

April 13, 2008
Fourth 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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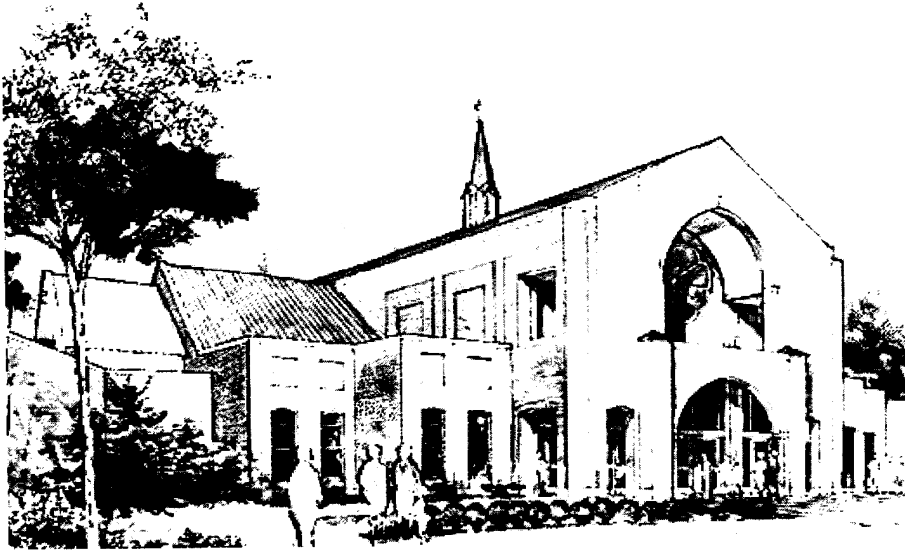
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Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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Invitation to those interested in Church and Educational Leadership

Parish Council and Board of Education Election Discernment and Nomination Process

This year, parishioners interested in serving on our Board of Education or Parish Council will participate in a series of discernment sessions designed to:

1. Educate potential candidates about the responsibilities and criteria for parish leadership.
2. Assist candidates in a discernment process as they identify their gifts of time and talent which motivate them to serve.
3. Provide opportunities for candidates to communicate with our parishioners through published personal statements and a "meet and greet" reception.

Important Dates for Interested Parishioners

Informational Meeting for All Those Interested

April 17, Parish Social Hall

Submission of Biographical Statements

April 24, e-mail to Karen Kerns with a Photo

Candidate "Meet and Greet" Coffee and Donuts

May 4, 9:30-10:15

Dynamic Leadership Workshop

May 4, 12-5 p.m. Parish Social Hall

Elections

May 17 at all Masses

For more information, please contact Todd Clancy at 515-202-4670

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Early Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs for Fall 2008 will begin April 19/20.

A discount is available for registrations received before June 1.

Preschool & Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM—April class dates: 14, 21, 28.

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

First Eucharist Practice—April 26, 8:00AM

First Eucharist—April 27, 1PM

Middle School Youth

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM—April 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: April 23, 7-8:15PM, Social Hall.

GLORY: April 16, 6:00-8:00PM, We will attend the vocation panel. All 10th graders required to attend.

Liturgical Training: 6:00-7:00PM, Wednesday, April 30 for all 10th graders. All are welcome to a Mass featuring music by Leap of Faith, a Christian band from Iowa City at 7:00PM.

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, June 5, 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: April 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: April 15.

Theology of the Body For Adults: meets Thursday April 17 & 24, 7:00-8:30PM in the Sun room. Hosted by Young Adult Faith Sharing.

A Voice of HOPE A Voice of PEACE

Pope Benedict XVI Visits the United States

**Complete, LIVE Commercial-Free Coverage
April 13-20 on EWTN Channel 65**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Wednesday, April 16, 6:00-8:30PM, Social Hall

Presenter

Fr. David Schatz, Director of Vocation Awareness

Soup supper served

Everyone is invited to join the Saint Cecilia Vocations Committee and Knights of Columbus for an evening focusing on the Vocation of the Priesthood. Fr. Schatz will 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 and answer vocation questions. The Saint Cecilia High School leadership team will serve the meal.

