

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

February 15, 2009

6th 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.

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



THANKS to Our
Volunteers!

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-5

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

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. February dates: 18, 25*

*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*

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.

*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 Religious Education office at 232-3514.

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

Stations of the Cross, 6:00PM, Lenten Fridays

Ash Wednesday is February 25

Mass Times: 7:00 & 9:00AM, 5:30 & 7:30PM

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is next weekend. Suggested food items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged, shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and canned fruit. The following non-food items are needed: laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, paper towels and Kleenex. Homemade jams and jellies are not accepted. Please check the expiration date on items. Thank you for your continued generous support.



Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, February 16, 6:30PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, February 17, 9:30AM at the home of Althea Palmer. Anyone wishing to make rosaries may call, 233-1393.

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

Next Interfaith Dialogue is this 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.

Bulletin Deadlines: Please submit articles in writing by 4:00PM Monday for inclusion in the bulletin for the following Sunday. Articles may be submitted a week or more in advance of this deadline. Articles received past deadline might not be printed depending on available space.

Coffee & Donuts
served after the
8:30 & 10:30 Masses



SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, February 18: Early dismissal at 2:15PM
Thursday, February 19: 9:00AM Mass, Grades 4/5

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

Preschool Round Up

Parents are welcome to attend the Saint Cecilia Preschool Round-up on Thursday, February 26, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. After a short presentation and question/answer time, parents may tour the preschool rooms. Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and a \$50 registration fee. Please contact Mrs. Vidimos at 232-5290 with any questions.



Spring Liturgical Formation Night is set for Wednesday, March 11, 7:00PM. Deacon Rick and Jenny Condon, former hosts of the KWKY morning show "Rise and Shine" and currently serving St. Pius in Urbandale, will present on the topic, *Come Play Before the Lord*. This event is for all parishioners who are currently or newly involved in any of the liturgical, hospitality or music ministries.

★ Thank You! ★
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The 2009 Gala was a huge success and all involved would like to thank the entire parish community for the outpouring of generosity! Details will follow when final numbers are in.

Coffee Sale to support Uganda

Parishioner Ian Herrman will sell free trade Uganda coffee in the Social Hall after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses on February 15 & parishioner Brett Hanson will sell Ugandan 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. 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.

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

WE NEED YOU!

One more couple is needed to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30AM Mass one Sunday each month. If you are willing to share your talents by participating in this rewarding ministry, please contact Patty Willadsen at 515-827-6037 or dwilladsen@msn.com.

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.

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. 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

Your Financial Stewardship

February 2--February 8

Weekly Contributions (general).....	\$22,683
Needed weekly to meet expenses.....	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$554

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

The living God

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God calls Moses from the midst of a bush that burns without being consumed: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." God is the God of the fathers, the One who had called and guided the patriarchs in their wanderings. He is the faithful and compassionate God who remembers them and his promises; he comes to free their descendants from slavery. He is the God who, from beyond space and time, can do this and wills to do it, the God who will put his almighty power to work for this plan.

"I Am who I Am"

Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you', and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I Am has sent me to you' . . . this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

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

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. For more information contact Deacon Gary at 296-2966.

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Sometimes it is simply impossible to keep a secret, especially good news. Our natural inclination is to "shout it from the mountaintop" even if we were told not to say a word. So, too, is it difficult to keep from blowing our own horn while on that mountaintop. We take it upon ourselves to perform some act of charity for a friend in need, and can't wait to tell someone about it. Part of us feels good about what we've done, but the other part—our pride—seeks recognition from others. But there is really only one whose recognition and approval we will ever need, and God already knows what we've done!

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark is a perfect example of our inability to keep a secret. A leper is cleansed by Jesus, his disease completely cured. But Jesus explicitly tells the man to keep this to himself and simply give thanks in the temple. Unfortunately, the man cannot keep himself from telling everyone about the miracle that Jesus performed; in doing so, Jesus' ability to carry out his mission is hampered. Unable to simply preach in the villages and towns, he must remain in the outlying areas. Even so, the crowds still find him, though not always for the reasons he sought them.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are helped to understand the very beautiful and abundant rewards of acts of charity. The fruits of our labor, as they are called, are joy, peace, and mercy (CCC 1829). Jesus speaks on many occasions about the need to keep our good deeds to ourselves. The recipient knows what you have done, as does the Father. Having received joy, peace, and mercy, what more could you ask for!

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Open This Weekend After All Masses

Open, February 28, 4-6:00PM

March 1, 9:30AM-Noon

**Open by Appointment weekdays. Call
233-3092**

40 Days for Life

Christians throughout Ames and the surrounding communities are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from February 25 through April 5. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood, 2530 Chamberlain Street, Ames for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Margy Hanson at 233-6824 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/ames. All are welcome!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 AM: James F. Lowery

5:15 PM: Helen Chicoin

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 AM: Char Beaudry†

5:15 PM: Katheryn Asjest†

Thursday, February 19

7:00 AM: † Michael Jackson

9:00AM: Bob & Mary Myers†

5:15 PM: Lillian & Herman Berns

Friday, February 20

7:00 AM: James Kernan†

5:15 PM: Lillian Johnson†

Saturday, February 21

5:00 PM: Velma Rolling Family

Sunday, February 22

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners†

10:30 AM: Elmar Toppenberg†

5:00 PM: Ulises C. Dubon
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 February 15, 2009

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34---9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2
Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

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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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.