

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 18, 2007  
7th 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 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. March sessions: 4 & 18

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

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

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

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

**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 21.** 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 19.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Baby-sitting provided. Next session: February 20.

**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, March 29, 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.

**Ash Wednesday, February 21**  
**Mass Times: 7:00AM, 9:00AM,**  
**5:00PM, 7:00PM**



## Lent begins

**Stations of the Cross —6:00PM, Lenten Fridays**

### Adult Education

**Wednesday, February 28**—*The Mass: What We Do and Why We Do It*, Fr. Heman

**Wednesday, March 21**—*The Light and the Lens—Understanding Scripture and Tradition*, Deacon John McCully

**Wednesday, March 28**—*Living Water: Understanding the Gift of New Life through Baptism*. Fr. Nienhaus

### Full of Grace...Women and the Abundant Life (A Women's Lenten Bible Study)

**What?** An 8 week journey of discovery and transformation as you explore the great call of your femininity: learning about some of the great women saints, including the Blessed Virgin Mary, discovering your great dignity and vocation as a daughter of God and the feminine genius that is yours by virtue of your gender.

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00PM beginning February 28

**Where:** Home of Janine Greenwood, 2407 Lakeside Drive

Cost: Workbook, \$25. Smaller books, \$10.

Pre-register by calling Char VanKerckvoorde, 233-2695 Lynn Lynch, 233-6057 or Janine Greenwood, 232-1359.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, February 19, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, February 20, 9:30AM at the home of Bea Gibbons. Please call 233-1393 if you would like to make rosaries.



**A Parish Potluck** will be held Tuesday, February 20, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Fried chicken, rolls, beverage and table service provided. Please bring a large side dish, salad, or dessert to share.  
**Everyone welcome.**

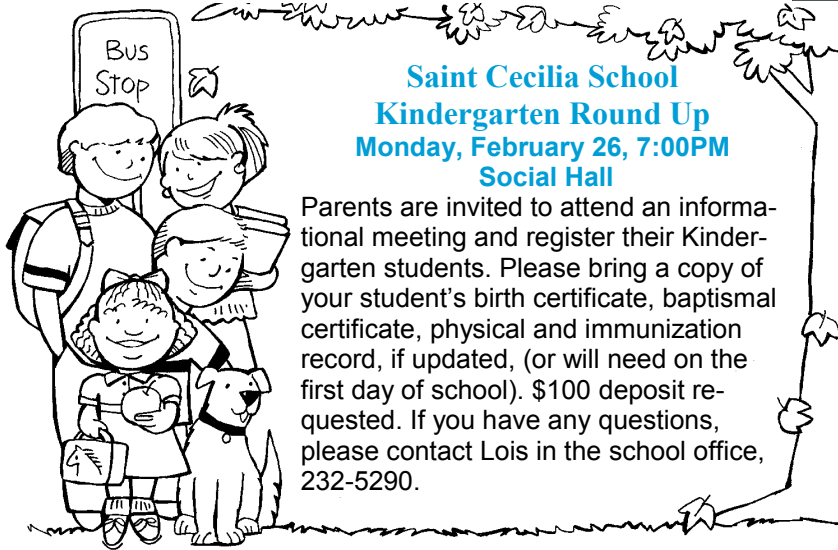
**Lenten Religious Goods and Book Sale**, Friday, February 23, 5-7:00PM and after all Masses, February 24/25. This is an excellent opportunity to invest in spiritual reading material for Lent or purchase gifts for First Eucharist or Confirmation.

*Sponsored by Family Life Committee*



**No School:** February 19-President's Day  
**Wednesday, February 21: 9:00AM-** Ash  
 Wednesday Mass  
**2:15PM:** Early dismissal

**Stewardship:** Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards—"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!