Reservations required by Monday, April 14, to Elin at 292-4968, eherrman@isunet.net or call the Parish Office.

MEETINGS/EVENTS



**EMERGENCY
FOOD SHELF**

Next Weekend is Our Good Samaritan/ Food Shelf Collection Weekend.

Suggested food items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged, shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and canned fruit. The following non-food items are needed: laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, paper towels, and Kleenex. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, April 15, 9:30AM at the home of Bonny Callahan. Please bring your rosary making equipment to the meeting. Anyone wishing to make rosaries is invited to call. 233-1393.

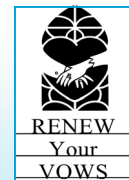
Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is April 16. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or sjryan2@isunet.net. All are welcome to attend.

The quarterly meeting of the Marshalltown Deanery Council will be held Thursday, April 17 at St Michael's Church, 1304 9th Avenue, in Belle Plaine. Mass will begin at 9AM with the meeting and lunch program to follow. Those planning to attend, please contact Ingrid Brady, 232-5451.

The Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors Group will meet for lunch on April 20 at 11:45 at Village Inn on Lincoln Way. New members are always welcome. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

A ceremony with Father Nienhaus as the celebrant will be held **Sunday, April 20, 1:30PM** in the Church. A reception will follow in the South Social Hall. All married couples in the parish whether married 5, 25 or 50+ years are invited to participate in this special event.



SCHOOL NEWS

WEEK OF APRIL 14

Wednesday, April 16: 2:15PM/Early Dismissal
Thursday, April 17: 9AM/Grades 3&4 Mass

Saint Cecilia School has openings in the First Grade class for 2008-2009. Openings may become available in the Kindergarten class if there is sufficient interest for a second section. Please contact Lois in the school office by April 30 (232-5290) for more information and to register your child.



Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School:

"Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power"
the week of June 9-13th.

Registration will begin the weekend of **April 19th**.

We are in the planning process and are searching for volunteers to help make this year's program another great success. Please contact Heather Currans:

chcurrans@mchsi.com or 233-2690 to inquire about available positions.

Catechist Training Offered: The best way to learn more about our Catholic faith is to TEACH IT! Energetic and passionate Catechists and Youth Group leaders needed for the 2008-2009 school year. There is no better use of your time than sharing your faith with our young people. Call or e-mail Anna today (232-2524) or annajsteele@gmail.com.

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 of an initiative launched at Saint Cecilia. Everyone ages 16 and over is 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.

ONE-DERFUL WEEKEND

Moving forward after the death of a spouse. A great opportunity for personal growth with new friends. A time to renew hope. Join us on April 26 at the beautiful YMCA Camp in Boone, IA. For more information contact Judy Roberts at 515-290-3268.

Your Financial Stewardship (3/31/08-4/6/08)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 23,453

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 7,008

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.

Local and Global Service and Outreach Commission Plans

The Commission has adopted three components of service and will be promoting and developing programs in the following areas:

Acts of Mercy & Charity: those activities that provide direct, hands-on service for those who may need one-time or ongoing assistance. (*Contact: Tom and Janet Samson*)

Acts of Advocacy: those activities that advocate for the elderly, those in need of health care, the international community, and those needing financial guidance. (*Contact: Chris Rehman*)

Acts of Service to International Communities: This year's activities will focus specifically on ministry to and integration of international groups within our own community. Future activities will include opportunities to do hands-on service for global service projects and programs. (*Contact: John McCully*)

Those individuals and committees currently conducting service activities will continue their ministry. They will also work with and report to the commission to share information, recruit volunteers, request approval and sponsorship for new programs, and encourage parish-wide participation. The Social Concerns Committee, which falls under the Commission, will continue to distribute Good Samaritan funds and to provide a forum for external service organizations to educate and communicate with our parish community.

