

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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March 22, 2009

4th Sunday in Lent

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

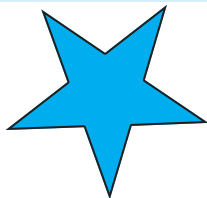
Saint Paul Reflection by Fr. Ray Atwood of Riceville, IA

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!

Sponsored by Saint Cecilia Parish

Questions? Call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267.



Spend an evening this Lent with:

Contemporary

Christian Music Group

a musical program of

Praise

Reflection & Renewal



.....enhancing the Liturgy.....

....and inspiring lives of faith....

....through music.

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**



The Last Supper

An Hour of Drama and Reflection

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00PM, Narthex

Join the Knights of Columbus for a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting, *The Last Supper*. Listen to the Apostles as they reflect on the burden Jesus has just shared with them, "One of you will betray me".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. April dates: 5, 19.

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
YIKES! Wednesday, April 8, 7-9:00PM.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays, 7-8:15PM. March date: 25. April dates: 8, 15, 22, 29

Girls of Grace: A study group for 8th grade girls only, will meet 6-7:00PM, Wednesday, April 1 thru May 20.

Glory : March 22, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #4

Glory: March 29, 7-9:00PM, TKC Session #5

Confirmation: Wednesday, April 8, 7-8:30PM

Teen Mass: Palm Sunday, April 5, 7:00PM. No jeans or T-shirts, please. ALL are welcome, especially Saint Cecilia 6-12th graders!

Organizational Meetings for Youth Trips will be held March 23, in the North Social Hall: Steubenville, 6-6:30PM; NCYC, 6:30-7:00PM and Appalachia, 7-7:30PM.

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. **April 1, Deacon John McCully, will present *The Pauline Letters—the Disputed Writings.***

Stations of the Cross:

Lenten Fridays, 6:00PM, Church

Communal Reconciliation:

Monday, March 30, 7:30PM

Thursday, April 2, 7:30PM

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Friday, March 27
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.**

MEETINGS/EVENTS



POTLUCK

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, March 24 in the South Social Hall for a pot-luck luncheon and program. Plan to eat at Noon. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Story County Auditor, Mary Mosiman will present the program. All parishioners age 60 or over are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

Easter Decorations/Floral Memorials

If you wish to contribute to the Easter decoration fund or have a memorial for someone living or deceased, please place your donation and the form in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office by March 30. Forms can be found in the vestibule, by the parish office or in the Chapel Sacristy.



RENEW
Your
VOWS

Renewal of Marriage Vows

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

Please join me in welcoming Fr. James Secora as Saint Cecilia's new Pastor as of July 14, 2009. Fr. Secora is the present Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Cedar Falls. He was ordained May 31, 1975 at St. John Nepomucene Parish in Fort Atkinson, and has served in Cedar Falls for the last 12 years. Prior to that he was Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilbertville. Fr. Secora also served on the faculty of Walhert High School in Dubuque for 11 years shortly after his ordination. In addition to his duties at Walhert High School, Fr. Secora also served as Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Kucera. The UNI college atmosphere in Cedar Falls will serve Fr. Secora well here in Ames. Let us include Fr. Secora in our prayers during this important time of transition. God Bless You!



Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

Stewardship: All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Operation Rice Bowl

This Week's Country: Honduras (Central America) - Honduras is rich in natural beauty, with vast mountainous areas, fertile plateaus, river valleys and coastal plains. The second largest country in Central America, Honduras is struggling to overcome a violent past marked by wars and coups, military and authoritarian regimes, and the exploitative dictates of foreign companies. With two thirds of its 7.4 million people living in poverty, Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the Americas. High unemployment and high income inequality coupled with inadequate development and education have created a complex environment in which Catholic Relief Services (CRS) strives to make a difference.



CRS began working in Honduras in 1959 to provide effective development projects that address the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable Hondurans. In addition to improving the management of agriculture and natural resources in Honduras, CRS is involved in establishing emergency systems to protect against the tropical storms and hurricanes that periodically ravage the country. Committed to the principles of justice and solidarity, CRS also works to combat child labor and HIV and AIDS and to improve complex migration issues. 13% of Hondurans risk falling sick to water related illnesses, such as diarrhea, due to unreliable access to clean water and improved sanitation systems.

Challenge of the Week: Give 25 cents to your Rice Bowl for each glass of water you drink today. Also shop responsibly. Whether you are buying chocolate, coffee, or handicrafts, fair trade programs give you a concrete way to put your consumer dollars to work.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Thursday, March 26: 9:00AM, Mass Grades 3/4/5

Friday, March 27: End of 3rd Quarter

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

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.

