

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 13, 2008

Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM
Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM
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Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday,
7:00AM, Chapel

Reconciliation (Reconciliación)

English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment.

(Cualquier horario para una cita)

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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.

Adult Education Series

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00PM

Social Hall

*20 Questions About Marriage
in the
21st Century*

1. How did it all begin?
2. Why get married today?
3. What are the Church and state requirements?
4. How has marriage changed since the garden of Eden?
5. How is society's view in tune or out of tune?
6. Marriage as a vocation ?
7. What is the Church's view on same-sex marriage?
8. What did Jesus say about marriage?
9. AND MORE!!!

Presented by Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Preschool & Kindergarten

Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during the 10:30AM Mass. January date, 20.

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM— January class dates: 14, 21.

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — January class dates: 16, 23.

Middle School Youth

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM — January date: 16

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

9th Grade Class: January 23, 7:00-8:15PM, Social Hall. Please remember to bring your *Catholic Faith Handbook* to class.

For Youth Ministry information please visit the new website www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth

RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, January 31, 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.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: January 14.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Next session: January 15.

Adult Education Series

January 16: *Marriage*, Gary & Kay Aitchison
January 30: *Lent*, Sr. Christine Feagan, O.P.
March 5: *Triduum*, Fr. Everett Hemann
April 16: *Vocations*, Fr. David Schatz



Decorations will be taken down after the 10:30AM Mass this weekend.

All help will be appreciated!

From the Pastor:

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Starting January 22, two Daily Masses will be celebrated each Tuesday through Friday in the Burke Memorial Chapel. Fr. Richmond Dzekoe, a graduate student at Iowa State University has agreed to say the Morning Mass at 7:00 a.m. I will be saying the Afternoon Mass at 5:15 p.m. Very few parishes in the Archdiocese provide two Daily Masses. We hope that the people of Ames will take advantage of this spiritual opportunity.

God Bless You!
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.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, January 15, 9:30AM at the home of Audrey Marley. Anyone wishing to make rosaries may call 233-1393.

Saint Cecilia Widow, Widowers & Single Seniors will meet for lunch January 20, 11:45 AM at Valentinos Restaurant. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is January 16. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or sjryan2@isunet.net. All are welcome to attend.

Marshalltown Deanery

Council of Catholic Women will meet Thursday, January 17, at St. Mary's Church in Marshalltown beginning with Mass at 8:45AM. Gloria DeBower will speak on Family Literacy. Contact Ingrid Brady at 232-5451 if you are interested in attending.

Vocations

Next Weekend, January 19/20, Fr. David Schatz, Director of Vocation Awareness, will be preaching at all Masses. Recognizing that God calls us to a particular vocation through our faith communities, he will be asking each of us to consider and encourage our young people between the ages of 17-40 toward a priestly or religious vocation. We will be using the CALLED BY NAME program to assist us in your invitation. Please pray for vocations.

Lenten Small Groups: if you are interested in joining a small prayer and discussion group for Lent, **please contact John Hayes this week** at jhayes@stceciliaparish.org or 232-3514, so that materials may be ordered.

School News

Wednesday, January 16: End of 2nd Quarter

Thursday, January 17: 9:00AM Para-liturg,
Grades 1 & 2

Friday, January 18: No School—staff development

Thursday, January 24: 9:00AM Mass, grades 4 & 5

Catholic Schools Week

Please join the families and children of Saint Cecilia School as they celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Lasagna Supper

Saturday January 26

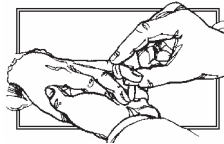
Serving 5:00-7:00PM

School Multi-Purpose Room

\$20 /Family or \$6/ adult \$4/child

“To-go” containers available

Married Couples



What Have You Done For Your Marriage Today?

For tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit
www.foryourmarriage.org

Renew, Refresh, Revitalize your Marriage attend

Relight the Flame,

Sunday, February 17

For more information and to register, contact Gary
and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or
gaitchsi@iastate.edu

Valentine Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 6:00PM

Saint Cecilia Social Hall—\$25 per couple

Contact Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or
gaitchis@iastate.edu



Memory Tree

Ornaments may be
picked up in the Narthex
this weekend and January
12/13.