Local and Global Service Commission Sponsors Hands-On "Service Center"

The Commission will work as a service-center to sponsor a parish-wide, ongoing service program that ministers to those people in our community who are home-bound, disabled, elderly, or need temporary help. Our goal is to provide assistance with cleaning, delivery of meals, yard work, or other tasks.

Requests for Service, Support, Help: please contact Karen Kerns at kpiconi@msn.com.

Volunteers for service projects: If you wish to volunteer for a one-time project or ongoing projects, please contact Tom and Janet Samson at samsontj@qwest.net.

Book Store hourly help wanted!

Monday-Friday, 6-8 hours/week

Please contact Steve or Char Van Kerkevoorde (233-2695) if you are interested in working any night, Monday-Thursday, from 5:30-7:30, in our Parish Catholic Bookstore.



GALA 2008

Sharing our Gifts from God

Saturday, April 19, Gateway Hotel

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.

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

stceciapayerchain@gmail.com

Faithful Citizenship

This is the last article in the series: "How does the Church help Catholics to address political and social questions?"

Caring for God's Creation. Care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith. We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future.

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 117: The *spiritual sense*. Thanks to the unity of God's plan, not only the text of Scripture but also the realities and events about which it speaks can be signs.

1. The *allegorical sense*. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ: thus, the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian Baptism.

2. The *moral sense*. The events reported in Scripture ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written "for our instruction."

3. The *anagogical sense*. (Greek: *anagoge*, "leading"). We can view realities and events in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel reading from John is the parable of the good shepherd. Jesus relates to his followers that believing in him is in essence the same as the shepherd whose sheep recognize only his voice; there may be others who try to summon the sheep but they will run away in fear. With their shepherd, the sheep feel safe and secure. So, too, will we feel safe and secure with Jesus as our only shepherd.

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus entrusted a very special responsibility to Peter, in that he gave him "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" (CCC 553). And in doing so, he instructed Peter to go about his apostolic duties and "feed my flock." We are the flock of the Good Shepherd; we recognize his voice and follow his command.

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Mad Science Summer Camps: Saint Cecilia School is hosting camps for all children currently enrolled in Kindergarten through grade 5. Sessions are entitled **NASA Space Explorers, Junior Engineers** and **Shutterbugs, Birds & Beasts**. Sessions are offered in June and August. Pick up a flyer/registration form in the Social Hall this weekend, by the east corridor bulletin board, or from the website www.stcames.com. **Registration now through April 30.**

St. Thomas Aquinas

Full-time Secretary Wanted: This position requires an individual with good organizational and computer skills with a pleasant telephone manner able to handle ever-changing priorities. This person will serve as primary office receptionist, answering calls, receiving guests, as well as serving as Pastor's secretary. Candidate must be able to handle sensitive and confidential information and assist the pastor and staff as needed. Please send resume to Business Manager, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, 50014 or email bobby@staparish.net or fax 515-292-3841.

Good Neighbor Awareness Month

April is awareness month for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Saint Cecilia's Good Samaritan Collection helps to fund Good Neighbor efforts including providing assistance for individuals and families in our county so that they can eat healthy food, stay in their homes and/or keep their utilities on. Good Neighbor is located at 508 Kellogg Avenue in Ames. Thanks to those who continue to support service organizations in our community through their contributions to Good Samaritan.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 12

5:00PM: Johnny & Janice Coder
50th Anniversary

Sunday, April 13

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas
5:00PM: Maureen Markham
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, April 15

7:00AM: Poor Souls
5:15PM: Mr. & Mrs. John Rizas

Wednesday, April 16

7:00AM: George Lemanczyk
5:15PM: Arnold Winslow

Thursday, April 17

7:00AM: Carmen Goebel
9:00AM: Joseph An
5:15PM: John Elbert

Friday, April 18

7:00AM: Increase in Vocations
5:15PM: Dan Lehman

Saturday, April 19

5:00PM: Simon Langel

Sunday, April 20

8:30AM: Flor de Maria Sanchez
10:30AM: Arnold Winslow
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 April 13, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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