

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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January 18, 2009

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pro Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae

## Day of Penance for an End to Abortion

Thursday, January 22 has been designated as a Day of Penance for an end to abortions by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. In observance of this date, at 3:00PM, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in the Church and the church bells will be rung 48 times in remembrance of the 48 million unborn infant lives that have been taken since 1973.

## Vocations

### *Priests and Pizza*

Wednesday, January 21

Social Hall

Pizza, 6:30PM,

Q & A Panel, 7:00PM

Saint Cecilia Vocations Committee and the youth of our parish invite you to join us for an event hosted and moderated by Saint Cecilia High School Leadership Group. Fr. David Schatz, Director of Vocations awareness for the Archdiocese, Fr. Fontanini, of Des Moines and Fr. Delleart of Garner will make up the panel of priests.

### **Did you know....?**

A Knights of Columbus study found that nine out of ten young men who express an interest in the priesthood had never been encouraged by anybody, and as a result, did not choose a priestly vocation. But most men who entered the seminary have done so in part because someone along the way said. "You would make a good priest."

We as a community **can** make a difference. Fr. Schatz, will be celebrating Mass this weekend. He will re-introduce the **Called by Name** program he initiated last year and leave the *Called by Name* cards to be returned to him in a few weeks. Take the time to look around and identify young people within the parish who YOU think possess the traits of a good priest, deacon or sister. Better yet, tell them yourself, You may be starting something big.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. January date: 18

### Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. January date: 26

Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. January date: 28

### Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. January date: 21

No class January 28

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, January date: 21

No Class January 28

Glory: 7:00-9:00PM, January 18 & 25.

### RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, February 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.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

**Adult Education Presentations** are held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. February 4: **The Undisputed Writings of St. Paul** presented by Deacon John McCully.

*Touched By God's Love*  
*Saint Cecilia Gala*  
*Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions*  
**February 7, 2009**  
**Gateway Hotel**

Make plans to attend! The Gala's purpose is to raise funding for Saint Cecilia School and Religious Education programs via an endowment fund; it is a fun-filled evening at Gateway Hotel featuring a delicious dinner and wine, Silent & Live Auction items, a raffle drawing and a fun game called *Heads or Tails*—everyone has a chance to win.

#### Tickets on Sale Now

Contact Jean & Dave Dirks at 292-8544, or visit [StAmesGala.org](http://StAmesGala.org) for more information. RSVP cards are available in the Narthex.

## Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 25

After the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses

**All are invited to Attend**

Coffee & Donuts Served in the  
Multi-Purpose Room



## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Interfaith Dialogue Meeting** will be held at the Ames Jewish Synagogue on Calhoun Avenue, January 18, 2:00-4:00PM. Don't worry about being new if you have not attended previously. Discussions over a broad range of issues are always on the agenda.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, January 19, 7:00PM in the Sun Room. All are invited.

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 20, 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. Meeting rescheduled from January 13.

**Life Chain**, remembrance of Roe vs. Wade, Thursday, January 22, 11:30AM-12:30PM on central campus sidewalk between Beardshear and Curtiss Halls. Signs provided. Please come stand and give witness to the many lives that have been taken by all elements of the culture of death. Sponsored by ISU Students For Life.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** every Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. Contact Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net) or Jenni Mortimer at [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

### Couples, Parents, Families

**Want to enrich your family? Stimulate your marriage?  
Meet new people? Join a small Christian community?**

CFM may be just what you are looking for. The Christian Family Movement is a network of small faith-sharing groups. A typical CFM group consists of 5-7 couples or about a dozen parents meeting once a month for study and conversation. They follow a timely program that focuses on issues that encompass the home, church and community. CFM is for all ages and stages—couples, parents, developing families, blended families, one-parent families, middle years couples and empty nesters.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Monday, January 19:** No School, Teacher In-service  
**Wednesday, January 21:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM  
**Thursday, January 22:** 9:00AM, Para-liturg grades 1/2

Look for the school link on the parish website: [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org).

### Lasagna Supper

**Saturday, January 24, 5-7:00PM**

Please join the families and children of Saint Cecilia School in celebrating the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week at their annual Lasagna Supper. Homemade lasagna, breadsticks, salad, fruit, bars and cookies will be served in the Multi-purpose room. Tickets sold at the door. Adults, \$6 (\$5 for senior citizens) Children under 10, \$4 or feed your entire family for \$20.

