



April 20, 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

Holiday
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

From the Pastor:

We welcome Dr. Thomas Budnik as the new Principal of Saint Cecilia School. At this time he is the Director of Catholic Educational Services for the Diocese of Des Moines and works with all the Catholic Schools in the Diocese. Dr. Budnik will bring to Saint Cecilia School a wealth of experience in the field of education and a strong Catholic Faith. Tom and his wife Terri, are long time members of Saint Cecilia Parish. We look forward to the arrival of Dr. Budnik and the many gifts that he will bring to our school. The contract starting date is July 1.



Important Dates

Parish Council & Board of Education
Candidate "Meet and Greet" Coffee and Donuts
May 4, 9:30-10:15

Parish 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 begins this weekend.

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: 21, 28 (Last Class)

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — April class date: 23. (Last Class)

First Eucharist Practice—April 26, 8:00AM

First Eucharist—April 27, 1PM

Middle School Youth

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.

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 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: April 22.

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

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.



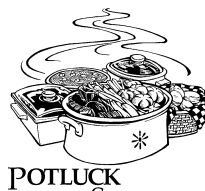
National TV Turnoff Week

April 21– April 27

The Family Life Committee reminds you that this week is National TV Turnoff Week. This annual event is held to raise awareness of our television viewing habits and for us to consider the role TV plays in our lives. We encourage fellow parishioners to "unplug" during this week and tune in to alternative activities. For more information visit www.turnoffyourtv.com

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Social Concerns Committee meets Monday, April 2, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, April 22, in the South Social Hall for a Pot Luck Dinner. Plan to eat at 12:15PM.

Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish. Beverage provided. Linda Thomas from Wild Birds Unlimited will present a program.

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.

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.

Full of Grace

Women.....a nine week study to learn how to make a difference in your world today. "Women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling. It is for you to save the world." This is one of the many focuses in the Full of Grace study series, which also includes information on several women saints who lived the Gospel and made a difference in their time. If you are interested in discovering genuine femininity and living the spirit of the Gospels, join us and learn how you can make a difference in your time. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, **April 30, 7:00PM in the North Social Hall.** This meeting will introduce you to the material covered in the 9 week session which will begin in June. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information contact Janine Greenwood, (232-1359), Char Van Kerckvoorde (233-269) or Lynn Lynch (233-6057). Registration deadline is May 10.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, April 23: 2:15PM/Early Dismissal

Thursday, April 24: 9:00AM Para-liturgy for grades K & 1

Thursday, May 1, 9:30AM, May Crowning at Madonna of the Schools Statue

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 Mrs. Vidimos in the school office by April 30 (232-5290) for more information and to register your child.

Box Tops & Campbell's Labels

Please collect the following to benefit Saint Cecilia School:

Box Tops For Education (found on cereal boxes, tissue boxes and other products)

Campbell's Labels (UPC needed, not the front)

Swiss Valley Milk lids

Tyson A+ Labels,

Ink jet and laser cartridges

Please place any of these items in the box in the usher's room. Over \$1100 has been raised this school year to benefit children. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Neppel (663-9742) or Diana Thatcher (292-9511). Thank you.



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 begins this weekend.

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.

Your Financial Stewardship (4/7/08-4/13/08)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 17,598

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 2,138

Thank you to contributors to our General Fund and Building Fund. A special thank you to those who have increased their contributions. More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office.

Thanks
for your
participation

Thanks to the many parishioners who attended the Gala this weekend. Your support helps fund our education programs and builds an endowment for our future.

Special Thanks to the Gala Co-Chairs:

Jody & Darryl Bennett

Jennifer & Chris Masini

Dianne & David Suntken

Others on the Gala team are:

Michelle & Wayne Baumhover

Johna & Todd Clancy

Jean & Dave Dirks

Debbie & Craig Grandgenett

Janet & John Kazwell

Jessica & Matt Locke

Carol & John Nelson

Marcie & Jason Niegsch

Joanne Pfeiffer

Kathy & Alex Ramirez

Tina & John Richard

Judy & Bob Rudman

Mary Sailer

Lorna & Mike Sellberg

Kimberly & Scott Sitzman

Andrea & A.J. Spiker

Pat Stahr

Kelly & Ty Stewart

Patty & Monte Streit

Dianne & David Suntken

Diana & Matt Thatcher

Michelle & Joel Thilges

Susan Vernon

Tiffany & Scott Walker

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.

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.**

Saint Cecilia Community Book Store Hours

April & May

Saturday: 1:00-6:30PM

Sunday: 9:30AM-12:30PM

Monday 5:30-8:30PM

Other Evenings by Special request

**Very Veggie Tale Event
April 28 & April 30, 5:30-8:30PM**

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 118: A medieval couplet summarizes the significance of the four senses:

*The Letter speaks of deeds; Allegory to faith;
The Moral how to act; Anagogy our destiny.*

Paragraph 119: "It is the task of exegetes to work, according to these rules, toward a better understanding and explanation of the meaning of Sacred Scripture in order that their research may help the Church to form a firmer judgment. For, of course, all that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgment of the Church which exercises the divinely conferred commission and ministry of watching over and interpreting the Word of God."

*But I would not believe in the Gospel, had not the authority
of the Catholic Church already moved me.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

On Hawaii's island of Oahu, visitors to Diamondhead can choose to climb to the top from inside the crater which forms the famous landmark. Although the hike is only eight-tenths of a mile, the path winds back and forth over rocks and dirt, culminating in a 200-step stairway and a stooped walk through a dimly lit tunnel. Sweating, out of breath, one emerges at the top, to one of the most beautiful vistas in the world.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel reading from John. "No one comes to the Father except through me." Our path has been made clear for us, and although we can see the reward at the end, we still must look down at each step along that path in order to keep our footing. We can reach that reward, but only if we allow Jesus to guide us every step of the way.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Word of God is a light for our path. We must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. This is how moral conscience is formed (CCC 1802). On this fifth Sunday of Easter, we should remember that Christ cleared the most difficult path for us through his Passion and resurrection and now offers to take our hand along the way.

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Brave New Iowa

Stem Cells, Human Cloning & the Sanctity of Human Life

Thursday, April 24, 8:00PM

Sun Room ISU Memorial Union

Presented by Bioethics expert Wesley Smith

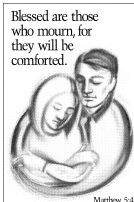
Sponsored by ISU Students for Life, ISU Committee on Lectures and Iowa Right to Life Committee

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.

Please remember in your prayers:

JAMES KEARNEY and **MARIE BALDUS** who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, April 22

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

5:15PM: Gary Eslick

Wednesday, April 23

7:00AM: Fred Swank

5:15PM: James Winslow

Thursday, April 24

7:00AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:15PM: Catholic Daughters

Friday, April 25

7:00AM: Anna Nguyen

5:15PM: Ray & Helen Michaud

Saturday, April 26

5:00PM: Doris Schaeffer

Sunday, April 27

8:30AM: Teresa Cain

10:30AM: Harry Svec

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

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2008

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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