



March 30, 2008

Second Sunday of Easter

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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Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

www.stceciliaparish.org

Catholic Book Store

Grand Opening

April 5 & 6

After All Weekend Masses

At Saint Cecilia Parish

in the St. Francis Room

(Located in the hallway east of the Social Hall)

Steve and Char VanKerkevorde, prior owners of Lemstone Books, are opening a Catholic bookstore which will offer Catholic and religious books, bibles, religious gifts, crosses, and special order items at the request of patrons. The bookstore will operate on weekends and selected weekday hours (to be announced).

Parish Library Moving to St. Clare Room

All books in the library collection, as well as the Catholic CD's and videos, are now located in the St. Clare room (former rectory living room). Library hours are 9:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday. The library can be reached by using the outside entrance located next to the garage (go through the wrought iron gate) or by going through the parish office.

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 date: 31. April dates: 14, 21.

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — April class dates: 2, 9, 16, 23.

Share a Meal (2nd grade): April 7.

Middle School Youth

Classes **Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM**— April dates: 2, 16. YIKES!: April 9.

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: April 2, 7-8:15PM, Social Hall.

CONFIRMATION: March 30, 5-7:30PM, A/Y Room.
Confirmation rehearsal: April 2, 7:15PM, Church.

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

Steubenville Conference Meeting: 7:00PM, Sun Room (former storage room across from South Social Hall).

For Youth Ministry information please visit the 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

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the A/Y room. Next session: March 31.

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: April 1.

Future Adult Education Events

April 16: *Vocations*, Fr. David Schatz

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. Sponsored by the Young Adult Faith Sharing Group.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This weekend the Church celebrates 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, 7:30-8:30PM and The Chapel of Divine Mercy will be prayed in song at 3:00PM, Sunday, in the Burke Chapel. For more information on this powerful devotion visit, www.divinemercysunday.com

MEETINGS/EVENTS

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.

Catholic Daughters Program, *The Rich Single Life*, presented by Jennifer Settle, radio broadcaster from KWKY, is open to everyone, Thursday, April 10, 8:00PM in the A/Y room.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is April 2. 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.

Meet your Muslim and Jewish Neighbors

There is no better way to do so than to attend the next Interfaith Meeting at the Synagogue, Sunday, April 13, from 2:00-4:00PM. The Synagogue is located at 3721 Calhoun Avenue (right off of Top-O-Hollow Road. This is the first year anniversary as an initiative launched at Saint Cecilia. Everyone ages 16 and over are welcome. You need not have attended in the past. Come share a friendly smile with our neighbors as we discuss issues and ideas common to our world.

Responding to God's Call

Saint Cecilia Vocations Committee and Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for a soup supper and evening focusing on the Vocation of the Priesthood, Wednesday, April 16, 6:00-8:30PM in the Social Hall. Fr. David Schatz, Director of Vocation Awareness will present the program and then join a panel of local priests including our own Fr. Nienhaus and Fr. Dennis Quint of St. Mary, Grundy Center to share their own vocation stories. Our newly confirmed high school students will serve the meal. To make reservations, contact Elin at 292-4968, eherrman@isunet.net or call the Parish Office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, April 4: 9:00AM All school Mass



Potluck Dinner

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

Fried chicken, cheesy hash brown casserole, rolls, beverage, and table service provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. All ages welcome. Newly registered parishioners are especially encouraged 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 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 annajsteele@gmail.com.

Position Available

Saint Cecilia Parish has an immediate opening for a **half-time Bookkeeper**. This position reports to the Business Manager and will be responsible for day to day financial support services including accounts payable, receivables, payroll processing and deposits.

Associate's degree or equivalent is required plus 2-4 years experience as a bookkeeper or closely related experience.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and names of 3 professional references no later than April 11 to Bookkeeper Search Committee, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010.

Your Financial Stewardship (3/17/08-3/23/08)

Easter Contributions \$ 25,314

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 4,738

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 1,847

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.

GALA Auction Preview

April 5 & 6

Come to the Social Hall after any Mass next weekend to get a 2008 Gala Booklet and view auction displays.

Complimentary

Wine and cheese served after the 5:00PM Mass.

Muffins, Mimosas, Juice & Coffee served after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses

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.

A BIG Thank You to all who contributed to the beautiful Holy Week liturgies. The parish expresses our gratitude for the planning, hours contributed, and the sharing of talents that resulted in our celebrations. We especially would like to thank JoAnne Dalhoff, Mike Heitzman, Bill Haas, Gary Aitchison, Carolyn Konechne, Ron Rasmussen and his son-in-law Steve who helped decorate the Church on Easter Vigil morning.

Congratulations to Eagle Scouts Mark Gilarski, Nick Imerman, Adam Halbur, and Marc Heitzman. Projects were completed to beautify our Parish and the community.

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

stceciapraychain@gmail.com



GALA 2008

Sharing our Gifts from God

Saturday, April 19, Gateway Hotel

5:30PM

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 winners 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

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?"

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair living wages, opportunities for legal status for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity.

Next week: **Solidarity**

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 115: According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the *literal* and the *spiritual*, the latter being subdivided into allegorical, moral, and anagogical senses. The profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its richness to the living reading of Scripture of the Church.

Second Sunday of Easter

My niece was given a writing assignment her first day of public high school. She was asked to do a paper on the following question: Did God create faith and give it to humankind, or did humankind create God and faith? We're not sure if the teacher had some ulterior motive for posing such a question, but we were very thankful for our niece's answer: Faith is a gift freely given from God, and in return it never is doubted.

Today's Gospel reading focuses on Thomas doubting the resurrection until he can physically see the nail holes and the lanced side of Jesus. While one may wonder about the seeming lack of faith of Thomas, he is a somewhat more sympathetic person. After the crucifixion, he was so distraught that he withdrew by himself, away from the others. At times, our faith can be shaken so strongly that we, too, withdraw into doubt and fear.

We should probably realize that when Thomas withdrew by himself, he spent a great deal of time in prayer, asking for forgiveness and strength to believe in the promise of the resurrection. And when he was told of it, his faith let him go back to be convinced. This type of prayer is known as filial boldness (CCC 2610): "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will."

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Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

Spaghetti Supper, Fundraiser

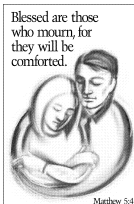
Sunday, March 30, 5:00-7:00PM

Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20th Street

The Ames High Jazz 1 Band will entertain during the meal. Free Will donations appreciated to help support emergency assistance to Story County residents in the form of food vouchers and rental and utility assistance. Saint Cecilia is a supporting member of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance.

Please remember in your prayers:

BETTY LAWLER, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, April 1

7:00AM: An End to Abortion

5:15PM: Helen Eslick

Wednesday, April 2

7:00AM: Tom Remmes Family

5:15PM: Dennis Berkenbosch

Thursday, April 3

7:00AM: Stella Volcko

5:15PM: Joseph Gowery

Friday, April 4

7:00AM: Jason Martin

9:00AM: Christine Hanus

5:15PM: Doris Kleinschmidt

Saturday, April 5

8:30AM: Michael Welsch Family

5:00PM: Mark Anthony Bonifacio

Sunday, April 6

8:30AM: Leon Harris

10:30AM: Mel Manion

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 30, 2008

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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