**Saint Cecilia School  
 Kindergarten Round Up  
 Monday, February 26, 7:00PM  
 Social Hall**

Parents are invited to attend an informational meeting and register their Kindergarten students. Please bring a copy of your student's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, physical and immunization record, if updated, (or will need on the first day of school). \$100 deposit requested. If you have any questions, please contact Lois in the school office, 232-5290.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**From the Pastor**

Presentations were made at each Mass February 3/4 in regards to soliciting funds concerning Financial Tuition Assistance for Saint Cecilia School. The availability of funds to help families to send their children to Saint Cecilia School are in short supply. Anyone who would like to contribute to the Tuition Assistance Fund is asked to put their contributions in an envelope marked, Saint Cecilia School Tuition Assistance Fund. Contributions can be put in the weekly collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. We thank you for helping those families who desire to send their children to Saint Cecilia School but lack the funds to do so. Thanks!



*Fr. Ivan Nienhaus*

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

In August, 2006 at the direction of the Parish Council, the School Expansion Committee was established to determine if school expansion is feasible given the current trends in enrollment and class size.

The School Expansion Committee recommends a transitional expansion that would allow another two section kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year and allow another in each of the next four years if the need persists. The entire report is available on the parish website [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org) and a copy is available in the parish office for your review.

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

Fr. Neinhaus,

My wife and I attended Mass at Saint Cecilia last Sunday with my son who attends ISU. I was very happy to hear positive things about your Catholic school. My wife and I received 12 years of excellent Catholic school education in Freeport, Illinois, and my sons received 12 years of outstanding Catholic school education in Onalaska and La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Please apply the donation enclosed to the Saint Cecilia School Tuition Assistance Fund. I hope it can help someone.

Thank you,  
*Name withheld*  
 Onalaska, Wisconsin

**The Sound 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.

Saint Cecilia Spiritual Growth & Liturgy Committee

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
 Friday, February 23, Serving 5:00-7:00PM  
 Social Hall**



**Adults: \$6; Ages 4-12: \$4, under 4: free**

Meal includes deep fried fish (fried in peanut oil), macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked potato, coleslaw, coffee, punch or milk.

Desserts available for a free will donation.

**Other Fish Fry Dates: March 9, March 30  
 St. Thomas will hold Fish Fries on March 2 & 23.**

**One Warm Coat Drive**

Saint Cecilia Girl Scout Troup 46 is collecting used coats, caps and mittens to be donated to Youth and Shelter Services. Please place donated items in the collection box located near the coat racks in the Gathering Space.

**Rita M. Howe Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship will be awarded to a Catholic graduating high school senior within the Marshalltown Deanery who is active in their parish and planning to further their education at a two or four year post secondary institution of the student's choice. This \$500 scholarship has been established in loving memory of Rita M. Howe whose priorities in life were faith, family, and education. She was an active, longtime member of Sacred Heart Church in St. Anthony, Iowa. Application forms are available in the Parish or Religious Education Office. Application deadline is April 15.



## Regulations Regarding Fast & Abstinence

**Abstinence** from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old or older on Ash Wednesday and 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 may not equal one full meal.

## 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 43:** Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; nevertheless it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude", and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."

## 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.

## COMMUNITY

**The Ames Interfaith Council** will hold its annual meeting, a potluck supper, Sunday, February 18, 6:00PM, Collegiate United Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 2622 Lincoln Way. The guest speaker will be Connie Ryan Terrell, executive director of the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. All are welcome. Call Barbara Gwiasda at 232-7582 if you have questions.

**Volunteers Needed** as a companion for a quadriplegic gentleman. Close to DMACC, Boone Campus. Call 515-432-5936 or 733-2759 after 6:00PM.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 17

5:00PM: Michael McPeak

### Sunday, February 18

8:30AM: Sylvester Upah Sr.

10:30AM: Jim Olsson

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 20

7:00AM: Lawrence (Bud) Reilly

### Wednesday, February 21

7:00AM: Robert Ankerstjerne

9:00AM: Bill Clayton

5:00PM: 2nd Grade Prayer Partners

7:00PM: Lawrence Willa

### Thursday, February 22

7:00AM: Shirley Willa

### Friday, February 23

7:00AM: Daniel McGrory

### Saturday, February 24

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, February 25

8:30AM: Paul & Irene Maggio

10:30AM: Melvina Wasel

5:00PM: Anton Utthe

(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. The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.

**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 February 18, 2007

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1  
Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13