

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

March 11, 2007

Third Sunday of Lent



“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 — 296-2759

Religious Education

for the whole parish family



Generations of Faith

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 session: 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, go to “Middle School Youth Group” for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

March 18: Class Grades 9, 11, 12, 7:00PM-8:30PM, Build a Tomb

March 25: Stations of the Cross

March 28: Confirmation Class, 7:00PM

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 19.** 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 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.



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

Good Samaritan/Food Shelf



Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; laundry detergent; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

St. Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, March 13, 9:00AM in the South Social Hall.

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tuesday, March 13, 1:30PM in the St. Clare room.

Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors will meet for brunch, Sunday, March 18, 11:45AM at Café Shi (now located in Northern Lights). To make a reservation, call Pat at 232-3594 by Saturday, March 17.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup will not meet March 14. Fellowship will resume Wednesday March 21, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room.

Eucharistic Adoration 10th Year Appreciation Soup Supper, March 28 Serving 5:30-6:45PM

Join us for a soup supper to celebrate ten years of adoration before Fr. Nienhaus talk on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00PM. **The meal is free but you must make reservations** by March 22. Contact Pat Mize at patmize@iastate.edu or 232-8661(h), 294-7548(w).

Spring Break: March 12-16
March 19: FSA, 7:00PM, Art Room



Kindergarten News: the Saint Cecilia Parish Council has approved two sections of kindergarten for the 2007-2008 year. To date, we have 35 students enrolled but can accept up to 44. round-up and would like to have your child attend Saint Cecilia School, please contact the school office for registration materials.



Preschool Roundup: Parents, please join us on Monday March 26, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if not baptized at Saint Cecilia) and a \$50 deposit. For more information, please contact the school office at 232-5290. Hope to see you there.



Saint Cecilia Gala—April 28

Excitement is building for the second annual Gala. Catalogs highlighting the auction items will be mailed soon to those who have purchased their tickets. Get yours now! Ticket order forms are available inside the school entrance or by contacting Matt & Diana Thatcher at 292-9511. See you at the Gala.



Open Forum Results

A listing of Questions, Comments & Responses from the February 18, Open Forum Expansion Recommendations is available on the parish website www.stceciliaparish.org Printed copies of the same material are available in the parish office and the church entrance. Thank you to all who participated in the Open Forum.



Baptisms *January/February*

Jagger Lee, son of Nathan & Lindsey Ferrie
Audrey Marie, daughter of Brent & Stacie Francois
Alexandra Charlotte, daughter of Chad & Anne Harswick
Benjamin John, son of Randy and Jill Heimerman
Jamie Marie, daughter of Chris & Andrea Poland
Trayse Robert, son of Megan Sullivan
Allison Katherine, daughter of Todd & Katherine Tjaden
Robert George, son of Steve & Janutenaite Uthe

Stewardship: The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Operation Rice Bowl

If you do not have 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.



Operation Rice Bowl

This Week's Country: Angola (Africa)

– Only 57% of children in Angola under the age of one are immunized against the polio virus.

Challenge of the Week: Give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each member of your family who has received the polio vaccine.

Catholic Teaching Principle: Rights and Responsibilities—We must take responsibility to protect the rights of all people. These rights include the right to life, food, shelter, education, and employment, along with political and cultural rights.

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.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

The hurricanes of 2005 will be remembered as some of the most devastating of all time. Lives were lost and property was destroyed. In the aftermath, much discussion and heated debate was centered on who was responsible for providing help and how quickly that help arrived. But seemingly lost in the discussion was the reality that no one in the path of the terrible storms was spared at least some destruction; how each person prepared for the coming storm made the most difference.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. A man had been waiting three years for the fig tree to bear fruit; when it seemed that the tree would never bloom, the man ordered it cut down. But his worker asked for an opportunity to try and help the tree with some attentive gardening. Each day, we are given a fresh opportunity to bloom, to bear witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Like a barren fig tree, God is waiting for us to bloom. He sent his only Son, the Suffering Servant, to proclaim his love for us. We also know suffering in our lives, whether it be an illness or a devastating storm. But if we are truly united as one with the Body of Christ, we all suffer when only one of us suffers (CCC 791). It is only when we have bloomed that we will be able to show true compassion for those in need.

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 46: When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and end of everything.

Musical Lenten Program Sunday March 25, 7:00PM by Sound Track

During Lent, we are called to prayerfully examine our lives and reflect on our personal journey. It's a time of listening for God's voice in our life and truly heeding His call. In the midst of our stressed and busy world, recognizing God's grace and hearing His gentle voice can be a challenge. An evening with Sound Track will provide a unique, personal opportunity for praise, reflection, and renewal as we listen for God's voice and feel God's touch in music.

Lenten Prayer

Are you adding extra prayers during Lent. Try the Evening Vespers at 5:00PM Monday-Friday in the Chapel. Prayers last 10-15 minutes.

The Scriptural Rosary is said Monday mornings, 7:00AM in the Chapel

Please remember in your prayers:

STEVEN ASJES, brother of David Asjes & **KELLY D. LEE**, brother-in-law of Deacon John McCully, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, March 13

7:00AM: Jim Olsson

Wednesday, March 14

7:00AM: Bunny Richert

Thursday, March 15

7:00AM: Richard DuCharme

Friday, March 16

7:00AM: Kathy Pelzer

Saturday, March 17

5:00PM: Melvina Wasel

Sunday, March 18

8:30AM: John & Gladys Konechne

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Steven Asjes
(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.)

Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414

Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and confidential. www.birthright.org

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2007

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32