

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

April 3, 2005

Second Sunday of Easter



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. (Cualquier horario para una cita)

Marriage (Matrimonio)

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 (Bautismo)

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 (Llamados para enfermos)

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

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 292-2759

Religious Education

for the whole parish family



Ground Breaking for the Gathering Space
Sunday, April 10, 12:30PM
Church Entrance.

Religious Education Classes

Pre-School & Kindergarten meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. April dates: 3, 17

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

April dates: 4, 11, 18

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

April dates: 6, 13, 20

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

April dates: 6, 13, 20

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

April dates: 3, 10, 17, 34

Confirmation will be held at 2:00PM, April 17, at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.

Adult Education

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

Next Session: April 4.

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: April 5.

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 : April 5.

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. Baptisms are scheduled for April 17, 1:00PM and May 22, 9:30AM.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Fr. Terry will celebrate a renewal of marriage vows Sunday, April 10, 3:00PM in the Church. Couples married from 1-50+ years are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

Married Couples: This is a blessed opportunity to renew your commitment and focus on your living sacrament of marriage.

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.



MEETINGS/EVENTS

Prayers for Mercy Sunday, will be held at 3:00PM, April 3 in the Chapel.

Parish Potluck Tuesday, April 5

Come to the Parish Potluck, Tuesday, April 5, 6:00PM in the Adult/Youth room.

Fried chicken, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Families of all ages are encouraged to attend.



A Teaching Mass for the Newly Initiated will be celebrated on Saturday, April 9, 9:30AM in the Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Bereavement Committee will meet Sunday, April 10, 7:00PM in the Rectory Living Room.

Wednesday Morning Play Group 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.



This week is your last chance to turn in recipes for the Parish cookbook.

Please type or print recipes legibly with clear instructions. Proof your recipe carefully. Place your recipes in the drop boxes located in the school, and outside the Chapel and Parish Office doors by **APRIL 11.**

STEWARDSHIP: Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Please convert the coins and cash in your Rice Bowl to a check and place in the collection basket or the Rice Bowl displays in the entrance this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Encounter weekend is like Easter Sunday because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer fuller life together! Register now for the Marriage Encounter weekend to be held April 8-10 in Cedar Rapids, April 15-17 at the Comfort Suites in Ames, or June 3-5 in Dubuque. Contact Eric and Kris at 515-432-6945 or e-mail kris-seeman@hotmail.com to register for the Ames weekend, call Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 for information on the other weekends or visit www.iowa-wwme.org.

LIBRARY UPDATE

A library nook has been created in the Rectory Living Room in anticipation of construction in the Social Center. Go to the Parish Office for assistance in finding the following pamphlet: **Jimmy Akin's Mass Appeal, The ABC's of Worship** is a concise, 32 page pamphlet on the Mass. He loves helping us participate more fully in the richness of the liturgy by telling of its origins and their meanings. He also gives excellent ecumenical guidelines and explanations.

The Year of the Eucharist

A biblical reason for spending one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: JESUS WILL BLESS YOU, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. *"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..."* *"What is needed is trust..."* *"Behold I come to make all things new."* (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev. 21-5).

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

The Appalachia Committee needs help to load a truck with clothing and other items to be sent to Williamsburg, Kentucky, Saturday, April 9, 9:00AM at 2019 Pullman Avenue. This is a service opportunity for the entire family. Young children can help box clothing and older individuals can help load the truck. Call Dan Bahr at 292-6784 if you have any questions.

Saint Cecilia's Home Ministry needs one minister to take Eucharist to our home-bound parishioners. The ministry requires only an hour or two of your time after Sunday Mass once every 8 weeks. It is a very easy, but rewarding ministry. Please give some thought to helping those who need us. Call Julie Haas (232-7138) or the Parish Office 233-3092.

