

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

Passion Sunday, March 20, 2005

HOLY WEEK



RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation: Monday, March 21, 7:30PM

Private: 7:00-8:00PM Tuesday, March 22

LAST SUPPER

Wednesday, March 23, 7:00PM, Church.

A dramatization presented by the Knight of Columbus.



SEDER SUPPER

Thursday, March 24, 5:30PM, in the Social Hall. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist at a Seder meal. All parish family members are invited to attend. There is no charge but contributions are welcome. **To make reservations, call Gary or Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 by March 21.**

Holy Thursday:

Mass

7:30PM

(no morning mass)

Good Friday:

Services

2:00 & 7:30PM

(no morning mass)

Easter Vigil:

Saturday, 7:30PM

(no morning prayer service)

Easter Sunday:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:15AM



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Fr. Terry Rassmussen, Pastor

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. March date: 20.

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

March date: 28. No class March 21.

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

March date: 30. No class March 23.

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

March date: 30. No class March 23.

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

March date: 20. No class March 27.

April dates: 3, 10, 17, 24

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: March 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: March 22.

Sunday Scripture Study Group: Meets Tuesday, 10:15-11:15AM, in the 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 : March 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 Hayes 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.

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

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

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women

Every woman at Saint Cecilia Parish is invited to the SCCCW Salad/Dessert Supper Thursday, March 31, in the Social Hall. Please bring a salad to serve 8. Everything else is furnished. The program speaker, Burr McFarland, will relate his in experiences during World War II on the USS Stephen B. Luce. If you are new to the parish this is an opportunity to socialize with other women of the parish. Bring a friend. Need a ride? Call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets 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.

Sixty Plus Group meets Tuesday, March 22, in the



South Social Hall for a potluck meal and program. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Michale Habing Hansen will present a program on the Story County Foster Grandparent Program.

Ground Breaking and Blessing

On Sunday, April 10, our parish will break ground for the new Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend the ceremony near the main entrance.



Bulletin Advertising

Dick Girman, our sales representative, from Liturgical Publications will be here starting March 29 selling new advertising for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads makes our bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. Advertisements can be purchased for a business or a sponsor advertisement can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as ACCESS or Birthright, etc. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please call Dick at 800-678-4574X280 or call the Parish Office March 29 or 30.

School News

Part-Time Position Available: Preschool Teacher Associate
Hours: 8:00AM—Noon, Monday through Friday

Teacher associate will provide non-instructional and clerical support for the preschool teacher by setting up equipment, preparing materials for instruction, duplicating materials, operating audiovisual equipment, getting snacks ready, stocking supplies, and keeping the classroom in order. The associate will also work outdoors supervising recess when weather allows. Must be able to handle classroom situations with fairness and patience, demonstrate initiative and a willingness to follow a teacher's directions. Must have good writing skills and be able to communicate effectively with students and teacher. Some college training preferred. Must pass a background check.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This is the last week of our parish's participation in Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. We will collect the Rice Bowl envelopes on Easter Sunday and on the first weekend after Easter. Please convert your cash to a check made out to Saint Cecilia/Operation Rice Bowl and place it in the envelope that came with your rice bowl. Envelopes may be placed in one of the large Rice Bowl displays or placed in the collection basket.



This week's country: United States (North America) — 11% of all Americans living in poverty hold full-time jobs.

Challenge for the Week: Give 50 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every wage earner in your family.

Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Solidarity— We are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our communities around the world.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Praying in the Presence of Christ

The celebration of the Mass, the sacrament of the sacrifice of the Cross, makes Christ present to us in a variety of ways: in the assembled faithful, the Word proclaimed, the person of the priest, and especially in the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. Eucharistic devotions, like Adoration or Benediction, allow us to contemplate the presence of Christ, to pray in his presence, and to appreciate the gifts of His great love, the beauty of creation, and the need we have to be nourished by His love and presence.

The relationship of the Mass to Eucharistic devotions reminds us of the primacy of the Mass. The Church asks that our time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament be accompanied by readings from scripture, songs, and prayers, as well as silence. Our contemplation should always direct us back to the fullness of the sacrament, the celebration of the Mass. It is there that the paschal mystery in its fullness always leads us to communion with the Lord.

Don't hesitate to stop in at church for prayer, even if there is no formal devotion scheduled. You can take a moment to pray in silence, read a short passage from the Bible, or open a hymnal and let the words and melody of a hymn run through your mind. All of these are ways of praying in the presence of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP: "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Join the Parish Family Life Committee

and be part of a small, dynamic group that sponsors activities and events that ministers to all ages and stages of families. For more information call Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966.

