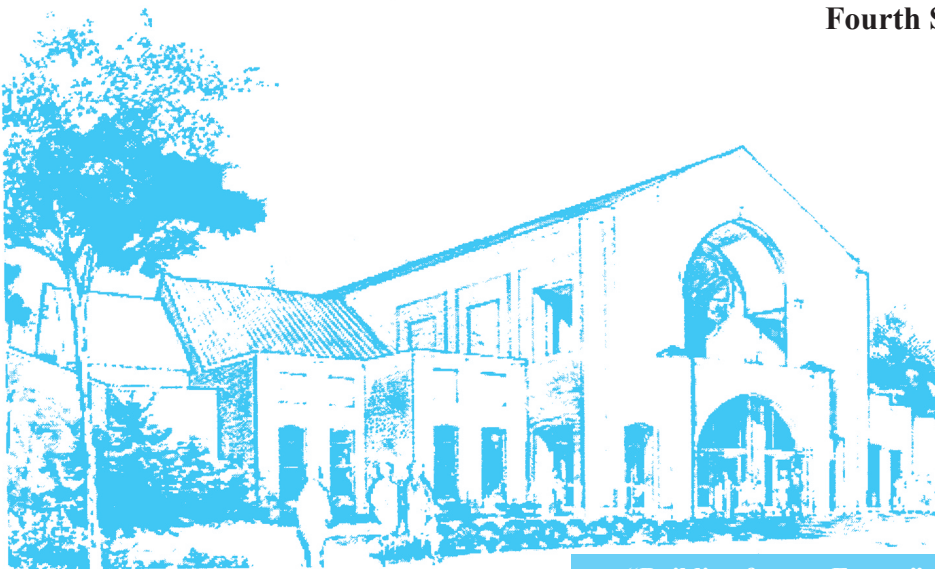


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

April 29, 2007

Fourth Sunday of Easter



“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. (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)

**Wednesday, May 2: 7:00-8:30PM**, Multi-purpose Room. WELCOME FIFTH GRADERS. Join us for the fun of Regular Youth Group PLUS ice cream sundaes to welcome the soon-to-be sixth graders!

**Wednesday, May 16: 7:00-8:30PM**, location TBA. END OF THE YEAR PARTY. Come celebrate the end of YIKES school year activities. Stay tuned for summer fun.....A special THANK YOU to the families who contributed items for the GALA basket. It's awesome!

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

**April 29: Grades 9, 11 & 12**, Final Class for the season, 7:00-8:30PM, Parish Clean-up.

**Wednesday, May 2**, 7:00-8:30PM, Benediction (Music & Topic). These are mandatory for 9th Grade. All other grades are welcome.

**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 30.

**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: May 1.

**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 Class

Thursday, June 7, 6:30-9:00PM in the A/Y Room.

## Blessing of Religious Articles

May 5 & 6

The blessing will take place in the Gathering Space after all Masses.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**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*

**St. Gerard Circle** will meet Thursday, May 3, 7:00PM at the home of Nancy Besch. The program, Prayer Service to Our Blessed Mother, will be presented by Bob Hauser and Carolyn Konechne. If you are not a member but would like to attend, please contact Jolene Johnson at 232-1294.

**St. Mary Circle** will meet for Mass at 7:00AM, Thursday, May 3, followed by breakfast at Stonebrooke Club House, hosted by JoAnn Brown, Bonnie Germann and Teresa Dwyer. Please wear a hat.

### 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. 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 [stark-mortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:stark-mortimer@yahoo.com) or 296-1858 or Diana Thatcher at [thatchmd@yahoo.com](mailto:thatchmd@yahoo.com) or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.

## Saint Cecilia Vacation Bible School

**Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word  
for ages 4-10**

**June 11-15, 9:00AM-11:30AM**

Registrations accepted until May 11 at the Religious Education Office or by contacting Heather Currans at 233-2690 or [hccurrans@mchsi.com](mailto:hccurrans@mchsi.com)

## 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, May 2:** 9:00AM, All School Mass followed my May Crowning



## 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.

**Stewardship:** Paul and Barnabus encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### VBS Volunteers Needed

Youth assistants are needed for Crafts, Childcare and Crew. An adult assistant is needed for crafts and an adult leader is needed for decorations. Call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514 or contact Heather Currans at [chcurrans@mchsi.com](mailto:chcurrans@mchsi.com) or 233-2690 to offer your assistance. Adults or youth ages 10 and older may volunteer.



