

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 28, 2007

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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.

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## Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Sunday: 5:00PM Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00AM, Chapel

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

## Sacramental Life

Reconciliation (Reconciliación) English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 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. Instrucción 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 recibir los sacramentos.)

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

## Religious Education

for the whole parish family



### Generations of Faith

February 11: Noon  
February 14: 5:30PM  
February 18: 5:00PM

**Topic: Lent in Word and Symbol**

### Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. February sessions: 4, 18

### Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

#### YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

**Wednesday, February 7, 7:00-8:30PM**, Multi-purpose room. Regular Youth Group.

**Wednesday, February 21. ASH WEDNESDAY**—Youth Group **will not meet.**

**Friday, February 23: WINTER LOCK-IN.** We will be going to Des Moines for roller skating, bowling and prayer service. **Needed:** 6-8 parent volunteers to have a complete overnight. Please visit website for details. Permission slips available in RE office.

**Visit the Webpage** at [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org), go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

**January 28, 7-8:30PM:** Mass & the Bible (Social Hall)

**January 31, 7-8:30PM:** Confirmation Class (Soc. Hall)

**February 4, 10:30AM Mass:** Rite of Covenant (Gr.10)

**February 4, 3:00PM, Super Bowl Party,** A/Y room

**Appalachia Service Trip** applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125. Verbal commitments **not** accepted due to number of expected applications.

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, January 29.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Babysitting provided. Next session: January 30.

**RCIA:** meets Sundays in the Adult/Youth Room following 8:30AM Mass. New inquirers welcome. For more information contact John at 232-3514.

### Baptism

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, February 1, 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 for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092. Baptisms are scheduled at 1:00PM, February 4.

### Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blase, Fr. Nienhaus will bless throats after all Masses next weekend, February 3/4. The blessing will take place in the Narthex.



### Couples Valentine Dinner Saturday, February 10, 6:00PM Social Hall

Make a date now to attend this very special dinner and entertainment. Ticket price of \$20 includes full dinner with 2 entrée choices, dessert, wine and musical entertainment. For reservations, call Gary & Kay Aitchison 296-2966.

### Meetings/Events

**St. Mary Circle** will meet Thursday, February 1, 7:30PM at the home of Carol Greiner, 1609 Jackson Drive. Sally Barclay will present the program "Healthy Eating for Adult Women". Guests are welcome to attend.

**St. Gerard Circle** will meet Thursday, February 1, 7:00PM at the home of Darlene Bovee, 1519 Reagan Drive. Joe Lawlor will present a program on the Appalachia Service Trip. PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF.



**Volunteer Appreciation,** Saturday, February 17, following the 5:00PM Mass. Food served, Music by Sound Track. If you have served Saint Cecilia parish in any way you are cordially invited to attend.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Contact Jenni Mortimer at [mortimer@mchsi.com](mailto:mortimer@mchsi.com) or 296-1858 or Diana Thatcher at [thatchmd@yahoo.com](mailto:thatchmd@yahoo.com) or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.

### Saint Cecilia Ministry Fair

Mark your calendars to join the fun—we are having a Ministry Fair February 3 & 4 after all Masses.

#### Information

Most groups in the parish will have a "booth" with information about their organization or ministry to the parish. Find out where you can fit in.

#### Food

- **Free Soup Supper** served by the Appalachia Youth Group, 6:00PM, Saturday, February 3
- Coffee & Donuts served after Masses on February 4

#### Drawings

Most ministries are providing gifts including, bibles, rosaries, statues, and an Olive Wood Carving. Come find out about all of the wonderful ministries at Saint Cecilia.



## Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 3

Saint Cecilia  
School

### Tuition Assistance Applications Now Available

The Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools are pleased to announce that tuition assistance applications are now available at all local Catholic School offices. The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO)* offers expanded opportunities for qualifying families to afford the Catholic School of their choice. The STO will be awarding over \$1.34 million to families, whose children are enrolled in grades K-12 for the 2007-2008 school year, and whose adjusted gross income is at or below 300% of the federally recognized poverty rate. As an example, a family of four making \$60,000 or less qualifies. The application must be postmarked or electronically submitted by March 1, 2007. All families are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information contact 232-5092.

### Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 11 at 10:30 mass. All scouts (both girls and boys) are encouraged to attend. Scouts should wear their uniform and bring their unit's flag and stand. Assemble in the Social Hall at 10:15. Scouts who are interested in participating in the Mass as servers or readers should contact Mike and Jill Heitzman at 292-1605 by February 6.



### Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

Men is it time to pay attention to your relationship with God? A CEW may be just what you need. Sign up now for a CEW at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny February 16-18. Registration brochures may be found near the East Corridor Bulletin Board. Call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263 if you have questions. A CEW for men will also be held at Henry Church in Marshalltown, February 23-25 (call 641-752-5958).

Let a **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend** help you love grow in your marriage. There are still openings for the February 9-12 weekend in Des Moines. Please register immediately. Call Roger I Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352.

### American Martyrs Retreat House

**February 2-3, *The Joy of Forgiveness*** directed by Saint Cecilia Parishioner, Sandy Hoenig. Registration forms may be found near the east corridor bulletin board.