### Amore Meal

**Saturday, January 31**

Dinner Coming Up! Show your support for all of the Youth Ministry trips by attending our first ever *Amore Meal* - a spaghetti dinner hosted by youth attending Appalachia, the National Catholic Youth Conference, World Youth Day and Steubenville of the Rockies. Make a reservation with any participating 8-12 grader today.

### Spelling Bee

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Spelling Bee, for students in grades 4-7, Sunday, February 1, 1:00PM, at Saint Cecilia Education Center. All Ames area students may enter. Registrations due Wednesday, January 28. Registration form, word lists, additional information can be found at

[www.stceciliaparish.org/ameskoc/spelling.html](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/ameskoc/spelling.html)

### Marriage Encounter

Look at the Calendar...its time for that 5 year tune-up! We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so how do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Register for the next Marriage Encounter weekend to be held in Cedar Falls, February 13-15. To register or for more information, contact Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. You may also visit [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org) for more information

### Gift Shop

Open Saturday, 4:00-6:00PM

Sunday, 9:30AM-12:30PM

And by Appointment. Call 233-3092

**After Christmas Sale**  
**30-50% off Sale Items**

**Stewardship:** In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Volunteers Needed

Matthew 26:18-19. Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The teacher says, " My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered and prepared the Passover.

**Mass Coordinator** is a new ministry providing a special role to prepare the gifts of bread and wine for communion. It includes turning on lights, assisting visiting Priests, and special guests. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry at all weekend Masses. Please call Jerry Portis at 515-388-4015(home) or 515-556-8542(cell) for more information or to volunteer.

### Meals on Wheels

A volunteer is currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in the Ames area on the first Tuesday of the month. Time commitment is about one hour per month. For more information, please call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

### ESL Tutors

Tutors are needed in the English as a Second Language program especially for the **Thursday, 7:00PM session**. Call Karl Gwiasda at 232-7582 to volunteer, or for more information. Most activity is one or two students per tutor and involves visiting and helping with reading. Knowledge of a second language is NOT needed. If you can help with the Thursday 10:00AM session contact Palmer Holden at 231-5543. Those interested may visit one of the sessions to see how easy it is and how much the students appreciate the tutors.

### Votive Candles

A \$5 donation is asked for each 6-day plastic votive candle lit in the Church proper. Costs are increasing in every area and this includes the cost of candles. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Fr. Nienhaus

### Your Financial Stewardship

January 5-November 11

Weekly Contributions (general) .....	\$19,045
Needed weekly to meet expenses .....	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building) .....	\$3,206

More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office. Remember automatic contributions can be made directly from your bank account on the 1st or 15th of each month.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### PART ONE: SECTION TWO

#### CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

##### Article 1— I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven & Earth

###### Paragraph 1, I Believe in One God

**200** These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed begins. The confession of God's oneness, which has its roots in the divine revelation of the Old Covenant, is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and is equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance, and essence."

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you looking for? Some people spend their entire lives trying to "find themselves" or "find the meaning of life." Sadly, some find neither. Two of John the Baptist's followers were with him when Jesus walked by one day. "Behold, the Lamb of God," John said to them. Immediately, they wanted to be with him, referring to him as rabbi, or teacher. Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus who immediately changed Simon's name to Peter. In this short period of time, these men found the meaning of life-and themselves.

Today's Gospel reading from John tells of the beginning of Jesus' other family, his disciples. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "the Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit" (CCC 2205). By praying daily and reading the word of God, we strengthen our families and further our ability to spread the Gospel of the Lord, just as those called to Jesus' other family were able to do when they found what they were looking for.

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### Passion Play and Northern Italy Pilgrimage June 18-28, 2010

Join Father William Joensen of Loras College in Dubuque (and native son of Saint Cecilia Parish) for an exciting once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and historical and religious sites in northern Italy in June 2010. This specially customized program includes tickets to the Passion Play—an event put on by the townspeople of this quaint Bavarian town once every ten years. The program includes guided visits to some of the greatest artistic treasures in Italy—such as the Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna and Venice and the frescoes in Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. The group will visit the historical center of Ferrara, sail along the Grand canal in Venice, savor the world-class cuisine of Bologna, and travel through the Alps to Trent, Innsbruck, Munich and of course, Oberammergau! Fr. Joensen will also celebrate Mass at a number of historical venues throughout the tour.