### 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.

### 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.

### First Eucharist Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
Through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you. Amen

**Coffee and donuts will not be served this weekend as the social hall is set for the First Eucharist reception.**

## Church Directory



## Photograph Sign-Up

Sign-ups for directory photography take place **this weekend** and again **May 5/6** in the Narthex. Photography begins 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. The sale of portraits funds the directory. Please sign up today.

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

**Congratulations** to the 27 couples who participated in the parish renewal of marriage vows on Sunday, April 22. Couples married 50 or 25 years were recognized in a special way at the ceremony.

### Be a Good Neighbor

For hundreds of Story county families every year, difficult decisions have to be made. Do I pay the utility bill or put food on the table? Do I give the landlord a check, or do I take my children for their annual check-up. In times of great need, Good Neighbor —and good neighbors make the difference.

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance is a cooperative, non-profit agency supported by 23 Story County faith communities and service organizations, including ours. These funds allow Good Neighbor to assist individuals and families so their utilities can stay on, they are not evicted, or they have healthy food to eat. While the support of the member organizations is vital, the support of individuals like you makes up an even greater portion of Good Neighbor's budget. Please consider making a one-time or regular contributions to the work of Good Neighbor.



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Have you ever purchased an item advertised to last for many years, only to find that it came with a very limited warranty? Almost assuredly the item will fall apart shortly after the warranty has expired. The reality is that the manufacturer has sacrificed quality in hopes of getting another sale down the road. Instead, the manufacturer has probably sacrificed the trust of a customer, who may look elsewhere for something better.

Today's Gospel reading from John is what one could consider an unlimited warranty from God. Jesus makes the firm, unequivocal statement regarding his believers: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." What a beautiful promise, and all that is asked of us is to love one another, be good, and give thanks to God. How much easier could it be?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the teachings of Jesus fulfill the promises made since the time of Abraham, and are brought together in the Beatitudes (CCC 1716). Jesus doesn't just promise the kingdom of heaven to the righteous; he guarantees it to those who are poor in spirit, sad for the wrongs of the world, gentle in nature, hungry for righteousness, merciful to the helpless, pure in heart, peaceful, and persecuted for their faith. Where do you find yourself in relation to God's promise?

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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:

This revelation was not broken off by our first parents' sin. "After the fall, [God] buoyed them up with the hope of salvation, by promising redemption; and he has never ceased to show his solicitude for the human race. For he wishes to give eternal life to all those who seek salvation by patience and well-doing."

## Community

### ACCESS –Volunteer Training

32 hour Advocate training held May 12, 13, 19, 20; 9:00AM-5:00PM

Must be 18 years of age. Volunteers are needed to provide coverage at the shelter, answer the Crisis Line, help with children's activities, assist with office work and more. For more information or to get a volunteer application visit: [www.assaultcarecenter.org](http://www.assaultcarecenter.org) or contact Nikki at 292-0500.



### New Rocking Chair

The Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women recently purchased a wooden rocker. It is in the new ushers room located off of the northeast corner of the Gathering Space. Those needing a place to nurse or rock a fussing child are welcome to use it.

## Please remember in your prayers:

**DANIEL ROSS**, brother of Barbara Gillette 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 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)

### Tuesday, May 1

7:00AM: Earl & Helen Crow

### Wednesday, May 2

7:00AM: Julie Weldon  
9:00AM: Michael Weldon

### Thursday, May 3

7:00AM: Dave & Patricia Maher

### Friday, May 4

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

### Saturday, May 5

8:30AM: St. Mary Circle  
5:00PM: Paul & Irene Maggio

### Sunday, May 6

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer  
10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners  
5:00PM: The Hispanic Community  
(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](http://www.birthright.org)

## Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: [stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com)

Requests remain on the list for six weeks

## Readings for the Week of April 29, 2007

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35