

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 20, 2005

Second 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. Instruccion 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 date: 28 --March dates: 7, 14

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

March dates: 2, 9, 30

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

March dates: 2, 9, 30

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

February dates: 20, 27—March dates: 6, 20

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: February 21.

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 22.

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 22.

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.



Stations of the Cross

Lenten Fridays

5:00PM en Español

7:00PM in English

MEETINGS/EVENTS

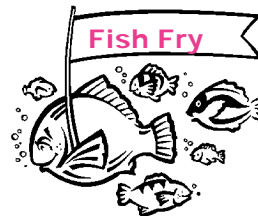
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES

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.



Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, February 22,

in the South Social Hall for a potluck dinner and program.

Please bring your own table service

and a covered dish to share. Beverage provided.

Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Any parishioner age 60 or older is invited.

The program speaker is Kay MacVey from the

American Legion Auxiliary.



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

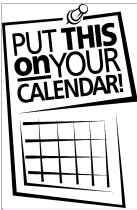
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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparing to Celebrate

Preparation is a large part of our daily life. We take time to get ourselves ready for anything that is important to us. Think of the preparations people make for a job interview, or for a sports game, or for an important party. Cooks often spend time preparing a great meal. The liturgy itself takes seriously the importance of being prepared. We get ready to celebrate the Eucharist with the Introductory Rites. The Opening Hymn unites the worshipping community in praise. The Sign of the Cross, the Greeting, the Sprinkling with Holy Water, or in its place, the Penitential Rite, the Glory to God and the Opening prayer are all designed to prepare us to hear the Word of God.

What preparation have you done during the week to get ready for the Mass? How have you prepared on the way to church? Listening to a religious song or two on the way might help you get ready to celebrate.



Coming Soon
Sister Therese Even SSND
 Presents

“Creative Christian Living”

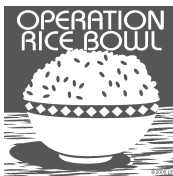
March 6,7, & 8

7:00PM, in the Church

Sister Therese’s sessions deal with the whole person, stressing the need to integrate the spiritual, the emotional, and the psychological aspects of one’s life .

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you did not receive a rice bowl last week-end, please pick one up in the church entrance along with a home calendar.



This week’s country: Ecuador (South America)- 26% of the people in Ecuador do not have adequate sanitation facilities in their homes.

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

Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Community and Participation—Human beings are not only sacred but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

AMES ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET RAISES

MORE THAN \$25,000 FOR NEEDY

Over the holidays, the Ames Area Alternative Gift Market collected more than \$25,000 for projects to help the needy locally and worldwide. The funds were raised at North Grand Mall and at events sponsored by local churches. Saint Cecilia members contributed \$1,600. Approximately \$6,800 was given to seven Ames or Iowa based programs: ACCESS, Bethesda Community Food Pantry, Beyond Welfare, Emergency Residence Project, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Cooperative, Self-Help, and Story County Habitat for Humanity. The national office of Alternative Gifts International also chose Good Neighbor as one of 10 agencies in the country to receive additional support. The Ames market now in its 15th year is one of 300 markets held each year in the U.S. More than \$1,000,000 was raised last year to help non-profit relief and development agencies provide food, shelter, medicine, environmental assistance and other essentials for the needy in more than 20 countries. Alternative Gifts are available year round. Visit www.altgifts.org for more information.

Book Review: *This is My Body*, is the joyful account of author Mike Shea’s discovery of Jesus in the Eucharist. Only 50 pages, this book conveys Mike’s surprise, awe, joy and peace as he grew in his ability to participate at Mass, and gradually formed a very close relationship with Our Lord. It can be found in the St. Francis Room Library on the bookcase by the door.

STEWARDSHIP: “Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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.

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

SCHOLARSHIP

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Madonna #858 will award a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from an area parish. Applicants must be Catholic, have a GPA of 2.5 or more and plan to pursue post-secondary education full-time. Consideration will be given to all relevant information including scholastic record, financial need, extracurricular activities, school and community service, participation in church activities and personal references.

The scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the semester to be used for textbooks or tuition. Applications may be picked up in the Parish Office or the Youth Ministry Office.



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.



2nd Sunday of Lent

High school and college exam days have a different feel than regular class days. There is an intensity about the day that one can feel in the air. Students are more somber, more focused and early for class time. Their grades depend on how well they do and their earnest efforts transform the school's atmosphere.

The Transfiguration is a somber event, giving the Apostles a glimpse of the power of God. Sin and death will be defeated in the battle on the cross. This moment of glory outshines all that God has done thus far, even the transformation of Abram from a simple shepherd to a patriarch, gifted with descendants, land and blessings. This battle will be a conclusive, winner takes all decision, and the apostles will see the glorious power of God as the time of battle draws near.

Grace transfigures souls. It fills us with the power of God to defeat evil in our life, to reach out to those in need and to be disciples of Jesus. Early in Lent, we are reminded that we do not labor nor sacrifice in vain. God's grace will not fail and in the end, His faithful servants will pass the course of life with high honors and glory.

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**GRACE
TRANSFIGURES
SOULS**

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!

A reminder of the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) scheduled for March 4-6 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. **Don't put your need for a deeper relationship with God and community on the back burner this year.** 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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Principal, Sacred Heart School, Boone

A Religious and Academic leader committed to Catholic School Education. A Catholic who is Iowa certified. Send resumes, application and credentials to Rev. Clem Currans, 1111 Marshall St., Boone, IA 50036.

MISSION TRIP

The Scallon Family is again planning to travel to Honduras over spring break. You may support their trip with prayer, monetary donations (make checks to Saint Cecilia and specify "Honduras"), and donations of clothing and shoes for infants and children. Items must be new or look like new. Summer clothing only as the temperature is always hot. Children's vitamins WITH Iron are also needed. Items may be taken to Saint Cecilia School or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
5:00PM: Mabel Hildebrand
(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, February 22

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Wednesday, February 23

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway
9:00AM: John Richard

Thursday, February 24

7:00AM: Richard Lang

Friday, February 25

7:00AM: Anna Evans

Saturday, February 26

5:00PM: Edward & Buelah Lukes

Sunday, February 27

8:00AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty
9:30AM: Keith Roberts
11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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 20, 2005

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42