

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

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February 1, 2009

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**W**e 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.

## The Undisputed Writings of St. Paul

Presented by

**Deacon John McCully**

**Wednesday, February 4, 7:00PM, Social Hall**

**Come Early for the Soup Supper served at 6:15PM**

Of the 14 epistles in the New Testament usually attributed to St. Paul, which do we know for sure that he wrote? How do we know? Is there a consistency of style and theology in these letters?

**Plan to Attend future first Wednesday presentations.**



**Wednesday, March 4:** Monsignor Chiodo, *The Universal Call to Holiness*.

This presentation will be preceded by an all parish potluck supper.

**Wednesday, April 1:** Deacon John McCully, *The Disputed Pauline Writings*

## 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. February dates: 2, 9, 16, 23  
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. February dates: 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. February dates: 4, 18  
YIKES! February 11: Casino Night, 7-9:00PM, Multi-purpose Room.

**Teen Mass, 7:00PM**  
**Sunday, February 1**

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, February dates: 4, 18  
Grade 9 only also meets on February 11.

Glory: February 8, 7-9:00PM

Glory: February 13, Valentine Murder Mystery Dinner. RSVP to Anna by Wednesday, February 11.

Glory: February 15: 7-9:00PM, A/Y Room, Session 1 of TKC (Thy Kingdom Come) a Bible Study through the Gospel of Matthew with T3 (The Teen Timelines's) Mark Hart (the Bible Geek)!

Glory: February 22, Session 2 of TKC

Theology of the Body for Teens (Guys & Girls Sessions) meets 5:30-7:00PM February 8, 15, 22.

Confirmation: February 11, 7-8:30PM, Social Hall.

### 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.

### 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

## *Touched By God's Love* *Saint Cecilia Gala* *Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions* **Next Weekend, February 7** **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 available after All Masses**  
Contact Jean & Dave Dirks at 292-8544, or visit [StAmesGala.org](http://StAmesGala.org) for more information.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Blessing of Throats After all Masses This Weekend

**St. Mary Circle** will meet Thursday, February 4, 1:30PM in the Adult/Youth Room. Crystal Wirtz will present the program.

**St. Gerard Circle** will meet Thursday, February 4, 7:00PM at the home of Nancy Habing, 2220 Hayes Avenue. Bea Gibbons will present the program on the parish trip to Poland. Please bring items for the Emergency Food Shelf. If you need a ride or are not a member but would like to attend, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

**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.

**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.

### All Catholic Scouts

Saint Cecilia Parish will celebrate **Scout Sunday February 8**, at the 10:30AM Mass. All Scouts

(both boys and girls) are encouraged to attend. Scouts should wear their uniform Assemble in the Social Hall at 10:10AM. Scouts who are interested in participating in the Mass as servers or readers should contact Dan Carlile at 232-4058 by February 4.



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Wednesday, February 4:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM

**Friday, February 6:** 9:00AM, All School Mass

**Tuesday, February 10:** 7:00PM Kindergarten Round Up

Thursday, February 12: No Kindergarten Class—Future 2009-2010 Kindergarteners visit 9:30-11:00AM

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

### Saint Cecilia School Kindergarten Round Up (2009-2010)



#### Kindergarten Round Up

Vidimos at 232-5290 with any questions.

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.

### SCRIP

BIG News! Fareway has just joined the list of local businesses that contribute to Saint Cecilia education through Scrip. Fareway offers \$25 and \$100 gift cards at a 2% profit. Scrip order forms are available in the school office and on the Scrip bulletin board in the Narthex. Scrip orders that are received in the Education Center or Parish Office by 9:00AM Monday are ready for delivery on Friday. Call Connie Vaclav, 232-8343 with any Scrip questions. Thank you to all who support Saint Cecilia education through Scrip.

### Faith Sharing Groups for Lent

Small Faith Sharing Groups who would like to use the Diocese of Victoria Lenten Resource, Disciples on the Journey, please call the Religious Education Office, 232-3514 or use the sign-up cards that will be available at Mass both this weekend and next. New small groups can also be formed.

