

## 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. April dates: 6, 20.

### 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](http://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.

Confirmation will be held, Sunday, April 6, 2:00PM at Saint Cecilia Church.

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.

For Youth Ministry information please visit the new website [www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth](http://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

## Easter Welcome

We warmly welcome all who have come today to celebrate the glorious Feast of Easter. We welcome the stranger, the traveler, the guest. We welcome our students home from college during this Spring Break season. We welcome parishioners who have moved far away but join us today as old friends and guests. We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. We hope they will find new hope and inspirations this Easter to come back again and again. We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true. May the Lord bless you for all you do! Welcome to All! May our gathering at the feast of Easter gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are, after all, one people of God—redeemed by the Christ's death and resurrection. May we walk by the Resurrection and live by the Resurrection—together in love, God Bless You!

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus  
Pastor



## MEETINGS/EVENTS



POTLUCK

**Sixty Plus Group** will meet Tuesday, March 25, noon, in the south social hall for a potluck meal. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. A program will follow.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, March 25, 9:30AM at the home of Althea Palmer. Anyone wishing to make rosaries may call 233-1393.

### 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 26. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net). All are welcome to attend.

## Divine Mercy Sunday, March 30

Next Sunday, March 30 is Divine Mercy Sunday as established in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Of this Feast Day, Our Lord said to St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." So that everyone may fulfill the conditions for these graces, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for an extended time on Saturday, March 29, 2:30-4:30PM and 7:30-8:30PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in song at 3:00PM, Sunday, March 30, in the Burke Chapel. For more information on this powerful devotion visit, [www.divinemercysunday.com](http://www.divinemercysunday.com)

### Introduction to Theology of the Body

**Mini-Course:** All adults, married and single, are welcome to join us each Thursday in April for Christopher West's "Introduction to Theology of the Body." First gathering is Thursday, April 3, 7:00PM in the North Social Hall.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Wednesday, March 26:** 10:30AM, Children's Theatre  
**Thursday, March 27, 9:00AM,** Mass grades 4/5  
**Friday, March 28, End of 3rd quarter**

**Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women** will hold a general meeting and salad supper Thursday, April 3, 6:00PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a salad to serve 8. Table service and beverage provided. Grace Amemiya will present a program entitled *Internment in Japanese Camp during World War II*. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

***A Parish Potluck will be held Tuesday, April, 8, 6:00PM in The Social Hall***

## Operation Rice Bowl



We will be collecting Rice Bowl envelopes again next weekend. Please convert your change and bills to a check made out to Saint Cecilia Operation Rice Bowl. You may place the envelopes in the collection basket or the Rice Bowl display in the vestibule. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the Lenten Season.

## 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 the 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 [anna-jsteele@gmail.com](mailto:anna-jsteele@gmail.com)

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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  
Confessions: 3:30PM, Saturday, Church or by appointment



**Becoming  
Part of  
Our  
Catholic  
Faith**

## Congratulations to the Following :

### Candidates

Adam Christy  
Douglas Cleveland  
Matt Fletcher  
Tamera Gatlin  
Julie Graesch  
Mark Hansen  
Gary Hintze  
Kirsten Martinek  
Lynn Rahfeldt  
Stephanie Strudthoff  
Jessica Trier

### Catechumens

Melissa Grant  
Kristina Wendt  
Grace Wendt

**They came into the Catholic Faith this Easter and are blessing our parish with their excitement and deepened faith.**

## Attention Prayerful Single Men

The New Melleray Trappist Monastery in Peosta is hosting a "Live-in Experience" vocational retreat soon. Work and pray with the monks on their 3500 acre farm and enjoy vocational talks, Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. There is no cost but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more information.

## Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

[stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com)



## 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

**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

### Support Our Children

Our Saint Cecilia Gala is one of the most significant events contributing to education of ALL of our children.

**This year's Gala will be raising money for a "surprise" item for our school—don't miss the unveiling of this new development!**

## 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?"

**Rights and Responsibilities.** Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Each of us has a right to religious freedom, which enables us to live and act in accord with our God-given dignity, as well as a right to access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society. While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and marginalized.

**Next week: Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers**

## 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 113:** 2. *Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church".* According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, in it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church").

**Paragraph 114:** 3. *Be attentive to the analogy of faith.* By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

## Easter Sunday

To many, Christmas is the most holy season of the liturgical calendar. It is the celebration of a birth, a promise, a hope. To others, today is equally or even more joyous; Easter is the celebration of rebirth, of a promise fulfilled, a hope renewed. Where Christmas music is often solemn and reverential, the glorious music of Easter fairly bursts forth, filling us with joy.

Within today's Gospel reading from John, we note once again the description of the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. What is the significance of this? It should be clear that it was not moved to allow Jesus to arise; instead, it was moved to prove that he had. And so it is with us; in order for us to share in the glory of the resurrection, we must remove the hardness - the stones - from our hearts.

Today, we become brethren, related to one another through the gift of grace. Through Christ's death, we were given liberation from sin; through the Resurrection, we have been given a new way of life (CCC 654). In a secular world that has increasingly devalued life itself, we celebrate our new lives. As you leave Mass today, let the music of this celebration play on in your hearts as you give thanks. He is risen!

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### Your Financial Stewardship (3/10/08-3/16/08)

**Weekly Contributions (general) \$**

**Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217**

**Weekly Contributions (building) \$**

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 22

7:30PM: Special Intention

### Sunday, March 23

7:00AM: Special Intention

8:30AM: Special Intention

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Marcelino Arelia Reyna

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, March 25

7:00AM: Martha Galecki

5:15PM: Increase in Vocations

### Wednesday, March 26

7:00AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:15PM: Sr. Mary C. Hagarty BVM

### Thursday, March 27

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

9:00AM: Alice Richeson

5:15PM: Richard Huntley

### Friday, March 28

7:00AM: Germain Mullenbach

5:15PM: Mark Wessman

### Saturday, March 29

5:00PM: Doris Kleinschmidt

### Sunday, March 30

8:30AM: Edward Baker

10:30AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

(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

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite)

**Prayer Hour for Youth & the Future of the Church:**

Friday, 4:00PM

## Readings for the Week of March 23, 2008

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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