

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

April 22, 2007
Third Sunday of Easter



“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. (Contacte 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 llame a la oficina de la parroquia. Instrucciones para los padres se requere)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para una cita y ecibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 296-2759

Religious Education for the whole parish family



Generations of Faith

Sunday, May 6: Noon
Wednesday, May 9: 5:30PM
NO MEETING: May 13
May Topic: Confirmation

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. May dates: 6, 20

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

April 29: Grades 9, 11 & 12, Class, 6:30-8:30PM

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.

Graduation Mass and Brunch: Sunday, May 6. Seniors, please RSVP to the Religious Education Office by April 30.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: April 23.

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: April 24.

RCIA: Those interested in learning about the process of becoming Catholic are invited to meet with the RCIA team Wednesday, May 2, 7:30PM, in the music room. For more information contact John at 232-3514.

Baptism

Our next preparation session is Thursday, June 7, 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.

Last Chance: Take nominations for Parish Council or Board of Education to the parish office by Tuesday, April 24. Confirmed Catholic members of Saint Cecilia Parish may be nominated.



MEETINGS/EVENTS

PARISH BREAKFAST Sunday, April 22

Serving after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses
Egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit, beverages
Proceeds go toward 5th grade class trip to Omaha



Renewal of Marriage Vows

Married Couples—Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to focus on your marriage by renewing your marriage vows. Fr. Nienhaus will preside at this special ceremony, this Sunday, April 22, 2:00PM in the Church.
Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, April 24, at noon, in the South Social Hall for a pot-luck meal and program. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Prime Time Readers will present *The Ad-Dressing of Cat*

Parish Pot-luck Dinner, Thursday, April 26, 6:00PM. Fried chicken, rolls and beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a large side dish, salad or dessert to share. All parishioners are invited but those new to our parish are especially encouraged to attend.



DINNER

Theology of the Body Series begins, Monday April 30, 7:00PM Social Hall. 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 Monday, May 7; Wednesday, May 16; and Monday, May 21.
Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Committee
And the Regnum Christi Group

New Discussion Group

The Holy Father's encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* will be the topic of discussion Friday mornings at 10:00AM in the St. Francis room beginning April 27. The sessions will last 4 or 5 weeks. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

An informational meeting will be held Sunday, April 29, 3:30-4:30PM in the St. Clare Room to learn more about a Catholic Women's Bible Study, *Full of Grace* from *Living His Life Abundantly* by Johnette Benkovic. The actual sessions will last 8 weeks and begin in June or July. For more information call Janine Greenwood, 232-1359, Lynn Lynch 233-6057 or Char Van Kerckvoorde, at 233-2695. To reach the St. Clare room, use the drive on the South Side of the Church and look for the St. Clare room sign on the garage.

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

Parish Cook Books make great gifts.

Special Pricing

1 for \$15, 2 for \$25 or 3 for \$30
Available in the Parish Office



School News

Wednesday, April 25: 9:00AM, Mass
Grades 3&4



Saint Cecilia Preschool

Morning sessions are filled for the 2007-2008 school year but if there is sufficient interest, an afternoon session (12:30-3:30PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday) could be added.

The Saint Cecilia Preschool features an extra 1/2 hour of school, access to the day school library and librarian, and quality music, art and PE instruction from the day school. The Saint Cecilia School mission is: In partnership with families, Saint Cecilia School will create a Catholic Christian community that will stimulate individual academic excellence promoting cultural and spiritual awareness in a disciplined safe environment.

Knights of Columbus

Pennies for Heaven Fundraiser, April 21/22

This weekend The Saint Cecilia Knights will hold their annual Pennies for Heaven fundraising campaign. All monies received for this campaign are donated to Vocations. Please drop your loose change into the wooden Pennies for Heaven cross in the Narthex. Paper money also accepted. Thank you for your generous offering for our Vocations.

TV-TURNOFF WEEK

Why turn off the TV? Television cuts into family time, harms our children's ability to read and succeed in school, and contributes to unhealthy lifestyles and obesity. On average, children in the U.S. will spend more time in front of the television (1,023) hours than in school this year. Forty percent of Americans frequently or always watch television during dinner. For more information www.tvturnoff.org/week.htm

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

Please check the usher's room for:

- Dishes left behind from parish events
- Lost and Found items

Church Directory



Photograph Sign-Up

We are doing a pictorial directory to build a stronger sense of community among all our members, create a tool for telling people about our ministries, and to celebrate our church. We will begin scheduling appointments next weekend for photography beginning on June 12. There is no cost to the Church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory just for participating. In one trip, you will be photographed, choose your directory pose and have the opportunity to purchase additional professional portraits. **BRING YOUR CALENDAR** and sign up next weekend. Our directory won't be complete without you.

