social Hall. Dinner served at 6:00PM. Call Ingrid Brady at 232-5451 to make a reservation. The program begins at 7:00PM with Bob Hauser leading the group in singing beautiful Eucharistic Hymns. Guests are welcome to attend the program.

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

Couples Valentine Dinner and Theater

Saturday, February 12, 6:30PM

Social Hall - \$25 per couple



Celebrate your marriage with an evening of fine dining and entertainment.

Following dinner, a humorous one act play will be presented by a husband-wife troupe from Minneapolis.

Call Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 by Monday, February 7 to make reservations.

Hunger Awareness Dinner

Sunday February 20, 5:00PM
Saint Cecilia Social Hall
Sponsored by the 9th Grade Class

RESERVATIONS NEEDED

Contact the Religious Education Office at 232-3514
E-mail jlawlor@stceciliaparish.org
Reservation Deadline is February 17

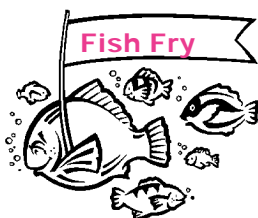
Free Will Donations accepted.
Proceeds will go to Free Suppers at First
to help combat hunger in our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES

February 11, February 25, March 11
Serving 5-7:00PM

Adults: \$6; Ages 4-12: \$4 under 4: free

Meal includes deep fried fish (fried in peanut oil), macaroni and cheese, green beans, baked potato, coleslaw, coffee, punch or milk. Desserts available for a free will offering.



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.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!



Last week many of your fellow parishioners signed up to participate in our adult faith sharing program, Source & Summit, to celebrate the "Year of the Eucharist." We are still able to add people to some of the groups. If you didn't get a chance to fill out a registration card at church, you can call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514 to register. If possible, please call before Tuesday, February 8.

SMALL GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Your small group host for Source & Summit will be calling you this week to welcome you and to give you directions to your meeting place. Expect a phone call in the next week. If you do not receive a phone call, please call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, April 7, 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.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Miracles of the Eucharist is a 30 minute video showing some of the places where Eucharistic miracles have taken place to reveal the enduring power of God's Word. Your whole family will be inspired. Look for this video on the table in the St. Francis Room Library.

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.

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.

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RECIPES FOR THE PARISH COOKBOOK.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll

St. Cecilia School

Kindergarten Round Up: Thursday, February 24, 7:00PM, Adult/Youth Room. **Parents only.** Please bring birth certificate and immunization record.

Preschool Round Up: Thursday, March 3, 7:00PM, Adult/Youth Room. **Parents only.** Please bring birth certificate and immunization record.



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A healthy faith needs a proper balance of reflection, action and knowledge. Isaiah calls Israel to act on behalf of the needy, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the weak and oppressed. Jesus calls his disciples salt and light, things that when used make a difference in people's lives. Understanding what we do and why we do it allows us to use our gifts and talents in the best ways possible.

Our faith can never be passive. Whether in prayer or deed, word or thought, we are deeply connected to each other. We need to act in order to make a difference. The measure of greatness, be it the Church or our nation, is found in how well we treat those who can not fend for themselves. Our respect for life is the fruit of a balanced faith.

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FREE SUPPERS AT FIRST

On December 7, 2004, Saint Cecilia parishioners began preparing and serving meals to those in need every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30PM at the First United Methodist Church, 6th and Kellogg. The cost of food has been approximately \$100 each week but the number being served is increasing each week. Financial assistance is needed to purchase groceries for these meals. Contributions can be made to the Good Samaritan Fund and designated for **Food at First**. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call Cindy Baughman at 292-1340.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Lent begins on February 9 but there is still time to sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) scheduled for February 18-20 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. Remember the story of the prodigal son? Look at yourself as that son and God as the Father waiting with open arms as you come to focus on your relationship with Him. Brochures are available in the Social Hall Hallway literature rack. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263

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. Attend on February 9 and check it out.

AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Do you know the Holy Spirit: Would you like to know him better? Three week seminar to develop and enrich your relationship with the Holy Spirit begins Thursday February 10, 7:00PM for 3 consecutive Thursdays, Prophets & Martyrs room, lower lounge.

Housekeeping Position Available: Weekly cleaning of priests' residences and some laundry. 3-4 hours per week: hours flexible. Contact Fr. Ev Hemann at 292-3810 or ev@iastate.edu.

Please remember in your prayers:

ANNA EVANS 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, February 5

5:00PM: Tom Remmes

Sunday, February 6

8:00AM: Ronald Laws

9:30AM: Eleanor Anderson

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, February 8

7:00AM: Rose Banford

Wednesday, February 9

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

9:00AM: Joseph Gowey

5:30PM: Mike McPeak

7:30PM: Alma Hornby

Thursday, February 10

7:00AM: Harry Foulkes

Friday, February 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

Saturday, February 12

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, February 13

8:00AM: Marie Dennison

9:30AM: Knights of Columbus
deceased members

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Prayer Opportunities

Stations of the Cross: 7:00PM Friday during Lent, Church

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 February 6, 2005

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/ Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ Mt 4:1-11