

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

Passion Sunday, March 16, 2008

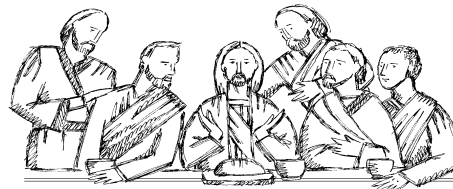
Private Confessions will be heard March 16, 17, 18 & 19 at noon and again at 7:30PM each day until all in line are heard.



The All Parish Seder Supper

will be held on Holy Thursday, March 20, 5:30PM in the Social Hall. All ages are invited to attend. There is no charge for the meal but donations are suggested. The meal will end in time to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM. Please make

reservations by March 17. Call 296-2966 or e-mail gaitchis@iastate.edu



The Last Supper

An hour of drama and reflection

Join the Knights of Columbus for a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting —The Last Supper. The performance will be presented in the Narthex, Wednesday, March 19, 8:00PM. Listen to the Apostles as they reflect on the burden Jesus has just shared with them.

"One of you will betray me."

Traditional Easter Food Blessing

This year Saint Cecilia will again be participating in the Eastern European tradition of blessing the foods to be used on Easter morning. Generally, these foods consisted of bread, eggs, butter, salt, pepper, sausages, cheese, wine, pastries, etc. This blessing will be held in the Chapel, 12:30PM, Saturday, March 22.

Holy Thursday

7:30PM: Mass

(no morning or afternoon Mass)

Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

2:00PM: Stations of the Cross/Communion

7:30PM: Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday

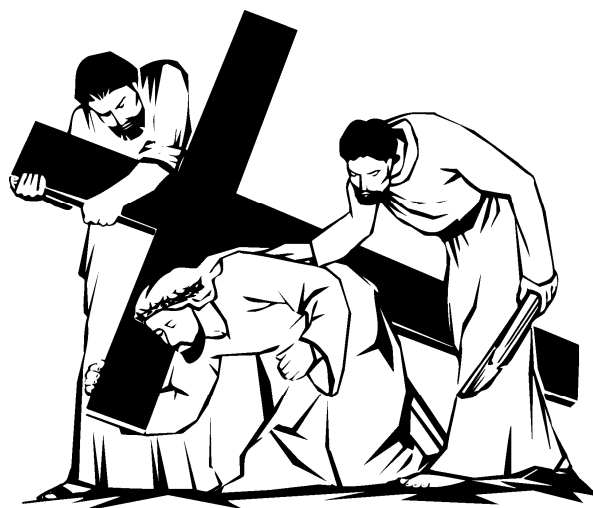
12:30PM Blessing of Easter Food

7:30PM: Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday Mass Times

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Misa en Espanol: 5:00PM, Chapel



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Parish Office Closed for Easter

The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Monday, March 24.

Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from noon, Thursday, March 20, until 7:00AM, Tuesday, March 25.

Easter Sunday is March 23

Why is Easter so early this year?

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why Easter moves around on the Roman calendar. The earliest date Easter can be is March 22. The next time Easter will be March 23, is 2228 and it will not be on March 22 until the year 2285.

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. March date: 16.

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM— March class dates: 24, 31.

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — March class date: 26.

Middle School Youth

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM —Next class, April 2

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: March 26, 7-8:15PM, Social Hall.

CONFIRMATION: March 30, 5-7:30PM, A/Y Room.

Junior/Senior Faith-Sharing Bible Study: meets at 9:30AM every Sunday during Lent.

Theology of the Body: for girls, Thursdays, 7:30PM.

GLORY: March 19, Last Supper Presentation, 7-9PM

Steubenville Conference date has changed. New weekend is July 18-20 in Rochester, Minnesota. Same awesome conference, just a different location. There are plenty of spots available. Contact Anna.

Lenten Mini-Retreat: "Come wait at the tomb!" Meet at 6:00PM for Stations of the Cross. Retreat ends at Midnight. We will attend Good Friday Liturgy at 7:30PM together. Please sign up by March 19. 5 Worship Hours. No fee!

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, April 3, 6:30-9:00PM in the A/Y 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

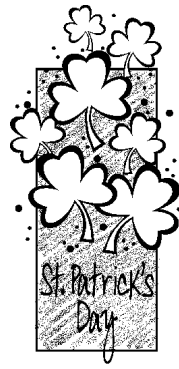
NEW! Young Adult Faith-Sharing Group will meet this Thursday, March 20, in the A/Y Room at 7PM. All young adults (married, single, student, post-grad, etc.) are welcome!

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the A/Y room. Next session: March 17.

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: March 18.

Future Adult Education Events

April 16: Vocations, Fr. David Schatz



Prayer on St. Patrick's Day

Dear Lord,
your servant, Saint Patrick, was first a slave to, and then a servant of, your people in Ireland. As he endured years of hardship as a slave, so help us to persevere through trials which seem to serve no purpose at the time.

As Patrick's time in Ireland served him well, after he was called to be a bishop of that land, so help us to see how our sufferings strengthen us to do your will. Later, as Patrick's people withstood great hardship, protected your word in monasteries, and brought your Church to many new lands, so help us also to grow in faithfulness to you and be your instruments of the world's conversion.

Amen

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday March 17, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors will meet for brunch March 30, 11:45AM at Olde Main Brewing Company. New members are always welcome. Call Pat Rood at 232-3694 for reservations or information.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is March 19. 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.

