

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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March 15, 2009

3rd Sunday in Lent



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.



FRIDAYS

during Lent

Stations of The Cross
6:00PM, Church



Prayer for the Pauline Year

Dear Lord,

In this Pauline Year, help us to take advantage of every jubilee year to draw closer to you. Let us remember Saint Paul himself, after whom this jubilee is named. Help us to recall that he converted others, founded churches, and became the greatest of missionaries not because he spoke well, not because of looks, connections or wealth, and not from only using great knowledge. He brought souls to you through his fearless love of you, his willingness to sacrifice and his devotion to the truth of the good news of your birth, death, and resurrection. Amen

YEAR OF SAINT PAUL—2008-2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. March date: 23
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. March date: 25
First Eucharist Share-a-Meal, March 30

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. March date: 25

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays, 7-8:15PM. March date: 25
March 18: Spring break, No class!
Glory : March 22, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #4
Glory: March 29, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #5

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. We will **not** meet on March 16.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM. We will **not** meet on March 17.

Adult Education Presentations are held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall.

Mark Your Calendar

Lenten Fish Dinner, March 27

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

Christmas Market: November 21 & 22, 2009

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.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single

Seniors Group will meet today, March 15 at 11:45 at Bufords on East 13th Street. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for information.

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, March 16 at 6:30PM in the Sun Room. All are welcome.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30AM at Bonnie Callahan's home. Please bring your rosary kit with you. Anyone wishing to make rosaries is asked to call 233-1393.

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.

Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is



Food Shelf Collection

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.

The Spring 3-in-1 Appeal will be taken up during the Masses on March 21 & 22. A brochure and offertory envelope will be sent directly to your home this week. This appeal includes the Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic Communications collections.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

All married couples in the parish are invited to a Renewal of Marriage Vows Sunday afternoon, March 22 at 1:30PM in the Church. A reception will follow in the social hall. Sponsored by the Worship Commission.

The Saint Cecilia Choir will be rehearsing for the Lent/Holy Week season on Saturday, March 28, 9:00AM in the Music Room. New members are always welcome. Please contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092 if you have any questions. We will not rehearse on March 21.

Spiritual Treasures—just a few miles away!

Saint Paul Pilgrimage site: Saints Peter and Paul Church, 14238 500th Avenue, Gilbert.

Sunday, March 29 at 3:00PM

Saint Paul Reflection by Fr. Ray Atwood of Riceville. IA
Private Reconciliation to follow

Check out the website: www.osv.com/YearofStPaulNav/YearofStPaul/PaulineIndulgence/tabid/6264/Default.aspx and fulfill all the requirements of the plenary indulgence granted Pope Benedict XVI for the Year of St. Paul!

Questions? Call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267.



Several months ago I approached the Archbishop and in the course of our ongoing dialogue since that time the decision has been made that another priest from the Archdiocese would be assigned to St. Cecilia in July to plan and fund-raise for a new Church. Starting in July, I will begin filling-in at various parishes throughout the Archdiocese when I'm not on Sabbatical. In July 2010 I will be returning full time to a parish assignment. We have had three marvelous years together. I am proud of everything we have done. You are good people. This is a great parish. Keep me in your prayers. We will say our good-byes in June.

- Father Nienhaus

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday-Friday, March 16-22: NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Wednesday, March 25: Early dismissal at 2:15PM

Thursday, March 26: Grades 3/4/5 Mass at 9AM.

Friday, March 27: End of 3rd Quarter

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

School Tuition Organization

By now you should have seen several pieces of information regarding STO (School Tuition Organization). In brief, it is a special program which collected over \$2.8 million dollars in donations in 2008, that will be distributed for tuition assistance at K-12 schools in Iowa for 2009-'10. Last year, 19% of the students at St. Cecilia were awarded grants averaging over \$1,000, each, from the STO for tuition assistance. Visit www.OurFaithSTO.org for more information or to apply. The Authorization Code for St. Cecilia is "Arch1" and the school code is "3261." Or you can contact the school office for a paper copy of this application. The application deadline is March 16, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact the School office.

2009-2010 Enrollment

Currently, there are openings in most classes for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact the school office as soon as possible for more information and enrollment papers. Thank you.

Operation Rice Bowl

This Week's Country: Tanzania (Africa) – Known for such spectacular sites as Mount Kilimanjaro, the islands of Zanzibar and the famed Serengeti plains, Tanzania is also home to more than 120 diverse ethnic groups. Despite its natural beauty and bountiful resources, the nation faces serious challenges...nearly 20 percent of Tanzanians live on less than a dollar a day, recurring drought and poor farming techniques cause food shortages, and the prevalence of HIV stands at 7 percent. Housing, food, education, health care, counseling services, and life skills training are provided by Catholic Relief Services to children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS.



Challenge for the Week: Give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each doctor visit you made this year. Also, help children understand other cultures around the world as well as issues of poverty, injustice, and peace.

Stewardship:

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is a gift help us to be less resentful of the gifts of others.

