



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

GIFT CARDS

Make it Count Twice!
Please consider purchasing gift cards through our Saint Cecilia SCRIP program. Request SCRIP from the School Office.

ENTERTAINMENT

Meals, meat, desserts, coffees, cocktail dinners, home-cooked meals, tickets to a show, theme parties, entertaining items, bar furniture, grills, stemware

HOME COMFORTS

Handmade/handcrafted creations, home technology (ipods, stereos, televisions), photography, personalized art, mowing, cleaning, scrapbooking items

RECREATION

Golf packages and equipment, sporting tickets, sports lessons (swimming, tennis, golf), fan packages for your favorite school, indoor & outdoor games

GREAT GETAWAYS

Trips, hotels, manicures, pedicures, massages, hair treatments, car maintenance, gas cards, mall and store gift cards

GALA WISH LIST

Silent Auction

Pledges needed by February 29

Please join us in supporting our School and Religious Education programs. We need your help to gather items for the big event. These items are listed in the left column. One goal for this year is to group items into more enticing packages so that we auction fewer items with more value. Consider getting together with groups of friends or businesses to build packages. To pledge or deliver a Silent Auction item, please contact Marcie Niegsch "Nix" at mniegsch@mac.com, or 515.451.1238.

Saint Cecilia Gala April 19th

Gateway Hotel
& Conference Center
www.stcamesgala.org
Tickets: jdirks@iastate.edu

3RD ANNUAL SAINT CECILIA GALA

Sharing Our
GIFTS from GOD



January 20, 2008
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
& 5:00 PM. Misa en Español
(Burke Memorial Chapel)

Tuesday thru Friday
7:00AM, 5:15PM Chapel

Holyday

Check the bulletin

Reconciliation *(Reconciliación)*

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
and by appointment
cualquier horario para una cita

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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 date: 21.

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

Middle School Youth

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM — Next Class February, 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.

Sunday, February 3: Rite of Covenant at 10:30AM Mass, Afternoon retreat with Sponsors for Confirmation candidates.

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 21.

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 22.

Adult Education Series

January 30: *Lent*, Sr. Christine Feagan, O.P.

March 5: *Triduum*, Fr. Everett Hemann

April 16: *Vocations*, Fr. David Schatz



Visit our website
www.stceciliaparish.org



New Saint Cecilia Painting

Special thanks to Jane Baty for painting and donating the watercolor of Saint Cecilia Church. The original watercolor (20 1/2 X 28 1/2) is hanging in the entrance to the parish office.

From the Pastor:



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

Parish Breakfast This Weekend after 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses

Hosted by Knights of Columbus &
Sanctity of Life Committee

The breakfast is meant to highlight the various activities that commemorate **Right to Life Weekend**. The proceeds from the Free Will donation will be directed towards the purchase and installation of a *Right-to-Life* memorial at Ames Municipal Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

Sixty Plus Group will meet in the South Social Hall, Tuesday, January 22, for a pot luck meal. Plan to eat at Noon. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Karen Hansen will present a program on *The Newest Travel Information*.

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, January 21, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Potluck, Tuesday, February 5, 6:00PM. Mark your calendar.

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.

Day of Penance for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, January 22, has been designated as a Day of Penance for an end to abortions by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. In observation of this date, we encourage parishioners to participate in the **Scriptural Rosary before the 7:00AM Mass** and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. **At 3:00PM the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in the Chapel** and the church bells will be rung 48 times in remembrance of the 48+ million unborn infant lives that have been taken by surgical abortion since 1973. **Mass in honor of the Sanctity of Life will be celebrated at 5:15PM in the Chapel.** The Scriptural Pro-Life Rosary will also be recited Monday, January 21, 7:30PM in the Chapel.

School News

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

Education Center Multi-Purpose Room
Homemade Lasagna, bread sticks,
salad –fresh fruit, cookies & bars
\$20 /Family or \$6/ adult \$4/child
“To-go” containers available