Meals to New Parents

A parishioner has volunteered to arrange a meal for parish families with new babies. Many parishioners have volunteered their baking/cooking skills and will be called upon for this ministry. If you are not currently on the baking/cooking list and wish to help provide meals, please call the Parish Office (233-3092).

If you, or someone you know, has a new baby please contact the Parish Office so that meal arrangements can be made.

Appalachia Trip Chaperones are needed for the service trip July 30—August 6. Chaperones must be 21 years of age and have a good driving record. The trip will have to be cancelled if additional chaperones are not found. Please contact Joe Lawlor, (232-3514) if you are interested or have questions.

Meals on Wheels program needs substitutes to deliver noon meals to shut-ins once or twice a month. Most needed are subs for weekdays. For more information, call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JIM & LAURIE KEARNEY FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TAKING CARE OF THE SACRISTY LINENS.

SACRED HEART PARISH, BOONE

Full-time position with benefits. Primary duties to include grief ministry for widowed and divorced, Befrienders, visitation of sick and shut-ins; coordinating liturgy committee; training and scheduling of Eucharistic ministers and lectors and coordinating music ministry of the church. Music background preferred. B.A. in theology is required. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Clem Currans, 915 12th St., Boone, IA 50036 or frclm@mchsi.com. Deadline is March 30.

Passion Sunday



Few things in life are as solitary and as personal as suffering. Whether it is physical pain, mental anguish or the exhaustion either can bring, each person who suffers carries it alone. Despite the good intentions of others and their genuine promises of support, no one else can pick up our burden. Our pain and suffering is our own.

Jesus suffers alone. In the Garden, before Pilate, in his scourging and in his judgment, he is alone. Isolated and abandoned, he carries out the mission entrusted to him. He truly bears the weight of the world on his shoulders; yet, instead of shrinking from it, he embraces it. With full faith and confidence in the Father, he silently takes the cross and begins the walk of suffering and death that leads to resurrection and life.

We all suffer, some more than others. When we join our suffering to that of Jesus, we give it a purpose. It may help us see our dependence on God. It might give someone else an opportunity to be of service. We give witness to the power of faith and trust in God. Today's reading of the Passion is more than the story of what Jesus did; it is the invitation to suffer with him, through him and in him.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 19

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, March 20

8:00AM: Margaret Lang

9:30AM: George Rickerl

11:15AM: Catholic Daughters

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, March 22

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Wednesday, March 23

7:00AM: Robert Blessington

Thursday, March 24

7:30PM: Raymond & Marie Frank

Friday, March 25

2:00PM: Good Friday Service

7:30PM: Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 26

7:30PM: Mike McPeak

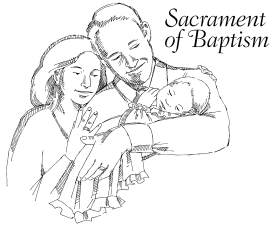
Sunday, March 27

8:00AM: Anna Evans

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Keith Roberts

BAPTISMS



Sacrament of Baptism

Benjamin T., son of Joseph & Jody Baxter

Erin Lynn, daughter of Jason & Jennifer Berg

Sydney Elizabeth, daughter of Rob & Paige Lynch

Josefina Maria, daughter of Gustavo & Maria MacIntosh

Madison Lorene, daughter of Shawn & Tiffany Studer

Madison Marie, daughter of Katie Swank & Eric Hamilton

Jordan Jo, daughter of Chad & Tina Weigel

A NOVENA to the Divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins Good Friday. Novena pamphlets can be picked up in the entry of the Church and Chapel. On Mercy Sunday, April 3, prayers will be held in the Chapel at 3:00PM.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IN AMES

Spring is a time for growth. Attend a weekend designed to strengthen the love between you and your spouse as well as your spirituality. Register now for the Marriage Encounter weekend to be held April 15-17 at the Comfort Suites. Contact Eric and Kris at 515-432-6945 or e-mail kris-seeman@hotmail.com.

RETROUVILLE

Has your marriage become a disappointment to you? Spring and the Easter season are good times for things to change for the better. If both of you want meaningful change in your relationship please consider participating in a Retrouville (Rediscovery) weekend. The next session will start on Friday evening April 15 and end Sunday afternoon April 17, in Dubuque. Please call Dick & Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 for confidential information.

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer. Lenten Children's Holy Hour, 4-5:00PM on Sunday

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

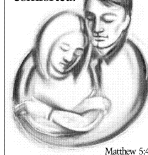


Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:

HOWARD WEBB, & JOHN GREINER 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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Matthew 5:4

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2005

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/

Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/ Gn 22:1-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1/

Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9