

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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March 1, 2009

1st Sunday in Lent

Church Chat & Chow

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4



6:00PM: Parish Potluck

7:00PM: THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

Presented by

Msgr. Frank Chiodo, Pastor, St. Anthony Church, Des Moines

“We’re all called to be holy — and that means YOU, too!”

You may attend the potluck only,
Msgr. Chiodo’s talk only, or both events.

Fried Chicken, cheesy potatoes, rolls,
beverage and table service provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to
share. All ages welcome!!

Parish Potluck



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. March dates: 2, 9, 23
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. March dates: 4, 11, 25
First Eucharist Share –a-Meal, March 30

TEEN MASS

Sunday, March 1, 7:00PM

Please bring one canned good for offertory

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. March dates: 4, 25
YIKES! Movie Night, Wednesday March 11. Parents, check your e-mail bulletin for more information.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays, 7-8:15PM. March dates, 4, 25
Glory: March 8, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #3
Glory : March 22, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #4
Glory: March 29, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #5
Confirmation Liturgy Training: March 11, 7-8:30PM
SPRING BREAK: NO Classes March 18

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, April 2**, 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.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Lenten Fish Dinners, March 13, March 27
Stations of the Cross, Lenten Fridays, 6:00PM
Church



First SUNDAY IN LENT

MEETINGS/EVENTS

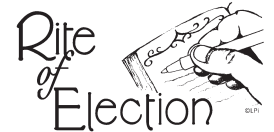
Sanctity of Human Life Committee will meet Sunday March 1, after the 8:30 Mass in the Sun Room.

St. Gerard's Circle will meet Thursday, March 5, 7:00PM at the home of Gerry Abel, 1603 Burnett Avenue. Deacon John McCully will speak about the Spanish Ministry. Please bring items for ACCESS. If you are not a member but would like to attend, or if you need a ride, call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

St. Mary's Circle will meet Thursday, March 5, 1:30PM in the A/Y Room. Carolyn Johnson will present the program on the Parish Trip to Poland.

Rite of Election

Sunday, March 1 at 2:30PM, the Archdiocese will celebrate the Rite of Election for those adults to be baptized at Easter. This is celebrated at 3 sites in the Archdiocese including Saint Cecilia. Parishioners are welcome to attend to show their support for those who will be entering the Church. This is a Liturgy of the Word, not a Eucharistic celebration.



The Saint Cecilia Choir will be rehearsing for the Lent/Holy Week season this Saturday, March 7, 9:00AM in the Music Room. New members are always welcome. Please contact Bob Hauser, at 233-3092 if you have any questions.

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.



Parish Breakfast

Served after the
8:30 & 10:30AM Masses
This weekend

Free Will Donation, Proceeds will help fund the Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, March 4: Early dismissal at 2:15PM

Friday, March 6: 9:00AM, All School Mass

Tuesday March 10-Thursday, March 12: Parent Teacher Conferences, No Preschool, Early dismissal at 1:30PM.

Thursday, March 12: 9:00AM, Grades K, 1, & 2, Para-Liturgy

Friday, March 13: NO SCHOOL

Spring Break—March 16-20

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

Thank You

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization would like to thank everyone who helped us to raise \$2,824,774 this past year. This money will be used to support need-based tuition assistance to qualifying families across the Archdiocese of Dubuque for the 2009-2010 school year. To find more information about the 2009 campaign or for tuition assistance please visit our website at www.OurFaithSTO.org.

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.

Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls are available today at the Welcome Table in the Gathering Space as you leave the church. They are also in baskets in the vestibule. 75% of your contributions to Operation Rice Bowl go to Catholic Relief Services and support, in developing countries, a wide variety of projects including agriculture, water, microfinance, health, and education. 25% of your contribution stays in the diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. For specific information regarding the sponsored projects, pick up a home calendar located near the rice bowls or visit orb.crs.org on the web. Calendars available in English and Spanish.



This Week's Country: Egypt (Africa)—The fabled "land of the pyramids" is home to over 70 million people. While Egypt attracts tourism and has some natural resources, millions of Egyptians remain poor, struggling to obtain enough food and clean water for their families. Before the food price crisis, estimates from the World Bank showed that 23% of Egypt's population lived below the national poverty line and 12% of children under the age of 5 suffered from malnutrition. Now, the situation is even more critical—especially for refugees who flee to Egypt from nearby countries like Sudan. Today, Catholic Relief Services Egypt improves the lives of over 80,000 poor people. Current programs focus on helping refugees, providing villages with clean water and sanitation, encouraging democracy, and giving loans to women to develop small home-based businesses.

Challenge for the Week: Give 50 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every working member in your family. School counts as lots of work! Also, observe Lent with your entire family. Focus on the lives of the poor as you pray, fast, give and learn this Lenten season.

