

Saint Cecilia

April 5, 2009, Palm Sunday

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

7:30PM: Mass (No morning or afternoon Mass)

Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

2:00PM: Stations of the Cross/
Communion

7:30PM: Good Friday Liturgy
(No morning or afternoon Mass)

First Day of Divine Mercy Novena

Visit www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm
for information on the Novena.

Holy Saturday

12:30PM: Blessing of Easter Food

7:30PM: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Mass Times

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Misa en Español, 5:00PM, Chapel

Private Reconciliation

April 4, 5*, 6, 7 & 8

Noon & 7:30PM until all in line
are heard

*Confession heard in Sacristy off the Narthex

Seder Supper

Thursday, April 9, 5:30PM

Social Hall

The Seder is a commemoration meal of the Israelites' Passover from slavery in Egypt that serves as a foreshadowing to the Christian Celebration in the Eucharist. A communal meal will follow the Seder. There is no charge for the meal but donations are suggested. All members of the parish family are invited to attend—adults, children, families, singles, seniors. The Seder will finish in sufficient time to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM. **Reservations are required. Call 296-2966 no later than April 5, to make reserva-**



Easter Holiday Closings

The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday, April 10 and Easter Monday, April 13.

Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from Noon Thursday, April 9 until 7:00AM, Tuesday, April 14.

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. April dates: 6, 13, 20, 27
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. April dates: 8, 15, 22, 29

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. April dates: 15, 22
YIKES! Wednesday, April 8, 7-9:00PM

Mark your Calendars: YIKES Spring Retreat with the Christian Rock Band Leap of Faith on May 2

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays, 7-8:15PM. April dates: 8, 15, 22

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


Glory: April 19, TKC sessions 7 & 8

Glory: April 26, Game Night, Life-size *Catholicopoly*

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

Confirmation Rehearsal: April 15, 7-8:30PM

Confirmation at Saint Cecilia, Sunday April 19

 There are only 8 spots left for NCYC (November 18-21) Call 232-3514 to sign-up.

Teen Mass: Palm Sunday, April 5, 7:00PM.

No jeans or T-shirts, please. ALL are welcome, especially Saint Cecilia 6-12th graders!

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, June 4, 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.

Coffee and Donuts will NOT be held on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Good Friday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals may be taken. Together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the regulation does not apply.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Committee meets Sunday, April 5, 9:30AM in the Sun Room.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic women will be held at St Joseph's Church, 610 3rd Street SW in State Center on Thursday, April 16. Registration at 9:00AM. Please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520 if you are interested in attending.

The Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors Group will meet for brunch, Sunday, April 19, 11:45AM at Olde Main Brewing Co. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets 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 40 Days for Life Victory Rally will be held Monday, April 6, 7:00PM to celebrate the many ways that God has been working through His people in the community effort. The Rally will take place in the lower lounge of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 2210 Lincoln Way. Parking is available in the lot south of the Church off of Lynn Avenue and in the Memorial Union parking ramp. Please come and share the joy of all that God has done and will continue to do through his powerful prayer effort to save lives and souls. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday, April 16 starting with a meal at 6:00PM. A 1st Degree ceremony will be held at 7:00PM followed by the business meeting at 7:45PM. If you would like to join the Knights or know of someone who does, please contact Craig Fink at 233-1567.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, April 8: Early dismissal at 2:15PM

April 10: Good Friday—school IS in session

(change from original school calendar)

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

Blessing of Easter Food.

Saint Cecilia Parish will again be participating in the Eastern European tradition of blessing the foods to be used on Easter morning. Generally, these foods consisted of bread, eggs, butter, salt, pepper, sausages, cheese, wine, pastries, etc. This blessing will take place April 11, 12:30PM in the Chapel.

Fr. Dismas Celebration

Join the Bus Trip to Louisville, Kentucky, May 8-10 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr. Dismas Veeneman, OFM. Conv. Fr. Dismas was Pastor at Saint Cecilia Parish, 1988-1994. See insert for details.

Homeschool Parents and Students

You are cordially invited

To visit classes

As a guest of

Mother of Good Counsel Tutorial

Wednesday, April 15

From 8:00AM – Noon

At St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Lower Level Classrooms

Mother of Good Counsel Tutorial offers tutoring in total conformity with the Catholic Faith to support parents in the home education of their high school students. The Tutorial presents a variety of academic subjects in a scholarly and disciplined environment while deepening knowledge of Scripture and Tradition, promoting holiness, encouraging excellence, and providing Catholic fellowship. Please register with Dave Asjes: 292-2380

Social Concerns Committee

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to show concern and give support to the social needs of the people of our parish, the community and the world. If you are inclined to serve toward these goals, we invite you to visit a Social Concerns meeting. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30PM in the South Social Hall. If you have any questions about the committee please call the Parish Office, 233-3092 for a referral to a committee member.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World are back—in book form! If you saw the display when it was here last September and just couldn't get enough or weren't able to see it in person, contact Eternal Life at www.lifeeternal.org or 800-842-2871 and ask for "Eucharistic Miracles of the World".

Stewardship: Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Be the One!

