

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

March 25, 2007

Fifth 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 times: 5:00PM, Saturday; 8:30 & 10:30AM Sunday



**Stations of the Cross,
6:00PM, March 30**

Adult Education, Social Hall, 7:00PM

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

Communal Reconciliation

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.

The Last Supper - A living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting will be presented Wednesday, April 4, 7:30PM in the Church. Listen to the Apostles as they reflect on the burden Jesus has just shared with them.

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.**



Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Pre-school

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

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00-8:30PM, Regular Youth Group. Multi-purpose room. All Middle Schoolers welcome.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00-8:30PM: Meet in the Multi-purpose room. Top Secret Special Activity. Come join us.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

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 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. 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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Wednesday, April 4, 7:30PM, K of C Last Supper Presentation

Thursday, April 5, 5:00PM: Seder Supper

7:30PM: Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 6, 2:00PM: Stations of the Cross/ Communion

7:30PM: Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday April 7, 12:30PM: Blessing of Easter Food

7:30PM: Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday Mass Times: 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Misa en Español: 5:00PM, Chapel

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Fundraiser Breakfast

Served after the 8:30 & 10:30AM
this weekend.

Proceeds help defray costs of the
Appalachia Youth Service Trip
Free will donation

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST



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 25.** Contact Pat Mize at 232-8661(h), 294-7548(w) or patmize@iastate.edu



Sixty Plus Group will meet for a Pot-luck Dinner and program on Tuesday, March 27, in the South Social Hall. Plan to eat by 12:15PM. Please bring your own table service and a pot-luck dish to share. Beverage provided. A speaker from Heartland Senior Center will present the program.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Contact Jenni Mortimer a296-1858 starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or thatchmd@yahoo.com. All are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday, March 30, 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.



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.

School News

Wednesday, March 28, 9:00AM:

Grades 1 & 5, Mass in Chapel



Kindergarten News: the Saint Cecilia Parish Council has approved two sections of kindergarten for the 2007-2008 year. To date, we have 38 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

Tickets order forms available in the parish office, school office, by calling Matt or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or visit stcamesgala.org.

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.

An Interfaith Event

The Catholic community of Saint Cecilia in Ames extends an invitation to all members of the Abrahamic traditions for **Kitchen Table Talk**, an interfaith event focusing on ideas and traditions that bind us together in faith. Discussion will focus on common ideas that exist for all faiths. Refreshments served. Register by April 10.

Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00PM: For Women Only

Saturday, April 22, 1:00-3:00PM: For Men Only

Both sessions will be held in the North Social Hall

If you have questions or wish to make reservations, please contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762 or send email to merton420@hotmail.com.



*Lenten Music by SoundTrack
Saint Cecilia Church Narthex
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: In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

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 Niger (Africa) – 41% of the people living in Niger do not have access to improved drinking water resources.

Challenge of the Week: Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for each drink of water you have today.

Catholic Teaching Principle: Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers—The ability to work to earn a living is right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

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.



Girl Scout Troop 46 would like to thank you for your generous donations to our recent coat drive. More than 350 coats were delivered to Youth and Shelter Services. YSS stands ready to provide a coat to any child or parent in need when cold weather returns.

Bulletin Advertising

Don Schlichte, our sales representative from Liturgical Publications, will be working on selling new advertising for our bulletin **March 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

A newspaper writer filed a report about a particularly violent event he had heard about in a foreign country. He convinced his editors that the story was worthy of the front page along with the headline "Where's the outrage?" He was distraught that more people weren't as upset about this event; what he failed to realize was that the same event takes place on the streets of our cities every day with little or no sign of stopping. Where is his outrage here?

Today's Gospel reading from John carries two admonitions from Jesus. A woman is brought before him, charged with a crime punishable by stoning according to Jewish law. Having her fate in his hands, Jesus first tells the scribes and Pharisees to carry out their punishment only if they are free from sin themselves, which they could not do. Secondly, he admonishes the woman to end her sinful ways, for only she can turn her life around.

The Catechism of the Church clearly states that there is no offense, no matter how serious the sin, that Christ cannot forgive (CCC 981). This, of course, is only possible if our penance is true and honest. Even the scribes and the Pharisees were honest in the self-admission that they had sinned. Today, give thanks to God for the gift of forgiveness, which gives us all hope for everlasting freedom.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation. Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's VBS: Avalanche Ranch, the week of June 11-15. Registration begins the weekend of April 14th. We are in the planning process and are searching for volunteers to help make this year's program another great success. Please contact Heather Currans at hcurrens@mchsi.com or 233-2690 to inquire about available positions.



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 24

5:00PM: Anton Utte

Sunday, March 25

8:30AM: Magdalene Walsh
10:30AM: Raymond & Marie Frank
5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, March 27

7:00AM: Edna Fischenick

Wednesday, March 28

7:00AM: Marta de Pedraza
9:00AM: Harold Cooper

Thursday, March 29

7:00AM: Al Niehoff

Friday, March 30

7:00AM: Harry Svec

Saturday, March 31

5:00PM: Palmer & Rozella Holden

Sunday, April 1

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30AM: Paul & Judy Maggio
5:00PM: Julie Welden
(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 25, 2007

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56
or 23:1-49