

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 13, 2005

First Sunday of Lent



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 Sunday: 5:00PM (Primer y Tercer Domingo)

Misa en Español (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. (Contacta la oficina de la parroquia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio).

Baptism

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required. (Para participar en el programa bautismal, por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia. Instrucción para los padres es requerida.)

Sick Calls

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llama a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglo para recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : 292-2759

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 date: 20

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

February dates: 14, 28

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

February date: 16

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

February date: 16

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

February dates: 13, 20, 27

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: February 14.

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 15.

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 15.

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.

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.

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

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.



**EMERGENCY
FOOD SHELF**

Next weekend is our

Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection.

Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf-stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; and disposable diapers. If you make a monetary donation for the meals at First Methodist, please make sure to designate that on your check or envelope. Thank you for your continued generous support.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, February 15, 9:30AM at the home of Eileen Byrnes. Anyone who is interested in making rosaries may 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES

February 25, March 11

Serving 5-7:00PM



Lenten Children's Holy Hour

Adore Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 4-5:00PM in the Chapel

Starts February 13

All Family members welcome

Call Rosemary at 232-5828

www.childrenofhope.org

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RECIPES
FOR THE PARISH COOKBOOK**

Saint Cecilia Preschool-Fall of 2005

Openings for afternoon sessions 12:30-3:15PM

Four-year-olds: half days on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Three-year-olds: half days on Tuesday and Thursday.

Program provides:

- ? ? Unique opportunities to enhance the development of the whole child in a setting which models Christian values and beliefs
- ? ? Child-centered and developmentally appropriate experiences
- ? ? A cooperative and supportive teaching partnership between family and school

To obtain information or registration materials, stop in the school office from 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday.

Deadline is February 18, 2005.

STEWARDSHIP: What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power: Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit with us!

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.

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.



Many thanks to all who helped make this year's Lasagna Supper a huge success. Special thanks goes to the following businesses for their donations of food: Barilla America, Burke Marketing Corp. and Ames McDonald's. Thanks, also to the Girl Scout troops, grades 2-6; the confirmation students; and all parent/family volunteers for their time and hard work.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

All of the faith sharing groups for *Eucharist: Source and Summit of Life and Mission of the Church* begin this week. If you are not sure which group you are in, please check the master list on the Religious Education bulletin board in the church entrance. If you have any questions call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514. Please pray for one another that God may strengthen our community as we share our faith in Christ and one another.

One of the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, identified the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life. It called for "full, conscious and active participation" from those who assemble for worship. Emphasis was given to the community that assembled for worship, the Word of God in the Scriptures, the priest-president, and the consecrated bread and wine. Each was seen as the presence of Christ, with the fullest presence recognized in the Body and Blood of Christ received in Communion.

Throughout the ages, Christians have gathered to celebrate the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection in the Mass. We are nurtured by the whole person of Christ. During this week, consider what it means for you to be strengthened by Christ in your communion with Him. How does receiving the Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday affect what you do on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday morning?

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our Lenten activities the parish will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, a program initiated by Catholic Relief Services. The rice bowls are being distributed as part of the bulletin this weekend. Home calendars may be found in the baskets in the church entrance. The principles of Catholic Social Teaching are the basis of the work of Catholic Relief Services around the world. Each week in addition to highlighting a country a principle of Catholic Social Teaching will be described.

This week's country: Eritrea (East Africa) - Eritrea has endured many years of war and drought. 90% of its land has been stripped of its natural vegetation.

Challenge for the Week: Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every tree you have in your yard.

Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Dignity of the Human Person- All humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions, we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities.

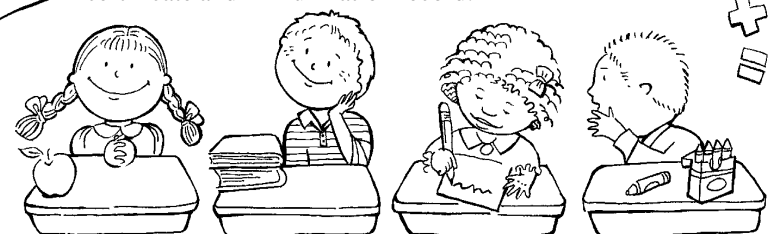
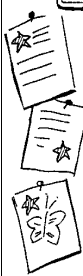


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St. Cecilia School

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.



1st Sunday of Lent

Mirrors don't lie. Whatever we put in front of it comes back to us. A bad suit, a crooked tie, an ugly hat, a bad hair day all come back to confront us. We see ourselves as others see us and then we make a choice. Do we change or not? Do I go as I am or do I improve on what I see.

After all, mirrors don't lie.



Lent is a spiritual mirror. We take a look, seeing ourselves in the reflection of the Gospel. Our sins and failures show like black smudges on a white wall and we are left with a choice: do we change and conform ourselves to the Gospel or do we go on as we are? The Gospel does not lie; it is the Truth by which we are saved and by which we are judged.

Many times we treat Lent with a certain automatic response. We do the same things we did in the past simply because it is Lent. We need to be more practical in our spiritual discipline. Look for the sacrifices, prayers and penance that help you change, and grow in your faith and practice. You'll know you succeeded when you reflect the Gospel.

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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 WOMEN!

Lent began February 9 but there is still time to sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) scheduled for March 4-6 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. Remember the Martha and Mary story? Leave the busyness of Martha behind for a weekend and become like Mary at the feet of Jesus focusing 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Catholic Charities: Individual, marital, and family counseling; confidential assistance with marital problems, depression, stress and other issues.

The Archdiocese is conducting the annual appeal for Catholic Charities. A letter will be mailed to your home asking you to support this worthy cause. You may mail the envelope to Catholic Charities or place it in the collection basket and it will be forwarded to Catholic Charities. Please be as generous as you can.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. -Oprah Winfrey

Love is the greatest refreshment in life. -Pablo Picasso

True love doesn't have a happy ending. True love doesn't HAVE an ending. -Unknown

There are only four questions of value in life, Don Octavio:
What is sacred? Of what is the spirit made? What is worth living for?
And what is worth dying for? The answer to each is the same:
only love. -Johnny Depp in Don Juan de Marco

Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life. -Leo Buscaglia

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 12

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, February 13

8:00AM: Maire Dennison

9:30AM: Knights of Columbus
deceased members

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, February 15

7:00AM: Robert Blessington

Wednesday, February 16

7:00AM: Camilla Frame

9:00AM: Margaret Lang

Thursday, February 17

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Friday, February 18

7:00AM: Marieta Ram

Saturday, February 19

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
Dick McDonald

Sunday, February 20

8:00AM: Jack Gehm

9:30AM: Julia Christy

11:15AM: Mary Lou McGough

Prayer Opportunities

Estaciones de la Cruz: 5:00PM, Viernes

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

Please be
Praying for...

Those in our parish and the
community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2005

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9