

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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January 25, 2009

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.

St. Paul's, Liturgical Feast Days

Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

The Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, celebrates the events on the road to Damascus that led to Paul's conversion.

Feast of St. Peter and Paul on June 29, takes this day to honor the two great apostles and leaders of the early church.

November 18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul Outside the Walls. Reconstruction of the present St. Peter's began in the 14th century. It was dedicated November 18, 1626. After its predecessor was destroyed by fire in 1823, construction of St. Paul Outside the Walls on the Via Ostiense started. The basilica was consecrated December 10, 1854 by Pope Pius IX, who joined together the celebration of the basilicas.



Plan to Attend the next Church Chat and Chow, Wednesday, February 4, 7:00PM as part of the Adult Education Series.

Deacon John McCully will present *The Undisputed Writings of St. Paul*.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. February dates: 1, 15

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. January date: 26, February dates: 2, 9, 16, 23.

Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. January date: 28, February dates: 4, 11, 18, 25.

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 StCamesGala.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

Blessing of Throats

After all Masses, January 31 & February 1

The Feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Throats is celebrated on February 3. The faithful call upon St. Blaise in regards to diseases of the throat and teeth. According to tradition, while St. Blaise was in prison he kept a young boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat from choking to death. The Blessing of St. Blaise is given with two candles formed in the cross of St. Andrew.

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, January 27, 12:00 Noon in the South Social Hall for a potluck meal. Please bring your own table service and a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Following the meal, Parish Historian, Dan Konrady will present a program.

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 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

Next Interfaith Dialogue, Sunday, February 15, 2:00-4:00PM, Saint Cecilia Social Hall. New members always welcome. Bring a friend who may enjoy friendly faces and good conversation.

Mark Your Calendar

Pre-Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, February 13

Volunteer Appreciation Event, Saturday, February 21 ★

Lenten Fish Fries, February 27, March 13, March 27

Parish Pot-Luck, Wednesday, March 4

★ All Parish volunteers invited. Be sure to save the date!
★ Look for details in next weeks bulletin.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, January 28: Early dismissal at 2:15PM

Thursday, January 29: 9:00AM, All School Mass

Look for the school link on the parish website: www.stceciliaparish.org.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing a values added education for America's young people. Catholic schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in their students. The 2009 theme is: Catholic Schools Celebrate Service. Catholic Schools week celebrates education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life—it is education that prepares students for a Christian life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the U.S. The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Individual diocese and local Catholic elementary and secondary schools develop and promote their own CSW activities each year. This celebration became an annual event in 1974.

Saint Cecilia School Kindergarten Round Up (2009-2010) Parents are welcome to the Saint Cecilia School Round Up on Tuesday, February 10, 7:00PM in the Education Center Multi-purpose Room. Presentations will be made by Dr. Thomas Budnik, Principal, and Mrs. Campbell, Kindergarten teacher, with time for questions and answers. Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and a \$100 deposit (this will be deducted from your 2009-2010 tuition). Contact Mrs. Vidimos at 232-5290 with any questions.

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

Stewardship: There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

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.

Your Financial Stewardship

January 12-January 18

Weekly Contributions (general)	\$16,290
Needed weekly to meet expenses	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$2,955

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

201 To Israel, his chosen, God revealed himself as the only One: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Through the prophets, God calls Israel and all nations to turn to him, the one and only God: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.... To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 'Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.'"

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story about the small-town doctor who always bragged about the big fish he caught. It was hard to believe, but no one could catch heavier fish than him; he even had pictures of them hanging from his personal fish scale showing the weight. One day while fishing, he got an emergency call that a woman had gone into labor at home and he needed to get over there. After the baby was born, the family had nothing to weigh it with so the doctor pulled out his fish scale. The baby came in at twenty-six pounds, fourteen ounces. His prideful ways were revealed.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Has anyone ever made a better offer? As Jesus began his ministry, he made a very conscious decision to surround himself not with disciples who considered themselves religious leaders of the day, but rather with ordinary men, men who worked hard, led simple lives, and whose minds were open to a new way of life in Christ. They abandoned their nets in order to take up a life of evangelization. The "nets" of salvation they will offer will in fact give us freedom from sin.

We are all members of the family of God, and Christ stands at the center of this calling. We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). Throughout his life, he lived among the poor, the sick, and the sinners. He called his disciples from among them, and promised that the last shall be first. Today, you are invited to put down those things which have no real meaning, and take up the Gospel of Christ into your heart.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." Time passes so swiftly. Soon there will be no more time to enrich our marriage. Now is the time to act. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 13-15 in Des Moines and Cedar Falls. Register today. For more information, visit www.iowa-wwme.org or call 641-755-3667. For a weekend in Spanish, (February 20-22 or June 5-7) contact Hugo and Gaby at 630-690-2094.

Mass Intentions

Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a Mass said for someone or for a special intention. Masses may be said for a special event such as a birthday or anniversary, for healing or for the deceased. Most openings are for the 7:00 AM or 5:15 PM weekdays.

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 the presenter Patty Schneier, can be found at her website: 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.

AREA CHURCHES

Christian Experience Weekend

Is it time to pay attention to your relationship with God? The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. **Men**, Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart church in Ankeny, February 20-22. Visit www.olih.org.cew or call Marion Kresse at 292-7251 for more information.

Women, if you missed the weekend in Ankeny, sign up for the CEW to be held at St. Henry in Marshalltown, February 20-22. Call St. Henry Church at 641-753-7374 or contact Nancy Harris at jnharris@marshallnet.com.

Brochures for both CEW's are available on the counter beneath the bulletin board in the east corridor of the Social Center.

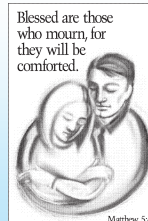


Many Thanks to my fellow parishioners for their prayers, Masses cards and visits when I was recovering from a fall. Special thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers who have been bringing the Eucharist to me.

Edna Svec

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

WILLIAM FOLTS father of Janet Kazwell. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 24

5:00 PM: Ray & Helen Michaud†

Sunday, January 25

8:30 AM: Shirley & George Volk†

10:30 AM: Dick VanKerckvoorde†

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

Tuesday, January 27

7:00 AM: Special Intention

5:15 PM: Joe Buboltz†

Wednesday, January 28

7:00 AM: The Keppel Family

5:15 PM: Edna Svec, In Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 29

7:00 AM: Don Finnegan†

9:00 AM: Madonna Harrington†

5:15 PM: Paul & Stella Volcko

Friday, January 30

7:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. John Rizas

5:15 PM: George Thorington†

Saturday, January 31

5:00 PM: John Conley†

Sunday, February 1

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30 AM: Ron Rasmussen†

5:00 PM: For an End to Abortion
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.

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

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

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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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.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return via mail or drop in collection basket.
Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration packet with additional information.

Welcome to St. Cecilia Parish.