Catholic Parenting: What to teach your Children

The habit of prayer. Along with such prayers as the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Act of Contrition, I also encourage you to teach grace before meals. **How to do a good examination of conscience and the habits of commandments.** Along with knowing the commandments, help children see how they can practice the positive admonitions of the commandments and avoid committing sins against them. **The practice of charity.** Use any opportunity to encourage works of charity and justice. **The habit of sacrifice.** Teaching penitential practices during Lent should be expected but, more than this, encourage sacrificial acts—abstinence and fasting—on Fridays as a healthy Christian practice throughout the year. **The habit of a common meal.** Many families have lost the habit of regular meals in common. This is detrimental not only to the family, it also harms the faith life of the Church. This is a challenge in the busy world in which we live but these ordinary moments of family life can be occasions of saving grace. **Keeping the Lord's Day holy, especially by attending the Sunday Eucharist.** It should not be limited to just attending Mass. There is so much more we can do to recover a sacred regard for Sunday. **The rituals of reverence in a Church or other sacred spaces:** kneeling, genuflection, the reverential bow, the postures for receiving communion, maintaining a reverential silence in Church. Along with this, many children would benefit from understanding the Christian value of common courtesies that we extend to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Your Financial Stewardship

March 9-March 15

Contributions (general)	\$ 17,682
Needed weekly to meet expenses	\$ 19,648
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$ 1,435

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.

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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After Israel's sin, when the people had turned away from God to worship the golden calf, God hears Moses' prayer of intercession and agrees to walk in the midst of an unfaithful people, thus demonstrating his love.¹⁸ When Moses asks to see his glory, God responds "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name 'the LORD' [YHWH]."¹⁹ Then the Lord passes before Moses and proclaims, "YHWH, YHWH, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"; Moses then confesses that the LORD is a forgiving God.²⁰

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The divine name, "I Am" or "He Is," expresses God's faithfulness: despite the faithlessness of men's sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps "steadfast love for thousands."²¹ By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is "rich in mercy."²² By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he himself bears the divine name: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will realize that 'I Am.'"²³

God alone IS

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I want you to try something on your next birthday. When you've gathered with family or friends, and you have enjoyed a nice meal and maybe a little cake (but not too much!), gather the unopened gifts that may have been brought for you and have someone put them on a table just out of your reach. Then, as everyone gathers around you ready to listen to you read the cards and tear off the wrapping paper, tell them that even though you can see the gifts and you know they were given with love, you're not going to open them right now because it's too hard to reach across the table to them. Imagine their reaction!

It is probably one of the most well-known and oft-recited passages in the Bible and is part of today's Gospel reading from John: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." In this simple yet so very powerful sentence, we are told that we all are recipients of the greatest gift ever given-eternal life-and all we need to do is to believe. We would never leave a birthday present unwrapped; why, then, do so many choose not to believe? Why do they choose not to unwrap the greatest gift that will ever be given to them?

Whether one attends Mass on a daily or weekly basis, we are forever invited to share in the gift that is Jesus Christ through the sharing of the Eucharist (CCC 1336). When we can finally accept the love from God that was manifested in Jesus himself, and further accept Jesus' gift to us of the redemption of our sins through his willingness to die on the cross, then we will truly live in the glory of eternal life. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, give thanks for not only for our smaller gifts, but for the greatest gift of all.

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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 \$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.

COMMUNITY

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.

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 Dubuque 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 jo-meyerswalker@gmail.com by Thursday, March 26.

Gift Shop

Saturday, March 28, 4-6:00PM

Sunday, March 29, 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 21

5:00 PM: Dan Lehman†

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM: Edna Backhouse†

10:30 AM: Marcella Noethe†

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

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 AM: Katherine Lynch†

5:15 PM: Arthur H. Johnson

Wednesday, March 25

7:00 AM: Dan Maher†

5:15 PM: Ray & Helen Michaud†

Thursday, March 26

7:00 AM: Bill Chubb

9:00 AM: Lillian & Herman Bernst†

5:15 PM: Mary Craig

Friday, March 27

7:00 AM: Jackie Scott†

5:15 PM: Mark Wessman†

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM: Sr. Gene Marie O.S.F.†

Sunday, March 29

8:30 AM: Mary Heman†

10:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00 PM: George Thorington†
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 10:00 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 22, 2009

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
(Annunciation)

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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.

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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.