

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

February 8, 2009

5th 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

## Prayer For Married Couples

**A**lmighty and Eternal God.

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love for them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## World Marriage



*Weekend*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PreSchool & Kindergarten

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

### Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. February dates: 9, 16, 23  
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. February dates: 11, 18, 25

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

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. February dates: 18, 25\*  
YIKES! February 11: Casino Night, 7-9:00PM, Multi-purpose Room.  
\*Ash Wednesday, February 25: Please check with catechists to see if students will attend Ash Wednesday services together.

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, February dates: 18, 25\*  
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.  
\*Ash Wednesday, February 25: Please check with catechists to see if students will attend Ash Wednesday services together.  
Glory SKI TRIP To Seven Oaks. February 27/28. Leave 6:00PM Friday, return 10:00PM Saturday, cost \$55. Sign up by turning in permission form to RE office by Friday, February 20.

### 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 even though they may have attended previously. 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. Msgr. Chiodo will present *The Universal Call to Holiness* on Wednesday, March 4.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Volunteer Appreciation Event**, Saturday, February 21  
**Lenten Fish Fries**, February 27, March 13, March 27  
**Parish Pot-Luck**, Wednesday, March 4



## THANKS to Our Volunteers!

**Volunteer Appreciation**  
Saturday, February 21  
6:00PM, Social Hall

**Light Supper & Snacks Served**

**Jazz Quartet for your listening pleasure**

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

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 10, 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. The program will be on Identity Theft.

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 10, 1:30PM in the St. Clare Room.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, February 12, 6:00PM in the A/Y room. Dinner at 6:00PM, with meeting and a program by Fr. Basil Hickman of St. George Greek Orthodox Church to follow. Call Pat Terrones at 233-2489 to make dinner reservations.

**The Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors** Group will meet Sunday, February 22, 11:45AM at the Flame & Skewer Restaurant at North Grand Mall. Please call Pat Rood, 232-3594 for reservations or information.

**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.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Tuesday, February 10:** 7:00PM, Kindergarten Round Up (see announcement below for details).

**Wednesday, February 11:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM

**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)

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.



Kindergarten  
Round Up

### 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 this weekend. New small groups can also be formed. **Sign-up deadline is February 10** so that materials may be ordered.

**Spring Liturgical Formation Night** is set for Wednesday, March 11, 7:00PM. This event is for all parishioners who are currently or newly involved in any of the liturgical, hospitality or music ministries.

### World Marriage Day

This weekend has been designated as a time to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. World Marriage day honors the life long commitment of a husband and wife as heads of the family. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. The United States Conference of Bishops has launched a Marriage Initiative to recognize, affirm and support the sacredness of marriage. Go to [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org) to learn about this initiative and find ways to enrich and enhance your marriage.

### Knights of Columbus Fish Supper

Friday, February 13  
Serving 5:00-7:00PM  
Social Hall

Adults: \$7 Ages 4-12: \$4 under 4: free

Meal includes baked fish  
macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked potato  
coleslaw, coffee, punch or milk.

Desserts available for a free will donation.

**Stewardship:** Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

### New Babies Welcomed Into Parish

Saint Cecilia Parish likes to welcome new babies by sending a meal to the family and by bringing a small gift bag. If you are expecting a baby please be sure that you have registered with the parish. If you do not receive a phone call soon after your baby arrives, please contact the Parish Office with the information.

Many Thanks to those who have volunteered to make meals for these families. If you would like to make a meal (only a couple of times a year) for a family, please call the Parish Office at 233-3092.

### Coffee Sale to support Uganda

Parishioner Ian Herrman will sell free trade Ugandan Coffee in the Social Hall after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses on February 15 & parishioner Brett Hanson will sell Uganda coffee after the Masses on February 22. This deliciously rich coffee is fresh roasted in Ames and is available in whole bean or ground form. A 16oz bag costs \$10. Part of the proceeds from the sale will go to support their participation in an Ames High School sponsored mission trip to Uganda this spring. The remaining proceeds will help pay for the construction of a Ugandan educational and social welfare facility which the students plan to build. For more information about the project visit [www.globalbuilding.org](http://www.globalbuilding.org). If you would like to purchase coffee, but will not be able to on these dates, please call 292-4968 (Ian) or 233-6824 (Brett) to make arrangements.

