

Saint Cecilia

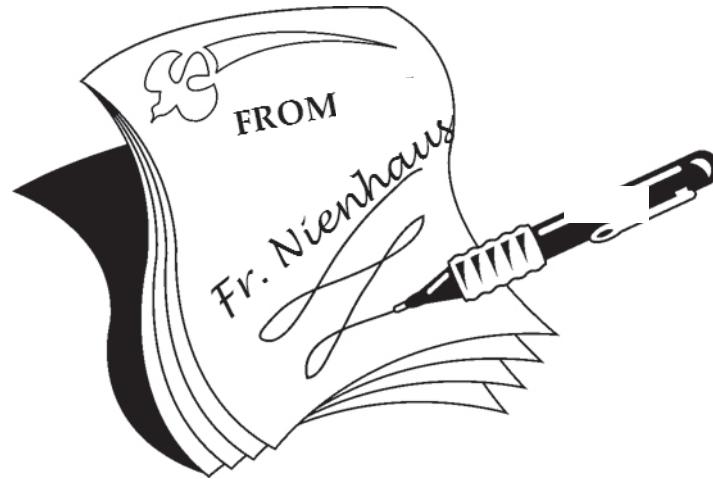
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

April 26, 2009

3rd Sunday of Easter



From the Pastor:

I would like to encourage parishioners to support the Saint Cecilia Parish **Tuition Assistance Fund** to help students who are in need of tuition assistance at our School or who are in need of tuition assistance when it comes to their participation in Religious Education programs or Youth Ministry programming.

There are envelopes in your Monthly Financial Envelope packages designated **Tuition Assistance Fund**. These envelopes are included in the April and September packets to help parents who need assistance with their tuition bills. The Parish Finance and Administration Commission determines whether a family is entitled to assistance.

Most of us would agree that due to our poor economic times – there is a greater need than normal to help families who are struggling to pay tuition. We don't want to see families withdraw their children from our school this upcoming Fall due to job losses when these same families have worked hard for years to send their children to our Catholic School. The same could be said of families who have children in religious education programs or children who participate in our Youth Ministry programming.

Please consider supporting Saint Cecilia with your financial help in funding our **Tuition Assistance Fund**. You are directly helping a family who believes in giving their children the Catholic Faith. There is no greater cause than supporting our children when it comes to passing on the Catholic Faith. Use the envelopes in your April Monthly Financial Envelope packages or simply write out a check designated for the **Tuition Assistance Fund**. I thank you for your gifts and your commitment to Catholic Education.

Thank You!

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. May dates: 3,17

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. Last class, April 27
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. Last class, April 29

First Eucharist Practice, Saturday, May 2

9:30AM: Pictures

10:30AM, Dress rehearsal

First Eucharist Celebration

Sunday, May 3, 1:00PM

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes have ended for this school year.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes have ended for this school year.

Girls of Grace: A study group for 8th grade girls only, 6-7:00PM, Wednesdays thru May 20.

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

Teen Mass, Sunday, May 3, 7:00PM

RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514. A new inquiry group starts Wednesday of this week.

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 Presentation

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00PM, Social Hall

Topic to be announced

Parish Elections

For Parish Council & Board of Education

Meet the Candidates, May 10

after the 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses

In the Social Hall

Coffee & Donuts Served



Parish Elections, May 16/17.

For more information contact:

Parish Council: Mark Bortle at 232-8354

Board of Education: Pat Stahr at 268-0782

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sixty Plus Group will meet, Tuesday, April 28, at noon, for a potluck meal in the South Social Hall. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Nels Lersten will present a program on "Three Trips to Sweden" following the meal.

Saint Cecilia's Interfaith Dialogue is celebrating its second year this spring. Our next gathering is set for Sunday, April 26, 2:00-4:00PM, at the Ames Jewish Synagogue, 3721 Calhoun Avenue. New members are always welcome. Catholic participants are especially invited to meet with their Muslim and Jewish neighbors in the spirit of renewal. For more information, contact Sue Stanton at merton420@hotmail.com.