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

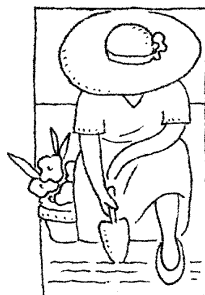
A parishioner has volunteered to arrange a meal for parish families with new babies. Many parishioners have volunteered their baking/cooking skills and will be called upon for this ministry. If you are not currently on the baking/cooking list and wish to help provide meals, please call the Parish Office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

The Bereavement Committee attempts to support parishioners due to illness, death, grief or frailty. Committee members pay visits, send cards and try to show concern for fellow parishioners. If you would like to serve your parish community by becoming a committee member, please call the parish office (233-3092) or Martha Simmons (232-7500). Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month, 7:00PM. The next meeting is April 10, 7:00PM in the Rectory Living Room.

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. Please contact Joe Lawlor, (232-3514) if you are interested or have questions.

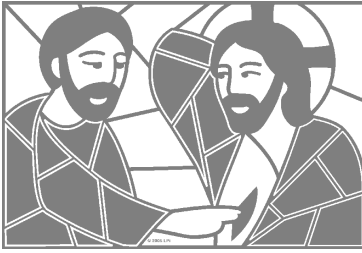
Meals on Wheels program needs substitutes to deliver noon meals to shut-ins once or twice a month. Most needed are subs for weekdays. For more information, call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

Garden & Lawn Care: Construction will begin soon, but one flower bed will remain in front along with the plants along the walls of the link hallway and the Chapel. One new bed could also be added in back near the Chapel entrance. If you can help with the flowers, or would like to adopt an area, please call the parish office (233-3092).



Volunteers are needed to mow the front areas of the Church grounds. A riding mower is provided. Please call the parish office to volunteer your services.

2nd Sunday of Easter



Gift giving is fairly common for Christmas, anniversaries, birthdays and special occasions, so it is not too surprising to receive something on these days. It is the unexpected gifts that catch us off guard, often changing our mood and outlook. The gifts are all the more memorable because they are a surprise. Sometimes they even mean more to us because they are given for no real reason at all. As some folks say, they are

given "just because."

Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. It is an unexpected gift, allowing them to fulfill their mission of preaching the Good News. There are no strings attached. They did not earn it. The Spirit is freely given, filling them with the power and grace of God. By accepting this gift, they are also accepting their role in the mission of Jesus and of the Church.

We receive this same Holy Spirit, first in Baptism and then in Confirmation. We are given the Spirit's gifts, enabling us to live out our baptismal call to be faithful followers of Christ. It is the gift that helps us give witness to faith and lead others to Christ. Easter begins in the silence of an empty tomb, but it finds purpose in the hearts of the faithful, overflowing with the unexpected gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Generations of Faith: A new approach to religious education in the parish. Come and learn about this new process for faith formation, involving all ages.

Attend an informational session on Sunday, April 17 or Tuesday, April 19, 7:00PM in the Church.

COMMUNITY

"Media Violence: How it Affects Us and What We Can Do About It" will be presented by Dr. Craig Anderson on April 4, 8:00PM, in the Sun Room of the ISU Memorial Union. Dr. Anderson is a leading authority on how violence in video games influences children and young adults. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 294-8892.

Congratulations to John & Dorothy Conley on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 2

5:00PM: Tom Remmes

Sunday, April 3

8:00AM: Ronald Laws

9:30AM: Mel Manion

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: (en Español) LaVern Pierce

Tuesday, April 5

7:00AM: Bobby Hansen

Wednesday, April 6

7:00AM: John Greiner

9:00AM: Youth of the Area

Thursday, April 7

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Friday, April 8

7:00AM: Richard Lang

Saturday, April 9

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, April 10

8:00AM: Esther Uthe

9:30AM: John Richard

11:15AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Prayer Opportunities

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

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer.

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:



Matthew 5:4

WINIFRED GASPARD, mother of Anne Schmitt; **JANE WESSELMAN**, mother of Debbie Landuyt; and **GERALD SPRONG**, father of Darwin Sprong, 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.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2005

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35