"I looked for the one to comfort me and I found none. Be the one." - *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*. We are looking and praying for adults to join our team of catechists for middle and high school youth ministry. Please contact Anna Steele at annasteale@gmail.com or 232-3514 to set up an interview. Training begins April 25.

Operation Rice Bowl

This is the last week of our parish's participation in Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. We will be collecting rice bowl envelopes on Easter Sunday and on the first weekend after Easter. Please convert any change or bills to a check (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia) and place it in the envelope found in your rice bowl. You can return the envelope by placing it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the Church or by putting it in the collection basket. Continue to act throughout the year to make a difference in the lives of people who struggle in the midst of poverty, disease, war and injustice. Pray. Learn. Act.



This Week's Country: United States (North America) -

Hunger continues to be a pressing issue in communities throughout the U.S. One in six children in the United States lives in poverty. 25% of gifts collected through Operation Rice Bowl remain in our diocese to help fund local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com.

Your Financial Stewardship

	March 1	March 29	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 99,006	\$767,208
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 98,240	\$766,275
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$ 9,962	\$357,227

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account. Your Easter gifts to the Parish are extremely appreciated due to our tight budgets.

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 & EarthIII. God, "He Who Is," Is Truth and Love

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God, "He who is," revealed himself to Israel as the one "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." These two terms express summarily the riches of the divine name. In all his works God displays not only his kindness, goodness, grace, and steadfast love, but also his trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness, and truth. "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness." He is the Truth, for "God is light and in him there is no darkness"; "God is love," as the apostle John teaches.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It is triumph and tragedy. It is exultation and condemnation. It is a story of unification, and of abandonment, of love and excruciating suffering like nothing we can imagine. Today we share together the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, greeted as a king with waving palms and shouts of Hosanna! We listen almost in disbelief as his followers and closest friends abandon him in his time of need. We hear the prayer of love, in spite of the events to come, to accept whatever God's plan is for him. We grimace at the details of the beatings and the death on the cross. In the depths of our hearts, we know why he would endure this-love.

It is perhaps in the events in the Garden of Gethsemane that we realize both the humanity and unwavering love of Jesus. It is in the garden that we hear his prayer, a calling to his Father for the strength to accept the fate that is soon to befall him. It is the last opportunity he would ever have to avoid his fate; yet he remains, humanly troubled yet divinely willing. We listen to him chastise his followers-and us-for sleeping when he needs us the most. It is in knowing that he needs us as much as we should need him-that his love for us is forever and pure-that we truly begin to understand the pain he was about to endure.

We are reminded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that it is in the passion of Christ that sin is most manifested and displayed (CCC 1851). The crowds calling for his death, Pilate's indifference, the beatings by the guards, the abandonment by Peter and the disciples; through all of this, it is Christ's death on the cross, in which he accepted and offered redemption for all of our sins, that we turn to today and every day.

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Interesting Facts About St. Paul

- Paul was from the Roman city of Tarsus, located in what is today southern Turkey (Acts of the Apostles 21:39)
- Paul was not physically impressive, nor was he a very good speaker. (1 Corinthians 2:1 and 2 Corinthians 10:10; 11:6)
- Paul had a sister and a nephew. (Acts 23:16)
- Paul was educated in Jerusalem under the famous Jewish teacher Gamaliel. (Acts 22:3)
- Paul was a Pharisee (Acts 26:5) and a tentmaker. (Acts 18:3)
- Paul was a Roman citizen from a wealthy family. (Acts 22:25-28)
- Paul participated in the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. (Acts 7:58)
- Paul was the most prominent apostle in the early Church because he was so effective at forming Christian Communities.
- Although Paul wrote the most books of the New Testament, Luke, who wrote only two books, still gets the prize for writing more words than any other writer in the New Testament.
- Paul's conversion is among the most well-known.

Attention Prayerful Single Men

New Melleray Trappist Monastery near Dubuque, Iowa, is now offering a "Live-in-Experience" vocational retreat May 22-25 (Memorial Day Weekend). Learn about this exciting vocation firsthand. Pray and work with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. For possible future dates and information about vocation retreats call 800-221-1807.

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.

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.

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.

Gift Shop

Open Palm Sunday, 9:30AM—Noon
Closed Easter Sunday
And by appointment. Call 233-3092.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 4

5:00 PM: Mel Manion†

Sunday, April 5

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30 AM: Elmar Toppenberg†

5:00 PM: Shirley Sibley†

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 AM: All The Poor Souls

5:15 PM: Rose Warren

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 AM: Joseph Gowey†

5:15PM: Msgr. William Schulte Family

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday Liturgy)

7:30 PM: James Kearney†

Friday, April 10

2:00 PM: Stations of the Cross with Communion

7:30PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 11 Easter Vigil Mass

7:30 PM: Special Intention†

Sunday, April 12

7:00AM: Special Intention (Easter Morning Mass)

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners (Easter Morning Mass)

10:30 AM: Special Intention (Easter Morning Mass)

5:00 PM: George Monfalcone (Easter Sunday Mass)

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.

Readings for the week of April 5, 2009

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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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 7:00AM & 5:15 PM (Chapel)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

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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.