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



The Parish expresses gratitude for the planning, hours contributed and the sharing of talents that resulted in our Christmas celebrations. A whole hearted thank you to the spirited volunteers who helped decorate and/or undecorate the church: Gary & Kay Aitchison; Tracy Bloomquist; Samanta & Mark Bortle; Michael Briselde; Katlin Clancy; JoAnne & Randy Dalhoff; Ed & Mary Fawkes; John & Mary Feyerer; Craig Fink; Joel & Steven Fox; Mark & Matthew Gannon; Sue Griffith; Larry Gross; Sadie Grover; Patrick Grover; Bill, John, Julie & Kindra Haas; Ian Herrman; Hurd family; Larry Jackson & Val Hinz; Andrzej, Elizabeth, Jacek & Ryzard, Koziel; Dick & Donita McCoy; David Mewald; Carrie Meyers and family; Michael Misra, Bud, Conner, & Kayne Montang; Ron Rasmussen; Dan Rajewski; Stacy & Jon Ryan & family; Sevde family; Tim Simodynes; Bekah, Christine, Rachel & Rose Stammer; Sue Stanton; Mary Stritzel; Pete & Elaine Tekippe; Dianna Weber; Joan Wilson; Stephen Wilson. Please accept our apologies for any names that were omitted. We would also like to thank Larry Jackson for providing straw, and to Kayne Montang, Brett Hanson, Devon DuCharme, Ron Rasmussen and John Feyerer for Friday assistance. Special thanks to Susan Vernon for directing the Christmas Family Liturgy play.

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

Do You Feel Called to be a Deacon?

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. Everyone, including wives, are invited to attend an “information meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 7:00PM, St. Henry Parish, Marshalltown. No reservation needed.

Youth Trips Available

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



Appalachia Service Trip Meeting, Wednesday, January 30, 6:00-7:00PM in the A/Y Room. Application forms can be picked up in the Religious Education Office or at the meeting. Completed forms and deposit are due January 30. A parent needs to attend the meeting with the participant unless the forms are completed prior to the meeting. Questions? Call Cindy Baughman at 290-5555.

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 asteele@stceciliaparish.org if you’re interested.

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

Sunday, February 3, 1:00PM, Saint Cecilia Education Center
Open & free to all area students in grades 4-7. Entry form, word lists, and additional information are available at:
www.stceciliaparish.org/amesmkocspelling.html
Registrations due by January 30.

Your Financial Stewardship

Period	General	Building Fund
1/7-1/13	\$ 18,622	\$15,033



Annual Giving Statements

Giving statements are being processed. Please review your statement and call the parish office at 233-3092 if you have any questions. For your convenience, automatic contributions can be set up or changed by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your generosity to Saint Cecilia Parish.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever said hello to someone you thought you recognized, only realizing too late that this was a complete stranger? Or, as in the case of my daughter, sat down next to a familiar face on a train, reminiscing and trying to make small talk, only to find out that the person only looked like your best friend's boyfriend? All too often, we feel we know someone, when in reality they are perfect strangers.

John the Baptist's excitement in today's Gospel reading from John can hardly be contained. "Behold!" he shouts excitedly to all who would hear. "The Lamb of God!" he exclaims. John also says, "I did not know him?" This is not to be taken literally; of course John knew Jesus, but until the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, John did not truly know him as the long-awaited Savior, the paschal lamb who would shed his own blood for our sins.

We know of Jesus, but how do we "know Jesus?" Through our baptism we are made one with Jesus, but to really know him we must go down to the water with him, fully immerse ourselves in the cleansing waters of new life and be reborn with the Holy Spirit (CCC 537). Walk with Jesus; talk with him. Fulfill the righteousness he spoke of, and never be afraid to speak of his unending love for each and every one of 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 106: God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in the task, made full use of their own faculties, and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written and no more."

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.

St. Thomas Aquinas

As part of St. Thomas Aquinas 60th Anniversary Celebration, you are invited to hear Ralph Martin, host of weekly television program, *The Choices We Face*, author of several books, President of Renewal Ministries and on staff at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

Wisdom of the Mystic Saints

Tuesday, January 29, 8:00PM
Sun Room, ISU Memorial Union

The Holy Spirit of Evangelization

Wednesday, January 30, 7:15PM
St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Prayer Rally for Life Tuesday, January 22, 11:00AM on the West steps of the Capitol. The purpose of the rally is to pray for the reversal of the Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in the United States.



We, the Challenge Girls of Saint Cecilia Parish, would like to thank everyone who has donated time and money for our missionary trip to Nuevo

Durango, Mexico this coming March to help us rebuild the church and hurricane shelter.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, January 22

7:00AM: Leanore Voss

5:15PM: Sanctity of Life

Wednesday, January 23

7:00AM: Stanus & Lena Martin

5:15PM: Magdalene Walsh

Thursday, January 24

7:00AM: George Balliet

9:00AM: Albert Siepker

5:15PM: George Uthe

Friday, January 25

7:00AM: Special Intention

5:15PM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, January 26

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, January 27

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:00PM: Joe Buboltz

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)

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: steciliapayerchain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2008

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8* or Ti 1:1-5*/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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