Informational meetings will be scheduled in the future, but for now, please consult the following website for more details (including the initial March 1, 2009, deadline for a fully refundable \$100 deposit to help gauge the interest in this spiritually enriching pilgrimage):

[www.travelillum.com/trc/ewj](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/ewj). You are also welcome to contact Fr. Joensen directly at [william.joensen@loras.edu](mailto:william.joensen@loras.edu)

**A number of names were inadvertently left off the Floral Memorial List due to a computer glitch. The names/donors will be published. Please accept our apologies.**

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



### "True Love...How Will I Know?" Conference

Saturday, January 31, 9:00AM-3:00PM, St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Registration (until January 26) is \$15 for adults. A special rate of \$5 applies to all young adults and college students. More information about Patty can be found at her website:

[www.pattyschneier.com](http://www.pattyschneier.com). Registration forms for the conference can be found at <http://trueloveconference.blogspot.com> or near the bulletin board in the east corridor of the social center.

### Theology of the Body DVD Series

A 4 part series, *Introduction to Theology of the Body*, will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas. The first class will be held 7-8:00PM, Thursday, January 22, in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room. Other dates are February 2, 12 & 19 with location to be announced.

### Wisdom & Wine

Friday, January 23, 6:30-8:30PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas lower lounge

Wisdom and wine is an adult faith formation event for people ages 25 and older, coming together in a relaxed atmosphere for social time and spiritual development among other Catholics in Ames and surrounding communities. Attendees are invited to participate in engaging discussions following the presentation on a current Catholic topic. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Mr. Biagio Mazza, pastoral associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO will present on the topic *Vatican II: Fifty Years Later*. He will assist the audience in assessing where the Catholic Church is in 2009. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy White, at 292-3810 ext 29 or [kathy@staparish.net](mailto:kathy@staparish.net) by Thursday, January 22.

## AREA CHURCHES

### CEW at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny

**Don't** put your need for a deeper relationship with God and community on the back burner this year. Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny. The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. The 2009 weekends will be held January 23-25 for women and February 20-22 for men. Brochures are available on the counter beneath the bulletin board in the east corridor of the Social Center and at [www.olih.org.cejw](http://www.olih.org.cejw). If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263 or Marion Kresse at 292-7251.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, January 17

5:00 PM: Putz & Mullaly Families

## Sunday, January 18

8:30 AM: Frank Pershern†

10:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00 PM: For Holy Families  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, January 20

7:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Lowery†

5:15 PM: Clarence & Francis Tholet†

## Wednesday, January 21

7:00 AM: Cyril J. Welp†

5:15 PM: Msgr. Bernard Collins†

## Thursday, January 22

7:00 AM: For An End to Abortion†

5:15 PM: Deb Tschopp†

## Friday, January 23

7:00 AM: James Kernan†

5:15 PM: Msgr William Schulte & Family†

## Saturday, January 24

5:00 PM: Ray & Helen Michaud†

## Sunday, January 25

8:30 AM: Shirley & George Volk†

10:30 AM: Dick VanKervoort†

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

## Prayer Opportunities

*Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.*

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday 7:00 AM

**Intercessory Prayer Group** Sunday 9:00-10:00 PM

**Rosary** Monday 7:30 pm\*, Tuesday-Friday before 7:00 AM Mass  
(\*The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.)

**Christians in the Spirit** Tuesday 7:15-9:00 PM

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

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 7:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration** The chapel is open daily.

Keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information.

## Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or

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

## Readings for the Week of January 18, 2009

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm (Misa en Español)

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday 7:00 am & 5:15 pm (Chapel)

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm and by appointment.

## Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

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## Parish Staff

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## School

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**Administrative Assistant** .....Lois Vidimos  
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## Parish Registration

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## Parish Hall Rental

Rent our facilities for parties, weddings, birthdays, etc. Contact the Reception Coordinator, Judy Trumpy at [jmtrumpy@gmail.com](mailto:jmtrumpy@gmail.com) or call 233-3092 (parish office).