

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

March 4, 2007

Second Sunday of Lent



“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

March 4, Noon

March 7, 5:30PM

March 11, 5:00PM

March topic: Lenten Prayer

### 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)

**March 21: Movie Night**—time and flick to be announced, check the website.

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

**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, March 5. No bible study on March 12.

**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: March 6.

**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.



### Stations of the Cross 6:00PM, Lenten Fridays

#### **Adult Education, Social Hall, 7:00PM**

**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

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Catholic Daughters** will meet for dinner in the A/Y room at 6:00PM on March 8. Meeting and program by Jane Graham will follow. All members are urged to bring a religious item for the basket to be donated to the Gala.

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



### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Saint Cecilia

Friday, March 9, 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 St. Cecilia Fish Fry Date: March 30**  
**St. Thomas will hold a Fish Fry on March 23.**

### 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.



## Stations of the Cross

Lent leads us for forty days through the desert with Jesus as He prepares Himself by prayer and penance to give His life for all men. Anything that will help us to understand this, anything that will help us to keep this fact of Christ's suffering and death in mind, anything that will make graphic and clear what Christ suffered for us, any prayer, any devotion that brings home what He did for us, we will pray and practice during this period of penance.

Ideal among all such devotions is the way of the cross. The stations of the cross mark fourteen important points or stopping places on the path Christ plod while carrying His cross through the streets to Calvary. At each point we halt to think, to think of what that station meant to Christ and what it means to us. It is walking with our Lord through the streets of Jerusalem, watching His every move, sympathizing with His every pain, begging His pardon for causing that pain, thanking Him for taking our punishment upon Himself.

Church tradition states that the way of the cross took its rise on that first Good Friday evening, when our Blessed Mother traveled that way of the cross in reverse, as it were. She began at the tomb where they had laid away her Son and retraced every step of that cruel way until she came to the spot where He had been condemned to death. Another tender tradition assures us that after the death of her Son, Mary every day walked the way over which He had carried His cross, actually as long as she remained in Jerusalem, and with her heart when she was away.

We can be sure that our Sorrowful Mother was not alone in this devotion, that many of the apostolic Christians walked that road with her. In fact history attests that crowds flocked from near and far to make this thoughtful pilgrimage along the real road that our Redeemer walked. What arduous journeys they undertook, what hardships they underwent, what dangers they braved, to reach the royal road of redemption winding through the streets of the holy city. What spiritual rewards they must have enjoyed as they lovingly, thoughtfully wended their way in His very footsteps.

In the Middle Ages, however, the holy land fell into the hands of unbelievers, who hated and despised everything Christian. The pious pilgrims could visit the scenes of Christ's suffering only at the risk of their lives. They were molested, robbed, beaten and even killed. But a burning desire to tread that path of tears and torture was still in the hearts of the faithful.

In this extremity, Mother Church decided that we could erect in our churches pictures or plaques representing certain steps on the road to Calvary. By meditating upon them, we can gain the same blessings and arouse the same sentiments as we would were we to walk in the very footsteps of Christ.

Consider participating in the Stations of the Cross which take place at St. Cecilia's Parish at 6:00PM on each Friday during Lent!

- Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

**Stewardship:** Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that HE must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship, and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our Lenten activities, the parish will participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**, a program initiated by Catholic Relief Services. Rice bowls were distributed at Masses last weekend as inserts in the bulletin. If you did not receive a rice bowl, there are extras in the baskets at the back of church. Home calendars (available in English and Spanish) are also in the baskets.



This program is based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. A country and a teaching will be highlighted each week.

### Operation Rice Bowl

**This Week's Country:** Pakistan (Asia) – 52% of elementary school-aged girls in Pakistan are not enrolled in school.

**Challenge of the Week:** Give 50 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every child in your family who attends school.

**Catholic Teaching Principle:** Community and Participation – Human beings are not only sacred but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

### 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.

**Please remember St. Cecilia Parish when planning your estate.**

## Second Sunday of Lent

How do you greet the day? For most of us, the alarm sounds well before the sun is even a hint on the horizon. Perhaps after hitting the snooze button a time or two, we begin the morning rituals and routines without so much as a thought of the day to come. But what if we knew all of the wonderful things that would happen to us during the day? Would we leap out of bed without need of an alarm, anxious to take part in these events?

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Peter, James and John are sleeping after Jesus has taken them up the mountain to pray. Upon their awakening, they find a Jesus whose face has become radiant and his clothes a brilliant white. A cloud surrounds them, and the voice of God tells them to listen to his Son, the chosen one. These men were awakened spiritually.

God wants to reveal his glory to all of us, to awaken spiritually. In order to do this we must immerse ourselves in vocal, meditative, and contemplative prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that if the feelings of our heart are present in our prayers, we will be heard and we will awaken spiritually (CCC 2700). Have you been hitting a snooze button in your relationship with God? Today, rise and speak to God with your heart and allow the glory of heaven to be shown to you.

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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 45:** Man is made to live in communion with God in whom he finds happiness: "When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete" (St. Augustine, *Conf.* 10,28,39: PL 32, 795).

**Pilgrimage to the Jewels of Eastern Europe:** Join Father John Vakulskas on a most inspiring trip to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, including the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. November 5-15, 2007. \$2499 from Omaha. For more information: Fr. John Vakulskas Jr., 609 10th St., Alton, IA 51003. 712-756-4224 or [fjav@earthlink.net](mailto:fjav@earthlink.net)

### St. Patrick's Day Supper

St. Mary Parish, Williams, IA

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Serving from 4:00—6:30PM

Serving beef stew, coleslaw, jello-salad, rolls, dessert, beverage.

Adults: \$6.00; Children 4-12: \$3.00; 3 & under: free

Carryout available. Handicapped accessible.

Everyone welcome!

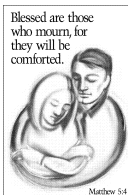
## COMMUNITY

**Volunteers Needed** as a companion for a quadriplegic gentleman.

Close to DMACC, Boone Campus. Call 515-432-5936 or 733-2759 after 6:00PM.

### Please remember in your prayers:

**WINIFRED WILSON**, mother of Martin Wilson, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, March 3

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

### Sunday, March 4

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty

5:00PM: Veronica Ryan

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, March 6

7:00AM: Russell Pop

### Wednesday, March 7

7:00AM: Magdalen Walsh

### Thursday, March 8

7:00AM: Harry Svec

### Friday, March 9

7:00AM: Joseph Gowey

### Saturday, March 10

5:00PM: Don Walsh

### Sunday, March 11

8:30AM: Gregory & Mildred Gundrum

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Intentions of Stevens Family

(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 March 4, 2007

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9