**Sign-up deadline is February 10** so that materials may be ordered.

### Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday, February 21  
6:00PM, Social Hall

Light Supper & Snacks Served

Jazz Quartet for your listening pleasure

Did you greet, usher, bake, sing, stuff bulletins, lector, participation in adoration, shovel snow, pick up trash, mow, weed, serve a funeral lunch, teach, serve on a committee or provide service to a fellow parishioner or help in any other way? If so, **WE WANT YOU TO ATTEND!**

**Stewardship:** "A prophet like me will the Lord, your god, raise up for you from among your own kinsman." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### 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.



**Parish Breakfast**  
**Served after the 8:30 & 10:30AM**  
**Masses, February**

### Parish Council

Parish Council meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. The meeting agenda will be posted on the parish website [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org). Current Parish Council members and their contact information can also be found on the website.

### Your Financial Stewardship

January 19-January 25

Weekly Contributions (general) .....	\$17,760
Needed weekly to meet expenses .....	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building) .....	\$6,744

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

**202** Jesus himself affirms that God is “the one lord” whom you must love: “with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is “the Lord.” To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as “Lord and giver of life” introduce any division into One God:

We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal, infinite (*immensus*) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty, and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance of nature entirely simple.

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Michael Kearney was homeschooled by his parents. At one point, he was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, though his parents declined to prescribe any medication for it. Michael simply went on to graduate from high school at age six, from junior college at age eight, and he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama at age ten. By the time Michael Kearney was seventeen, he had completed two separate masters' degrees and was teaching classes at Vanderbilt University. Imagine that, such a young person as a teacher!

Jesus has just begun his ministry. So far as we can tell, he only has four of the disciples, James, John, Andrew and Simon Peter. On the Sabbath, Jesus calmly walks into the temple, sits down and begins teaching. Immediately, you can sense the elders' anger and ridicule over this “youngster” teaching among them. Impossible, they say. What could he know about the laws? Only when Jesus removes an unclean spirit from another man do the others begin to take serious note of him, and “his fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.”

It is said that our lives should be spent in continuous pursuit of knowledge, that we never stop learning. Jesus Christ's mission on earth was one of a teacher, and those who follow him will always be learning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus is like a wise teacher, who leads us progressively towards an intimate relationship with God through prayer (CCC 2607). Likewise, just as we are disciples of Christ, our mission is to teach others to grow in faith, hope and charity along with us. Today, pray for an open mind and heart to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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**The Good Samaritan Service** provides assistance to parishioners needing help with indoor care, personal services, transportation and outdoor care. If you or your family are in need of one of these services, please fill out a Good Samaritan Service Card and drop it off in the gold box next to the parish office. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this service. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

### Votive Candles

A \$5 donation is asked for each 6-day plastic votive candle lit in the Church proper and each 5 day electric candle in the Chapel. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Fr. Nienhaus

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### 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, February 5**, in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Ames Interfaith Council

The Annual meeting of the Ames Interfaith Council will be held Sunday, February 1, 6:00PM in Saint Cecilia South Social Hall. The evening will begin with a potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service provided. Sue Stanton will speak at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend. Contact Barbara Gwiasda at 232-7582 with questions.

## Baptisms



**Tanner James**, son of Jason & Anne Nord  
**Avery Rose**, daughter of R.J. & Brietta Voss

## Gift Shop

Open, January 31, 4-6:00PM

February 1, 9:30AM-Noon

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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)

## Tuesday, February 3

7:00 AM: All the Poor Souls

5:15 PM: Jim Berust†

## Wednesday, February 4

7:00 AM: Elizabeth Hildebrand

5:15 PM: Teresa Williams

## Thursday, February 5

7:00 AM: Stephen Asjest†

5:15PM: Paul & Stella Volcko

## Friday, February 6

7:00 AM: Kilty Maher

9:00AM: Rita Schmitz†

5:15 PM: Michael Rolling Family

## Saturday, February 7

8:30AM: James Winslow†

5:00 PM: Edward & Paul Shevokast†

## Sunday, February 8

8:30 AM: Joe Ward Family

10:30 AM: Stan Olsson†

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 February 1, 2009

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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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

Phone.....(515) 233-3092

Fax.....(515) 233-6423

Rectory.....(515) 233-9477

## Parish Staff

**Pastor** .....Father Ivan Nienhaus  
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## School

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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 Saint Cecilia Parish.