### 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.

### Day of Prayer & Presence

All Catholics are invited to attend Tuesday, February 24, at the Iowa State Capitol. Registration will start at 9:30AM at the Des Moines Diocese Pastoral Center, 6th and Grand, followed by opening prayer and a workshop directed by the Iowa Catholic Conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral. After lunch at the capitol (on your own) the group will meet with legislators to share concerns. The day is hosted by the Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women assisted by the Iowa Catholic Conference. For further information please contact Edna Brunkhorst at 319-352-3486 or [ednab@webiowaplus.net](mailto:ednab@webiowaplus.net)

### Your Financial Stewardship

January 26-February 1

Weekly Contributions (general) .....	\$22,320
Needed weekly to meet expenses .....	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building).....	\$2,917

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 II, God Reveals His Name

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God revealed himself to his people Israel by making his name known to them. A name expresses a person's essence and identity and the meaning of this person's life. God has a name; he is not an anonymous force. To disclose one's name is to make oneself known to others; in a way it is to hand oneself over by becoming accessible, capable of being known more intimately and addressed personally.

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God revealed himself progressively and under different names to his people, but the revelation that proved to be the fundamental one for both the Old and the New Covenants was the revelation of the divine name to Moses in the theophany of the burning bush, on the threshold of the Exodus and of the covenant on Sinai.

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus accompanying James, John, Andrew and Simon to see Simon's mother-in-law, who was sick with fever. Jesus relieved her suffering, and then left to pray in solitude. When his disciples found him, he instructed them that they would now begin traveling to other villages in towns in the area, as it was his mission to spread his great news as far and wide as he could, especially to those who would need the saving grace of God the most.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the Holy Spirit is the leader of the principal mission of the Church, to reach out to the spiritually and physically poor, thus unfolding the path of Christ, a way of service and self-sacrifice even unto death (CCC 852). In our lives, we are presented with opportunities to walk this path with Christ every day. By accepting our mission to reach out to others who need us, we are assured that we will never walk that path alone.

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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

### St. Thomas Aquinas Separated/Divorced Support Group

will meet Thursday, February 12, 7-8:30PM in St. Catherine's Room at St. Thomas. Kathy W. will lead a faith sharing meeting with time for prayer and personal reflection. Discussion will be held on the upcoming retreat to be held March 28, 1-4:00PM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church near Gilbert. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Carol at 296-2250 or Jo at [jomyerswalker@gmail.com](mailto:jomyerswalker@gmail.com)



### Members of the Social Concerns

Committee would like to thank parishioners for their generous support during 2008. Contributions include money collected through the Good Samaritan (Black Bag) collection as well as food shelf and Rice Bowl donations. Through your support we have contributed more than \$35,000 to charitable organizations and causes within our community including MICA, Good Neighbor, Food at First, and many others. In addition, more than 500 gifts were distributed during the Christmas season through your generous support of the Giving Tree. Thanks again for your generosity and support of this program.



**Our Family** is indebted to each of you for your daily prayers and generosity since the death of our dear little Elsa. You have made a difference in our life and well being. God bless and keep each of you.

In His Care  
The Randy Sevde Family

### Gift Shop

New 1st Eucharist & Confirmation Gifts Arriving

Remember Valentine's Day  
Books, Willow Tree Angels & Gifts

Open, February 14, 4-6:00PM

February 15, 9:30AM-Noon

Open by Appointment weekdays. Call  
233-3092



### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

**EILEEN SCHUCH**, aunt of Eileen Thompson & **ELSIE THOMPSON**, mother/mother-in-law of Chuck & Tilda Thompson. 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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Matthew 5:4



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, February 7

5:00 PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas†

## Sunday, February 8

8:30 AM: Joe Ward Family

10:30 AM: Stan Olsson†

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

## Tuesday, February 10

7:00 AM: Roger & Hilda Brown

5:15 PM: Bonita Schmitz

## Wednesday, February 11

7:00 AM: Evelyn Wickham†

5:15 PM: Juan G. Montoya

## Thursday, February 12

7:00 AM: Shirley Sibley†

5:15 PM: Msgr. William Schulte & Family

## Friday, February 13

7:00 AM: Don Finnegan†

5:15 PM: Msgr. Bernard Collins†

## Saturday, February 14

5:00 PM: Edward & Beulah Lukes†

## Sunday, February 15

8:30 AM: Jim Kearney†

10:30 AM: Mary Teehan†

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 8, 2009

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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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

**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.