Stewardship: The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Birthright Volunteers Needed

In addition to praying, fasting and picketing to end abortion, urgent help is needed to provide assistance to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Please consider volunteering to help staff the office at Birthright of Ames where we offer compassionate assistance to these women in need. Please help give them loving support so that they do not feel their only choice is to end their pregnancy. Call 292-8414 today to make a life-saving difference in the lives of many women and their babies.

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.

Loras College Grant & Scholarship

Each parish in the in the Archdiocese has the opportunity to designate **one new** student for the \$500 parish grant (renewable while enrolled at Loras College). Two additional scholarship opportunities have also been added. The grant recipient's name must reach Loras by April 1. Please contact Jerry Greving at 233-3092 for more information.

Your Financial Stewardship

February 16—February 22

Weekly Contributions (general)	\$21,084
Needed weekly to meet expenses	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$417

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

II. God Reveals His Name

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By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your fathers"), as for the future ("I will be with you"). God, who reveals his name as "I AM," reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.

1st Sunday of Lent

He spent most of his college days creating or recovering from hangovers instead of studying. While his parents had taken him to various Protestant churches as a young boy, God was the furthest thing from his mind. He was expelled from school and soon found himself in the military where his off-duty hours were spent behaving much as he did in college. After his discharge, he aimlessly wandered through life and jobs until a priest who was building a new parish in Chicago offered to introduce him personally to the Catholic faith. At the Rite of Initiation, the man realized that perhaps his own angels had been with him as he wandered through the desert of his former life.

Have you experienced a bit of desert wandering of your own? In today's Gospel from Mark, it is the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Upon his baptism by John, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus out into the desert where he remains for forty days. During this time, he is immediately challenged by Satan, but as the Gospel states, "He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." Can we recognize our beasts, and still rely on our angels?

Throughout Jesus' forty days, his thoughts were always first and foremost with his Father. This saving grace protected him from danger and temptation. Yet we all too frequently choose to seek God's intervention only as a last resort (CCC 2732). Whether we spend our days in the presence of life's temptations or try to battle the beasts and demons that come our way, how can we be so bold as to believe we can do it on our own, when Jesus himself relied on God as his savior and protector? Faith is, was, and shall always be our greatest shield.

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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.

Order More Ugandan Coffee

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 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, please call 292-4968 (Ian Herrman) or 233-6824 (Brett Hanson) to make arrangements.

COMMUNITY

Good Neighbor Annual Fundraising Dinner

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. will hold its Healthy Food Vouchers program at Lucullan's Italian Grill, Thursday, March 5. The program provides nutritious foods to individuals and families in need. Dinner tickets are available from the Good Neighbor office at 508 Kellogg Avenue or from Julie Haas (232-7138). The cost is \$30 per person of which \$25 is tax deductible. (Gratuities not included). Office hours M-F, 9:00AM-Noon. Social hour with cash bar at 5:30PM, followed by a family style meal at 6:30PM. This location is not handicapped accessible. Good Neighbor is a consortium of more than 25 Story County faith groups (including Saint Cecilia) and organizations that have joined together to provide immediate help for those experiencing difficult financial circumstances. The organization assists with rent, utilities and other basic needs. Call Good Neighbor for more information at 296-1449.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Friday Fish Dinners

The Knights of Columbus council at Ames St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center will prepare Lenten fish and meatless pasta dinners from 5:00-7:00PM, Friday, March 6, and Friday, April 3, in the Lower Lounge. The cost is \$15 for families, \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 5 through college, and free for children 4 and younger. Proceeds will benefit charity. All are welcome.

Lenten Prayer Opportunity- Eucharistic Adoration

With so many prayer needs in our world today, now is the time to set aside an hour each week to pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This Lent find rest for your weary soul in the peace of the Burke Chapel. Call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267 for more information.

Gift Shop

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March 1, 9:30AM-Noon

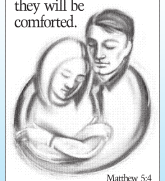
Open by Appointment weekdays. Call 233-3092

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Please Remember in Your Prayers:

ROBERT DORAN,. 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.

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





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM: Bernard Olberding Family

10:30 AM: John & Margaret O'Neill

5:00 PM: Carlo D. Punyed

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 AM: Frank Van Buer

5:15 PM: Al Niehoff

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 AM: All the Poor Souls†

5:15 PM: Anita Uthe†

Thursday, March 5

7:00 AM: Don Finnegan†

5:15 PM: Ed & Lulu Shea†

Friday, March 6

7:00 AM: Richard Anderson†

9:00 AM: Elsie Thompson†

5:15 PM: Lynn Franco

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

8:30 AM: Dennis Cink†

5:00 PM: Cletus Shea

Sunday, March 8

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30 AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty†

5:00 PM: For an Increase in Vocations

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 10:00 PM & 6:00 AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information or to sign up for an adoration hour.

Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or

stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com.

Readings for the week of March 1, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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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Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.