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.

Religious Gift & Book Store *

Gifts for First Communion

Mother's Day

Graduation

Watch for our *May Cleaning Sale*

Open Sunday, April 26, 9:30-Noon

or by appointment.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, April 27: 7:00PM, Spring Concert
at Ames city Auditorium

Wednesday April 29: 10:00AM, ESTA Performance
Early dismissal at 2:15PM

Friday, May 1: 9:00AM All School Mass & May Crowning

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

Meet & Greet for 2009-10 Kindergarten Class

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00-7:00PM, A/Y Room

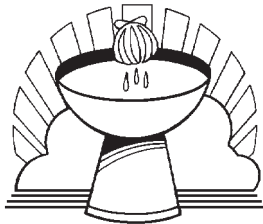
Incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to come and get to know their future classmates. Those students already registered and those who are interested in registering are welcome to attend. Representatives from Saint Cecilia school will be on hand to answer questions and help with registration materials. Please call Lois in the school office at 232-5290 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School: **Crocodile Dock—Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light**, the week of June 8-12. Participants and volunteers may register at any time. Forms are available in the Saint Cecilia Education Center Office, or via e-mail request. Many volunteers are needed to make this year's program another great success. Please contact Heather Currans at 233-2690, hcurrens@mchsi.com or heathc2009@hotmail.com to inquire about available volunteer positions.

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. Information and registration forms can be found on the east social hall corridor bulletin board. Registration deadline is April 30.



March & April Baptisms

Rachel Kaylee, daughter of Matt & Dawn Aitchison
Jacob Wyatt, son of Ryan & Marilyn Condon
Royler, son of Jonathan & Sheena Lara
Kate Elizabeth, daughter of Jeff & Stephanie Nigh
Calleigh Marie, daughter of Nick & Jenni Pudenz
Alissa Irene, daughter of Jeffry & Julie Sander
John Andrew, son of A. J. & Andrea Spiker
Isabella Elizabeth, daughter of former members Nick & Christine Maly. Local grandparents are Ron & Jeannine Canuso and Frank & Judy Maly.

Stewardship: The Disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Mentors Needed!

Three men and one woman would like to have a mentor support them as they reestablish their lives from jail or prison. A mentor would meet with their mentee once a week for about an hour over the next several months to a year. Mentors are a positive role model to encourage a mentee to make good decisions. Training will be provided on April 28 7:00PM in the South Social Hall for anyone interested in learning more about mentoring people transitioning from jail or prison. Contact deacon Ron Smith at 515-441-0480 for more information.

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.

Hospitality Ministers (Greeters) are needed for the 5:00PM Saturday and 10:30AM Sunday Masses. This requires less than 30 minutes per month of your time. The only qualifications are a warm smile and a friendly "Hello". Please call Rick or Janet Brimeyer at 296-2990 to sign up for this critical ministry.

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.

Current Need: Adult help is needed to assist a homebound gentleman to give his wife respite and a chance to attend Mass. The family is offering an hourly rate for this service and the time is Sundays from 8:00-11:00AM. Several volunteers could split this up so that volunteers could take different Sundays. Please call the Parish Office for details.

Your Financial Stewardship

	April 13-19	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 17,919	\$814,046
Easter		\$ 29,450
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,648	\$825,219
Weekly Contributions (building)	\$ 705	\$362,053

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

III. God, "He Who Is," Is Truth and Love

God is love

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God's love is "everlasting": "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you." Through Jeremiah, God declares to his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

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But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love": God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

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It had been an especially trying day. He had been out of work for over six months, and despite many interviews, he had not been offered any positions. He thought he had qualifications for the positions he had applied, what with a college degree and many years' experience in his field. Still, he continued to be turned down, often with no explanation whatsoever. Depressed, he turned to a particularly good book and read the words of a reassuring friend: "Peace be with you." That afternoon, he received a call from an employer.