Community Development & Communication

Recommit

We belong to a community of abundant talent and resources. How do we encourage, invite and empower people, eager to bring their “finest gifts” to the table at Saint Cecilia. In the next six months we will be phasing in the launch of our community’s leadership “commissions” which will become the unifying, visioning and facilitating tools for our existing committees, activities, building, and organizations. We welcome your participation and enthusiasm.

Renew

Rebuild

To receive information about Saint Cecilia by e-mail, please send an e-mail request to kpiconi@msn.com (Karen Kerns) or jfeyerer@mchsi.com (John Feyerer).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Meals on Wheels Help Needed

A volunteer is needed to deliver noon meals to Ames area shut-ins on the first Friday of the month. Time commitment is about one hour per month. For information, please contact Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Youth Trips Available

Acquire the Fire: February 22-23, Des Moines
Registration due: January 19 (10 Worship Hours).

Appalachia: July 27-August 2, Kentucky
Registration due before January 30 (10 Worship Hours)

Youth Group Assistance

Stipends are available for any fun-loving young adults willing to help out with our high school youth group. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Anna Steele at asteel@stceciliaparish.org if you're interested.

Thank You for your generosity to Saint Cecilia Parish during the Christmas season. Many churches rely on their Christmas collections to catch up to keep current with budgets. But, thanks to the generosity of our community, we have jumped ahead in our contributions, which will empower us to meet and provide for the exciting changes ahead.

Periods	Contributions	Building	Christmas
12/10-12/16	\$26,223	\$23,899	
12/17-12/23	\$25,715	\$88,541	
12/24-12/30	\$27,707	\$67,756	\$40,118
12/31-1/6	\$22,641	\$13,181	\$103

Baptism of the Lord

Try to imagine the powerful scene in the River Jordan. John, who had been preaching of the coming of the Savior, was now face to face with Jesus. With the knowledge of the mission of Christ, John could scarcely look at him, let alone serve as the one who would baptize him with the waters of salvation and new life. With a calming voice, Jesus said to John, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Most powerful in this statement is the word "us."

In our Baptism, we are sealed with eternal life. Within our baptismal promises, we not only die to sin but also promise to remain faithful to God our entire lives, which includes professing our faith to any and all other persons with whom we come in contact (CCC 1270). This could be as simple as a hand held during prayer, or a bag of bread delivered to a shelter. It is up to us.

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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 3 SACRED SCRIPTURE

II Inspiration and Truth of Sacred Scripture Paragraph 105: *God is the author of Sacred Scripture.* "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."

"For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."

CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)

Are you looking for a way to focus your spiritual life during the Lenten Season that begins February 6? A Christian Experience Weekend may be just the thing you need. The 2008 weekends are being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny, January 25-27 for women and February 8-10 for men. Brochures available in the East Social Hall Corridor. Call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Please join Fr. Nienhaus for a special presentation of his **Seven Day Pilgrimage to Catholic Poland** **January 17, 7:30-8:30PM, St. Martin Room**

Pilgrimage dates: May 5-12 with an optional post-tour excursion to Prague, Czech Republic, May 12-16. The trip is inclusive from Des Moines for only \$2499 per person based on double occupancy with 6 nights at the 4 star Hotel Atrium in Krakow. Breakfast and dinner included on a daily basis as well as site seeing and many other extras. Contact Fr. Nienhaus at 233-3069 or Sandi Austin at Sail Aweigh Travel, 233-5203 or sandi@sailaweigh.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 12

5:00PM: Susan Mullaly & Marie Putz

Sunday, January 13

8:30AM: Ann & Homer Evans

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Mary Camp
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, January 15

7:00AM: Stephen Asjes

Wednesday, January 16

7:00AM: Jo Newell

Thursday, January 17

7:00AM: Frank Pershern

Friday, January 18

7:00AM: Fran Livingston

Saturday, January 19

5:00PM: Simon Langel

Sunday, January 20

8:30AM: Mildred & Gregory Gundrum

10:30AM: Ann Wiltgen

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)

Birthright,

108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414
Free Pregnancy tests & counseling

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: steciliapraychain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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