Baptism Mentor Parents Needed

Parents who have celebrated baptism in the past 5 years are sought as mentors to parents of the newly baptized. This is a telephone ministry. Call John at 232-3514 for more information.

Saint Cecilia Adult Speaker's Bureau

An organizational and informational meeting of the speaker's bureau will be held March 30 between the masses in the chair room, across from Social Hall. A retreat for the speaker's bureau will be held from 8:00-11:30AM on April 5. Please call John Hayes (232-3514) for more information.

Catechist Training Offered: The best way to learn more about our Catholic faith is to TEACH IT! Energetic catechists and small group leaders for grades 6-12 are needed for the 2008-2009 school year. Training will begin this Spring; please e-mail annajsteele@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday-Friday, March 17-21:

NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

Wednesday, March 28: 10:30AM, Children's Theatre



Operation Rice Bowl

This is the last week of our parish's participation in Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL.

Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. We will be collecting rice bowl envelopes on Easter Sunday and on the first weekend after Easter. Please convert any change or bills to a check (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia's) and place it in the envelope found in your rice bowl. You can return the envelope by placing it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the church or by putting it in the collection basket.

This Week's Country: United States (North America) - Hunger continues to be a pressing issue in communities throughout the U. S. There are about 37 million Americans living in households that experience hunger. 25% of the gifts collected through Operation Rice Bowl remain in our diocese to help fund local hunger and poverty alleviation program.

Challenge for the Week: Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every dessert you consume this week.

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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, 5:15PM, Chapel

Recommit
Renew
Rebuild

Office of Development and Communication

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Function

Establish a foundation and associated resources so Saint Cecilia can build and grow its community and facilities.

Scope

Assist parish leadership and parishioners to:

- Develop and assist in launching an organizational (Commission) structure to improve operation and communication
- Identify and provide solutions to resolve issues that prevent the community from accomplishing its goals to minister, grow and build.
- Promote, support and build ministry, service, and stewardship programs so we are better positioned to receive funding and grow .
- Improve communication among groups and develop and recruit new volunteers.



GALA 2008

Sharing our Gifts from God
Saturday, April 19, Gateway Hotel

5:30-7:00PM

Social Hour/viewing of Silent Auction Items

7:00PM

Opening Prayer and Introductions

7:30PM

Dinner and Live Auction

The live auction will be conducted by a man the NBC nightly news describes as "amazing"—an auctioneer magician who specializes in charity fundraisers for non-profit organizations.

Live Auction Items include:

- Chicago Bears tickets & sideline event/weekend in Chicago
- Tickets to Musical "Wicked" with \$550 in gift certificates
- San Diego Weekend
- NASCAR package
- Pheasant hunting & Ice Fishing events
- Dinner at Aunt Maudes for 6 couples (includes babysitting)
- "Sound Off" with Keith Murphy
- Week at Gene Chizek's luxury condo in Gulf Shores with 12 rounds of golf at great golf courses.

Visit the parish website and click on Saint Cecilia Gala for details and a complete listing of auction items and ticket information.

There will also be silent auction items and a raffle with raffle winner getting half of the raffle money.

Tickets are \$75 each (\$40 counts as charitable donation) and are available at the school office, in the narthex after weekend Masses, on the website, and by calling Jean Dirks at 292-8455. Donations also accepted . Thank you for Supporting our Education Programs!

Church Guidelines Regarding Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent .

Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals may be taken. Together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the regulation does not apply.

Faithful Citizenship

For the next few weeks, we will feature summaries of the *United States Bishops' Reflection* on the topic: "How does the Church help Catholics to address political and social questions?"

Call to Family, Community and Participation

The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

Next week: [Rights and Responsibilities](#)

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

III The Holy Spirit Interpreter of Scripture, Paragraph 112: The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted.

Palm Sunday

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we can learn an important lesson regarding betrayal. Jesus calmly tells his disciples as they prepare the Passover meal that one of them will betray him. We do not know the motivation of Judas' act, but can learn from Jesus' acceptance that even among those closest to us, there is a potential for betrayal, but it is all part of a grander plan. We pray for trust in others, but also to accept God's will.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the very time of Christ's Passion is when the ugliness of betrayal most manifests itself. From Judas to the once-faithful crowds calling for his death to Peter's denial and the other disciples fleeing in fear, betrayal is everywhere. And yet the resurrection to come will ultimately forgive these sins (CCC 1851). To live as Christ, we too must learn to forgive those who may have betrayed us.

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Funeral Liturgy Planning

Some parishioners have expressed an interest and asked for help in pre-planning a funeral liturgy. If you would like such assistance, the Bereavement Committee is available. Call Jacques Zbaracki at 292-1546 or Julie Haas at 232-7138 to schedule an appointment.

Your Financial Stewardship (3/3/08-3/9/08)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$16,150

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$2,107

More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the parish office. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 15

5:00PM: Bonifacio Family

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

10:30AM: Bunny Richert

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

Tuesday, March 18

7:00AM: Lisa Cookson

5:15PM: Helen Michaud

Wednesday, March 19

7:00AM: John Elbert

5:15PM: Bonita Schmitz

Thursday, March 20

7:30PM: Ivan Perez Rivera

Friday, March 21

2:00PM: Stations/Communion

7:30PM: Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 22

7:30PM: Special Intention

Sunday, March 23

7:00AM: Special Intention

8:30AM: Special Intention

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Marcelino & Aurelia Reyna
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities (Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

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

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2008

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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