

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 4, 2007

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

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.

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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, 5:00PM-7:00AM* Meet in the Education Center entrance. We're going to Des Moines for roller skating, Rock-n-Roll bowling and fun. Attendees **must** have attended YIKES at least twice since August. **Parent Chaperones Needed.**

*The Lock-In will end at 1:00AM if there are not enough chaperones. Permission slips (available in RE office) are due by February 21.

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

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

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

February 7, 7-8:30PM: Benediction, Church

February 21, (Grade 10) 7:30PM : Ash Wednesday Mass, Church

February 25, (Grades 9, 11, 12) 7:00-8:30PM, Class—Stations of the Cross and Making Choices

February 28 (Grade 10) 7-8:30PM: Class

Lent begins, February 23. Please begin reflecting on "how can I deepen my spiritual awareness" and "why am I Catholic".

NCYC—Is it for you? Don't miss a chance to witness with 25,000 other Catholic teens—music, workshops, keynote speakers. Columbus, Ohio, November 8-11. \$400.00 includes transportation and lodging. Contact Joe for more information.

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, February 5.

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: February 6.

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

Blessing of Throats

In honor of St. Blase, Fr. Nienhaus will bless throats after all Masses this weekend. The blessing will take place in the Narthex.



Meetings/Events

Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, February 8, 6:00PM in the Adult/Youth room for dinner followed by the business meeting. Each member is asked to bring a religious item to donate to the Gala basket.

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.



Lenten Religious Goods and Book Sale, Friday, February 23, 5-7:00PM and after all Masses, February 24/25. This is an excellent opportunity to invest in spiritual reading material for Lent or purchase gifts for First Eucharist or Confirmation.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup

meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Contact Jenni Mortimer at mortimer@mchsi.com or 296-1858 or Diana Thatcher at thatchmd@yahoo.com or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.

Forum: February 18, 1:00PM, Social Hall

The School Expansion Committee recommends a transitional expansion that would add a class in 2007-08 and in each of the next four years if the need persists. The entire report is available on the parish website www.stceciliaparish.org

An open forum will be conducted February 18, 1:00PM in the Social Hall to share information regarding this proposal and to hear your concerns. If you are unable to attend, you can submit your concerns to Chuck Gilarski, Parish Council President at cgilarski@mchsi.com or contact the parish office at 233-3092.

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 per couple includes full dinner with 2 entrée choices, dessert, wine and musical entertainment.

For reservations, call
Gary & Kay Aitchison
296-2966.

We Love Our Volunteers!!!

Volunteer Appreciation
Saturday, February 17, 6:00PM
Food, and beverage served

Music by Sound Track.

If you have cooked, baked, mowed, moved dirt, trimmed trees, served on a committee, taught, babysat, lectured, sung, served coffee & donuts or funeral lunches, helped decorate, or served the parish in any other way, you are cordially invited to attend.

Sound Track!

GALA Donations Needed

Would you like to help our parish keep costs down without dipping too deeply into your wallet? Would you like to show your support for our school, Religious Education programs, YIKES youth group or our Youth Ministry? Consider donating a gift to the Saint Cecilia Gala. Follow these simple steps. 1. Go shopping. 2. Pick out an item that looks interesting to you: an inexpensive piece of jewelry, a home decoration, a fun toy, anything goes. 3. Take the item to the Religious Education Office by February 8 or call Allison St. Germain (233-6919) to arrange pick-up.

Donations and pledges for the Saint Cecilia Gala auction are being accepted until February 8. Silent Auction gift items in the \$25-\$35 range are in greatest need. With this small donation you can make a BIG impact on our parish educational programs. Thank you for your support.

The Sound of the Lenten Season

With Ash Wednesday only a couple of weeks away (February 21), our Liturgies will soon "speak" of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and of renewal. One of the natural sounds of the Season of Lent is silence. In keeping with the Season of Lent, this year we wish to offer quiet instrumental music during the preparation of the gifts and silence during communion to facilitate deeper individual prayer. Returning our hearts to God, we pray for the strength to serve the world as peacemakers, reconcilers, healers, and cross-bearers.

Ash Wednesday Mass times
7:00AM, 9:00AM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dates
February 23, March 9, March 30
St. Thomas will hold Fish Fries on March 2 & 23.

Charitable Tax Statements have been mailed to those who made donations to Saint Cecilia Parish. If you made a donation and did not receive a statement, please call the parish office.

Stewardship: In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

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.



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.

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.



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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Luke 5:1-11



Father John Caropi is an inspirational priest and public speaker who was called to religious life after nearly destroying his own with materialistic greed and drug addiction. On the evening before his ordination at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope John Paul II, he sat in meditation with his bishop. In what might be called cold feet, Father Caropi asked the bishop why God would call a man such as him to the priesthood. "Because," the bishop replied, "he couldn't find anyone worse!"

Luke tells us today of the story of Jesus sending Simon Peter out to fish where there had been none before. When their nets nearly tore from the weight of the fish they now caught, Simon Peter knew the man before him was from God. He begged Jesus to leave him alone, for he was a sinner. Of course, Jesus would have it no other way. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Christ stands at the very heart of this gathering of people, the "family of God" (CCC 542). In gathering his disciples, Jesus did not seek scholars or politicians or leaders of the temple. He was beginning a family. He sought fishermen and craftsmen and generally very common men whose past didn't matter to him. Nor should ours; today, allow yourself the gift of living with Christ's love.

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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 41: All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures—their truth, their goodness, their beauty—all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their creator."

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 of 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.

Valentine's Day Gathering at Israel Family Hospice House, Wednesday, February 14, 4:30-6:30PM.

Whether this is the first Valentine's Day without the presence of your loved one or the tenth, come spend some time with others in the same circumstance, create a memory box, and enjoy a nutritious snack. Please call 515-956-6038 to register.

Saturday, February 3

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

Sunday, February 4

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Bob Best

5:00PM: Gene Finnegan

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, February 6

7:00AM: Rita Voss

Wednesday, February 7

7:00AM: Barbara Myslinski

Thursday, February 8

7:00AM: Darlene Herndon

Friday, February 9

7:00AM: John & Katherine Milleman

Saturday, February 10

5:00PM: Magdalene Walsh

Sunday, February 11

8:30AM: John & Gladys Konechne

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Meredith Rockroth

(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.)

"Happy the souls who in humble adoration surround the Sacred Monstrance and keep watch with Jesus." Fr. Lucas Etlin, O.S.B.

Readings for the Week of February 4, 2007

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26