**February 23-25, *Women's Retreat*** directed by Fr. Jim Starbuck

**March 16-17, *Centering Prayer Lenten Retreat***  
Call 319-266-3543 for information on all retreats.

**Stewardship:** Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Ride to Mass

A parishioner living at The Rose in southwest Ames would like an occasional ride to Mass. If you could provide assistance, please call Joan at the parish office.

### English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Due to the success of the ESL program, more volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary because the students have a high proficiency and merely need some conversational practice. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

### Donation Wanted

If you, or someone you know would like to donate a pick-up truck to Saint Cecilia Parish, please contact Jerry Greving in the Parish Office.

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**Small Faith Sharing Groups** who would like to use The Diocese of Victoria Lenten resource, *Disciples on the Journey* please contact the Religious Education Office. **Persons interested in joining a new small group should also call the RE office at 232-3514.**

### Operation Andrew

On February 20, Fr. Nienhaus will be taking anyone who is interested in the vocation of the priesthood to St. Thomas Aquinas, here in Ames, for an evening of discernment. Catholic males between the ages of 18-45, single and possessing a desire to serve should contact Fr. Niehaus at 233-3092. Take a moment to ask yourself what God is calling you to do with your life.

### Pictorial Directory

Saint Cecilia Parish is planning a new directory. Picture taking will begin in June. Watch for details.

### New Rules for Donations

Cash donations now require specific documentation. All charitable donations of cash must be substantiated with a bank record or written communication from the recipient, regardless of the amount of the donation. Previously, contributions of less than \$250 did not require a receipt or other documentation. Contributions made by check or in a commitment envelope will be acknowledged by statement in January 2008. Contact the parish office if you have questions.

1/28/2007

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 4:21-30

Parents are frustrated. For years, they try to teach their children right from wrong and all of the little lessons life has to offer, only to watch their offspring roll their eyes and say, "Yeah, right." Conversely, children will come home from college and practically repeat back to you all of the wisdom you tried to impart on them years before, only this time it stuck because Professor So-and-So talked about it in sociology class, so it must be true!

Today's Gospel reading from Luke is a perplexing story at first read. Jesus is speaking before the people of his hometown. Luke tells us that "all spoke highly of him and were amazed at (his) gracious words." Yet Jesus almost rebukes them, proclaiming that no prophet is accepted in his home town. In fact, in the days of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, Gentiles seemed to receive greater assistance from God than the Jews. This only caused those listening to angrily march him out of town.

However, perhaps Jesus was giving a first glimpse of his eventual persecution by his own people. He had reached an acceptance of his mission and its consequences. And that mission entailed gathering his flock and imparting upon them his Word. This flock became his family, whose acceptance of him and his teachings transcended their origins (CCC 764). Today, strive to accept the Word. Accept the fact that you are part of that early family, the foundation of the kingdom of heaven.

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## Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

**IV. How Can We Speak About God? - Paragraph 39** Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

## COMMUNITY

### Winter classes offered by NAMI

(National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Central Iowa)

The serious mental illnesses—Manic Depressive Illness, Depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Schizophrenia—affect as many as one out of every four families. The stress in families is especially great during the onset or first episodes of mental illness. Three classes are being offered to help families.

**Family to Family:** for family members of an individual with mental illness. 12 weeks beginning February 12, 7-9:30PM.

**Visions for Tomorrow:** provides basic day-to-day care giving skills. Begins February 12, 6:30-9:00PM in Nevada.

**Peer-to-Peer Education and Recovery:** A unique learning program for people diagnosed with serious mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness. March 6-May 1, 1:30-3:30PM in Ames.

To register or receive more information on any of these classes, call NAMI-CI at 292-9400.

Donald & Opal (Grove) Hadaway will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 9. Cards may be sent to 3909 Queens Avenue, Story City, 50248.



HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 27**

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

**Sunday, January 28**

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Paul & Irene Maggio

5:00PM: Chirs Pasqualetti

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

**Tuesday, January 30**

7:00AM: Don Finnegan

**Wednesday, January 31**

7:00AM: Margaret O'Brien

9:00AM: Deceased Members of the  
Judge Family

**Thursday, February 1**

7:00AM: Magdalen Walsh

**Friday, February 2**

7:00AM: Al Niehoff

**Saturday, February 3**

8:30AM: Harry Svec

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

**Sunday, January 28**

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Bob Best

5:00PM: Gene Finnegan

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

## Prayer Opportunities (Held in the Chapel)

**Scriptural Rosary:** Monday, 7:00AM

**Evening Prayer:** Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The chapel is open for adoration.

**Intercessory Prayer Group:** Sunday, 9-10:00PM

**Rosary:** Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday  
before 7:00AM Mass

**Christians in the Spirit:** Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

**Saturday Morning Prayer:** 7:00AM

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite. St. Faustina, who was declared a saint in 2000, stated "The 3:00 hour is the 'Hour of Great Mercy' for the graces we most need." Everyone is welcome.)

## Readings for the Week of January 28, 2007

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or  
13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,  
11/Lk 5:1-11

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