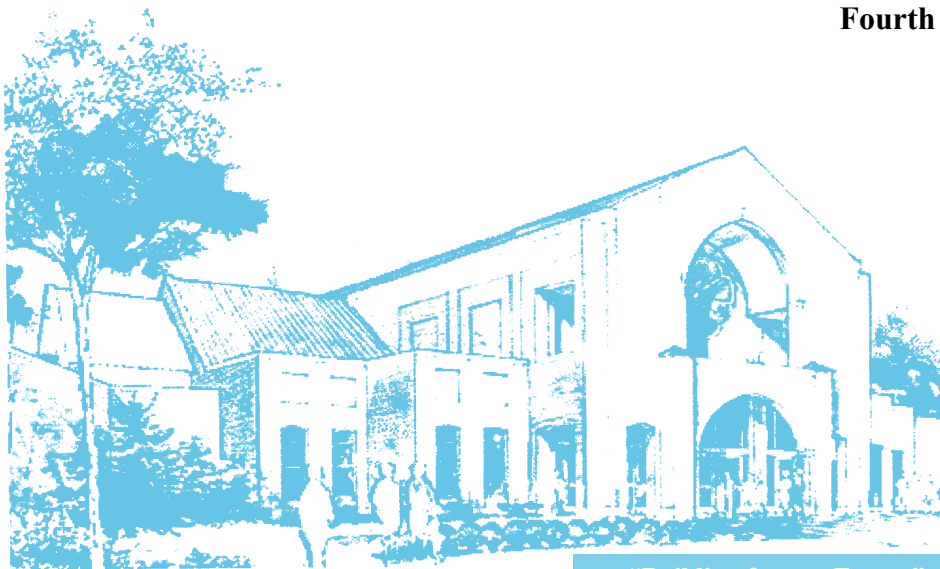


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

March 18, 2007

Fourth 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

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. March 18; April Sessions: 1, 15

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

March 21: Movie Night—time and flick to be announced, check the website. **Please turn in your Gala “Summer fun” items by March 21.**

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

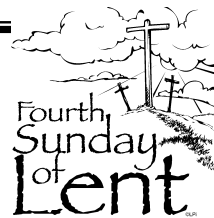
Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Will not meet March 19. **Next session, March 26.**

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. Will not meet March 20. **Next session: March 27.**

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

Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 22, 7:30PM

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30PM

Individual confessions will be heard at the Communal Reconciliation service



Private Confessions will be heard March 30, April 2, 3 & 4 at noon & again at 5:00PM each day until all in line are heard.

A Seder Meal will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 5, 5:30PM in the Social Hall. All members of the parish family are invited to attend—families, singles, seniors. Call Gary or Kay Aitchison (296-2966) by April 1, to make reservations.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, March 18, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room (library). All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, March 20, 9:30AM at the home of Audrey Marley. Please call 233-1394 if you are interested in helping to make rosaries.

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

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 232-8661(h), 294-7548(w) or patmize@iastate.edu



School News

March 19: 7:00PM, FSA, Art Room

March 21: 9:00AM, Mass Grades 3&4

10:30AM, Children's Theatre



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. If you missed kindergarten 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. Ticket order forms are available in the parish office, school office or by calling Matt & Diana Thatcher at 292-9511.

Treat Mom to a day of pampering: She and a friend can enjoy a pedicure and lunch at Ville Day Spa, a movie and a box of delicious Lille Mae Chocolates courtesy of Kris and Scott Roberts.

For Dad, a day out golfing might be just the thing.

Choose from several fabulous golfing packages. One includes four rounds at Coldwater Golf Links and a \$100 gift certificate to Dublin Bay or Wallaby's, courtesy of Cally and John Jennett and Coldwater Golf Links.

For children of all ages, the Gala catalog offers toys and experiences galore. Check out the awesome playhouse donated by Generations of Faith classes. It's made of dry erase board for hours of creative fun.

Theology of the Body Kickoff, Friday, March 30, 7:00PM in the A/Y room. Presenters Jennifer Settle & Stephan Tatz invite you to glimpse Pope John Paul II's revolutionary *Theology of the Body*. Real life and real theology come together in this liberating message of hope for every person. Adults married, single in college, retired and anywhere in between are welcome to attend. An in-depth study and discussion series will begin April 30.



Lenten Music by SoundTrack
Saint Cecilia Church
Sunday March 25, 7:00-8:15PM

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 SoundTrack 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.

Stewardship: The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal son who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

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.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in the Ames area on the first Thursday of the month. Time commitment is about one hour per month. For more information, call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

Men & Women discussion group **LEADERS** are being sought for the interfaith discussion to take place here at Saint Cecilia April 21 & 22, 1:00-3:00PM in the Social Hall. For more information, contact Jane Graham at 382-4186 or Sue Stanton at ssl1720@msn.com.

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.

Bulletin Advertising

Don Schlichte, our sales representative from Liturgical Publications, will be working on selling new advertising for our bulletin **March 19-22, & 26-29**. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads makes our bulletin possible.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like Birthright, ACCESS, etc. If you are interested, know of someone who may be, or want more information, call the parish office at 233-3092 and ask to speak to Don Schlichte.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Many parents of older teenagers are no doubt sitting in the pews of their parishes today without their children by their side. There are a host of reasons, but all too frequently the kids have argued that they are "bored" or they don't get anything out of going to Mass. We worry; will they turn their backs on God forever? How will God ever forgive them for doing such a thing?

The parable of the prodigal son, from today's Gospel reading from Luke, illustrates to us that no matter the sin, no matter the time away, God will always welcome us into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus even went so far as to illustrate that the father in the parable didn't wait for his son to beg for forgiveness; instead, he ran to greet him and began a great celebration of his return. God's love is patient and forgiving.

The prodigal son illustrated what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches as Jesus' call to interior conversion and penance (CCC 1430-32). In other words, unless our hardened hearts are softened with the acceptance that we have been given the strength to renew our belief in God, outward signs of penance will be meaningless. The light and love of the Lord in your heart will remove the darkness of sin if only you let it. Turn to God, and God will greet you sooner than you expect!

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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 47: The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from his works, by the natural light of human reason. **Paragraph 48:** We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of his creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery. **Paragraph 49:** "Without the Creator, the creature vanishes". This is the reason why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know him or who reject him.

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.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Liturgy & Music Coordinator needed. Individual works with Worship Commission to develop policy and coordinate all aspects of parish liturgies, including training and scheduling of all ministers. Must be practicing Catholic with Master's degree in appropriate area. Proficiency in vocal, keyboard or instrumental music. Send resume to: Rev. Everett Hemann, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014-7184 (515-292-3810).

Communal Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas

March 29: 7:00PM & April 3, 7:00PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, March 20

7:00AM: Winifred Wilson

Wednesday, March 21

7:00AM: Daniel McGrory

9:00AM: Veronica Ryan

Thursday, March 22

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

Friday, March 23

7:00AM: Sylvester Upah Sr.

Saturday, March 24

5:00PM: Anton Uthe

Sunday, March 25

8:30AM: Magdalene Walsh

10:30AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

(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.)

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Requests remain on the list for six weeks

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2007

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11