40 Days for Life

Please join us in the 40 Days for Life mid-point rally on Monday, March 23 at 7PM. We will gather at Lighthouse Baptist (112 So. Sheldon) and then walk down to Planned Parenthood. This event will be peaceful, prayerful, and motivating for all participants. If you have any questions, please call Margy Hanson at 233-6824.

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 (CFM) 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. Contact Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison (206-2066) for further information.

Spend an evening this Lent with:

Contemporary



Christian Music Group
a musical program of
Praise
Reflection & Renewal

Feel the presence of the Spirit as we sing of the Lord's boundless LOVE, unconditional FORGIVENESS, and call for RENEWAL in our lives.

Sunday, March 29
7:00PM in the Narthex

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event.
Admission is Free

Your Financial Stewardship

March 2-March 8

Contributions (general)	\$16,248
Needed weekly to meet expenses	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$461

Fiscal year to date collections are ahead of budget; however, we have experienced reductions in contributions the past two months. More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office.

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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Out of respect for the holiness of God, the people of Israel do not pronounce his name. In the reading of Sacred Scripture, the revealed name (YHWH) is replaced by the divine title "LORD" (in Hebrew *Adonai*, in Greek *Kyrios*). It is under this title that the divinity of Jesus will be acclaimed: "Jesus is LORD."

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.

2009 Catholic Men's Conference

The 13th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, April 4 at LaSalle Middle School in Cedar Rapids. The keynote speakers are Fr. Phillip Chavez and Kenneth Henderson. The conference includes various breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. The day concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Hanus. Registration is \$35 by March 15 or \$45 at the door and includes lunch. For more information, contact Steve Serrot at (319) 378-3992 or log on to the Catholic Men's Fellowship web site at www.catholicmenonline.org Contact Deacon Ron Smith (515-441-0480) if you want to carpool.

Weekend to Remember

Get away . . . from the distractions of daily life. Slow down . . . And reconnect. Give some time to your spouse and to your marriage, and spend a Weekend to Remember at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown, March 20-22. From engaged couples to empty-nesters, it's never too early or too late to help your marriage flourish. During the weekend, you will explore God's purpose for bringing you together, work through your differences, improve communication, and even rekindle your romance! Questions? Contact Kevin or Lisa Teske at 233-8638 or visit www.familylife.com/groups/teske

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

DOUGLAS McCORMICK. 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.



COMMUNITY

VEISHEA Service/Stash the Trash

Saturday March 28, 9AM-4PM (various shifts)

ISU students and community members will work together on March 28 to beautify Iowa State University and the Ames community by picking up litter and participating in a variety of other projects. For more information, please contact Jennifer Garrett at garrett1@iastate.edu or call 515-294-4354. You may also sign up online at www.veishea.iastate.edu

Earned Income Tax Credit and Free Tax Preparation

You or someone you know may be eligible for the earned income tax credit (EITC), free assistance with preparing a tax return, or both. Even if they do not owe income tax, working families can receive up to \$4800. The amount depends on the family's income, number of children, and other factors. Also, some taxpayers may be eligible for free tax preparation services, which are available at five locations in Story County. For more information on the EITC and tax preparation services, call Chris Rehmann at 520-1224.

Ames Public Library and AMOS invite you to attend some free special events to help us all use resources for the greatest benefit. Each event will begin at 7:00PM in the Farwell T. Brown Auditorium, Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave. Upcoming events include:

Wednesday, March 25—Solar Decathlon Home. ISU students will showcase innovative techniques they are using in the house they are building.

Monday, March 30—Green Building. Learn new products and techniques for building or improving your home.

Monday, April 6—Community Discussion. Hear some new eco-ideas that are working in other communities, then share ideas about what our communities could do.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Separated/Divorced Retreat—March 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas will host a spring retreat for anyone separated or divorced on Saturday, March 28, 1-4PM at Saints Peter & Paul Social Hall near Gilbert. Presenters will be Sr. Virginia Jennings of the Du-buque Franciscan Sisters and artist Jo Meyers Walker. There is no required fee to attend, though a free-will offering will be gladly accepted. We will celebrate Mass together after the retreat, and then eat at The Spice at 6:00PM. Questions or to sign up, please contact Carol at 298-2250 or Jo at jomyerswalker@gmail.com by Thursday, March 26.

Gift Shop

Saturday, March 14, 4-6:00PM

Sunday, March 15, 9:30AM-12:30PM

And by appointment. Call 233-3092.

SHOP EARLY

FOR

First Eucharist

And

Confirmation gifts!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 14

5:00 PM: John Conley†

Sunday, March 15

8:30 AM: Kathy Pelzer†

10:30 AM: Bunny Richert†

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

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 AM: Char Beaudry†

5:15 PM: Anita Uthe†

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 AM: James Kernan

5:15 PM: Julie Fitzgerald

Thursday, March 19

7:00 AM: Sherri Thompson

5:15 PM: Dennis Cink

Friday, March 20

7:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. John Rizast†

5:15 PM: Michael Jackson

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

5:00 PM: Dan Lehman†

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM: Edna Backhaus

10:30 AM: Marcella Noethe†

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 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 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 15, 2009

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (St. Joseph)

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM & 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.