Earn a 20% discount on your entire purchase by volunteering as a host/hostess for a photography session (most shifts are 2 hours).

Stewardship: In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters".

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Funeral Lunch Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed to help set-up and/or serve lunches held after funerals in our parish. This is a very worthwhile service to fellow parishioners. Volunteers need not work at every lunch. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) to volunteer.

April is Good Neighbor Awareness Month

April is a month when, thanks to nicer weather and longer days, many individuals begin to spruce up the outside of their homes and start to spend time outside chatting with their neighbors. It's also the month when many families breathe a sigh of relief that warmer weather has arrived which means they don't have to turn up the heat in the house. Good Neighbor Assistance provides utility, rent and food assistance every week of the year to an average of 41 families each month. Thanks to the support of its 23 member organization and the contributions of people like you, Good Neighbor was able to give out \$112,000 in assistance last year. You can make a major difference in the lives of your neighbors in Story County.

Due to a computer glitch, the following names were left off of the Floral Memorial Listing. Please accept our apologies.

In Memory/Honor of:

Jamie Farris
Ray & Dorothy Weber
Louis & Elizabeth Wedeking
Nick & Francis Weber
Karl & Rose Meinhard
Glen & Ruby Farris

By Diane, Scott & Mallery Farris

In Memory/Honor of:

Marcelino Reyna
Aurelia Reyna
Larry Fisher
Tom & Margaret Fisher
Shelby & Veronica Fisher

By Angela Fisher

From the Pastor:

My compliments to the Parishioners of Saint Cecilia who participated in our Holy Week Services. The beauty of the Liturgies and the prayer of the people made an uplifting Holy Week. We would be remiss if we did not also thank the Knights of Columbus for the Last Supper drama on Wednesday evening along with the Seder Supper sponsored by the Family Life Committee on Holy Thursday. If you have never participated in either of these events I would strongly suggest that you might do so in the future. The music and Easter decorations, as usual were tastefully done. May we continue to celebrate the joyful mysteries of Christ's resurrection throughout the 50 days of Easter. God Bless You!

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus



Third Sunday of Easter

For years, I battled with rabbits in my backyard. They seemed to find it a particularly comfortable place to live; lots of tasty plants on which to munch and plenty of space to dig burrows for new little bunnies. No matter how many holes in my fence that I blocked, they found another way in. It was then that I realized God doesn't give up on me; no matter how I try to block him out at times, he always finds another way in to my heart!

Jesus has appeared again after the Resurrection, this time to Peter, Thomas, and three other disciples as they fished rather unsuccessfully. Again, they did not recognize him until he told them to fish from the other side of the boat. This reminded Peter of his first meeting with Jesus, and he now recognized him. Jesus then offers Peter three chances to declare his love for him, redemption for Peter's three denials on the day of the crucifixion.

When Jesus offered Peter three chances to declare his love for him, he demonstrated the power and effects of the sacrament of reconciliation. We are taught that those who receive this sacrament with an open and contrite heart and religious disposition will receive peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation (CCC 1468). No matter how many times you may have turned from God, you will always be allowed to turn back!

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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, ARTICLE I

THE REVELATION OF GOD, II. THE STAGES OF REVELATION

In the beginning God makes Himself known PARAGRAPH 54:

"God who creates and conserves all things by his Word, provided men with constant evidence of himself in created realities. And furthermore, wishing to open up the way to heavenly salvation, he manifested himself to our first parents from the very beginning." He invited them to intimate communion with himself and clothed them with resplendent grace and justice.

Community

Good Neighbor Fund Raiser

**Food & Fun: Spaghetti Dinner & Dancing,
Sunday, April 29, 5:30PM,
Bethesda Lutheran Church.**

Free will donations accepted. Proceeds will go to provide emergency food assistance to residents of Story County through Good Neighbor Assistance (Healthy Food Voucher Program). Lonna Nachigal will be the caller for the featured dancers, the Porch Stompers. Bring the family, have some fun and do some dancing!



Please remember in your prayers:

GEORGE LEMANCZYK, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 21

5:00PM: Harold Cooper

Sunday, April 22

8:30AM: Stanus & Lena Martin

10:30AM: Melvina Wasel

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, April 24

7:00AM: Bob Best

Wednesday, April 25

7:00AM: David Schubert

9:00AM: George Lemanczyk

Thursday, April 26

7:00AM: Magdalene Walsh

Friday, April 27

7:00AM: Monte Streit/HyVee

Saturday, April 28

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Sunday, April 29

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: John & Gladys Konechne

5:00PM: Gladys Wheelock

(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)

Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414

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

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: steciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Requests remain on the list for six weeks

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2007

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30