Today's Gospel reading is Luke's version of last week's reading from John. Two men have just visited the disciples and told of their encounter with the risen Jesus on their way to Emmaus. Excitedly, they recalled how they did not recognize him, but felt a burning in their hearts as they walked along and listened to him speak. Not until he broke the bread at dinner did they understand in whose presence they were. And as they told their story, Jesus appeared to them all in the room, startling them with his presence so they were unable to recognize him. "Peace be with you," he tells them.

At times in our lives, we are hidden behind locked doors, fearful of the world and what it may have to offer us, or even what it may want to take from us. It is at these times that we must look for the resurrected Jesus and listen for his offer of peace. We celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return; we pray in hope through the Holy Spirit (CCC 2657). When we are fearful, remember the prayer of St. Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit"

(Rom 15:13).

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Youth Minister Position

St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Student Center seeks part-time Youth Minister to organize and coordinate activities for grades 6-12. Prefer college graduate with experience with youth. Ten month contract, 15-17 hours per week. Send resume and references to Rev. Everett Hemann, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames 50014-7184, 292-3810.

COMMUNITY

The Bethesda Community Food Pantry is hosting a poverty simulation facilitated by ISU Extension on Thursday, April 30 in the Commons of Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Avenue. The simulation is designed to help us understand what it might be like to survive from month to month on limited income. Evaluations show the simulation to be a powerful and heart-changing experience. A light meal of sandwiches will be served 5:30PM with the simulations beginning around 6:00PM. Space is limited. Register as soon as possible by contacting Roy Hougen at royhougen@aol.com of 232-6188.

Good Neighbor Month

April celebrates Good Neighbor Month and the arrival of spring. It is a time of renewal and of hope for most of us with spring cleaning, gardening, fishing and walking outdoors. But for some of our neighbors their thoughts this spring are on paying for their rent, utilities and food bills. Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. has seen a marked increase in requests for assistance these last few months. It is said that a recession is when your neighbor loses their job; a depression is when you lose your job. In these difficult times for some of our neighbors, let us remember that the assistance provided by Good Neighbor is made possible by Story County faith groups, community groups and caring individuals, such as you. Please consider a gift to Good Neighbor so all may enjoy this spring. Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. 508 Kellogg Ave. Ames, IA 50010, 515-294-3829.

Gift of Adoption Fund Presents *Wizard of Oz on the Big Screen*

**Sunday, April 26, 1:00PM
at Ames City Auditorium**

Tickets \$8 in advance: \$10 at the door

You may purchase tickets by calling Kris Peters at 441-0547 or at www.giftofadoption.org/iamovienight.asp. Tickets purchased on-line available at will-call at 12:30PM. All proceeds benefit the emerging Iowa Chapter of the Gift of Adoption Fund.



**Parish Cookbooks make great gifts.
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Please Remember in Your Prayers:
MARICA BORER, sister of Lee Hammer. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, 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.

Matthew 5:4



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 25,
5:00 PM: Doris Kleinschmidt†

Sunday, April 26
8:30 AM: Annette Sliwinski
10:30 AM: Shirley & George Volk†
5:00 PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 28
7:00 AM: Marcia Borert†
5:15 PM: Ron Rassmussen†

Wednesday, April 29
7:00 AM: Evelyn Wickham†
5:15PM: Mildred Buboltz

Thursday, April 30
7:00AM: Eve Manion†
5:15 PM: Sr. Gene Marie OSF†

Friday, May 1
7:00 AM: Bill Ripp
9:00AM: Elsie Thompson†
5:15PM: Helen Mlchaud†

Saturday, May 2
8:30AM: Mary Heman†
5:00 PM: N.J. Weydert†

Sunday, May 3
8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30 AM: Rosemary Palmer†
5:00 PM: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Collins
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 April 26, 2009

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

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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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.