

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

January 10, 2010
Baptism of the Lord



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.

CHURCH, CHAT, AND CHOW

Wednesday, January 13

Parish Potluck at 6:00PM

In the Social Hall

Chicken, cheesy potatoes & drink provided by the parish.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

January Talk at 7:00PM:

By Greg Stejskal

“Fostering Vocations within the Church”



There will also be a representative from Gala to speak about the history of Gala and sell tickets to this year's event.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday—Friday.

LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers Meets from 6:30-9PM each Sunday!

January 10: Re-Gifted/Universal Call to Holiness

January 17: Now Hiring/God's Unique Call for Each of Us

January 24: True Life: Holy Orders/The Vocation of Holy Orders

January 31: I Object!/Objections to the Vocation of Holy Orders

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

Discussion Questions for Families will be available each week at <http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/parents>

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

February 3: Outward Signs/God's Plan of Salvation

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

January 20: Finish Line/Death & Dying

~~**January 24:** Rite of Covenant, 10:30AM Liturgy~~

January 29-31: Confirmation Weekend Retreat

****MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E. meets from 7 to 8:30PM on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays!****

January 20 & 27: No class (Catechist In-Service)

YIKES:

January 13: Skating Party, 7:30 at the Arena, bring \$5.00

RCIA

Call John Hayes for information about joining the Catholic Church at 232-3514.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **February 4, 2010**, 6:30-8:00PM 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 Parish office at 233-3092.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the North Social Hall.

Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00PM in the North Social Hall.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the North Social Hall. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

Christmas Thank You!

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Time does not permit me to personally write each of you who sent me Christmas greetings and/or gifts.

While this notice is "formal" please know that the sentiment behind it is most heartfelt.

Thank you to each parishioner who, in any way, helped to make my first Christmas as your pastor very special. Thanks to those of you who offered to host me for "Christmas Dinner" since the weather did not permit me to be with my family Christmas Day. In the end I went back to the residence and just "crashed" after the last Mass Christmas morning. Perhaps that was God's Christmas gift to me—a quiet afternoon and evening, much as I enjoy being with people and socializing.

May God bless each of you with the particular grace you most need as we together continue our faith journey during this New Year, 2010.

Know of my daily prayer for all of you. Please remember me in your prayers.

With my love,
Father Jim

Anointing of the Sick, January 23/24.

The weekend of January 23/24 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at each weekend Mass.

Who may be anointed?

The instruction to the Rite tells us the following categories of persons should consider themselves candidates for the sacrament:

- * Persons suffering from a serious illness. (The common cold does not apply.)
- * Persons who are scheduled for major surgery.
- * Persons who are dealing with a long-term illness. (Example: someone who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, or someone who has been diagnosed with diabetes or early onset of Alzheimers)
- * Elderly persons or others who have noticed a general decline in overall health or a worsening of an already existing condition.

It is important to remember that the Second Vatican Council stated that this sacrament more fittingly be called (and the rite changed to reflect) that this sacrament is for the sick, rather than its former title and even celebration as "Extreme Unction" which carried with it the prospect of imminent death. The proper "last sacrament" is Viaticum, the last reception of Holy Communion. The Anointing of the Sick is a reminder of Jesus' desire to accompany us in our life's journey, especially in times of sickness, as he offers us his gifts of healing (physical in some instances, spiritual in others) and peace.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Employment help!! Do you have job openings? Are you unemployed and looking for a job? Are you willing to help with resumes or be a mentor for interview skills? Please e-mail your information to Deacon-Ron.Jobs@gmail.com or send to the attention of Deacon Ron Smith at the parish office.

CFM IS FOR ALL FAMILIES

It has a diversity of membership. It welcomes: parents of school children, empty nesters, single parent families, interfaith families, priests and religious. CFM Ames will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, January 16th the 5:00PM mass



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 Paragraph 4. The Creator

IV. The Mystery of Creation

God upholds and sustains creation

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With creation, God does not abandon his creatures to themselves. He not only gives them being and existence, but also, and at every moment, upholds and sustains them in being, enables them to act and brings them to their final end. Recognizing this utter dependence with respect to the Creator is a source of wisdom and freedom, of joy and confidence:

For you love all things that exist, and de-
test none of the things that you have made;
for you would not have made anything if
you had hated it. How would anything have
endured, if you had not willed it? Or how
would anything not called forth by you have
been preserved? You spare all things, for
they are yours, O Lord, you who love the
living.

The Greatest Gift

"And the greatest gift is love." Husbands and wives, the most precious gift you give to each other is your love. Why not renew your love with the experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a perfect Christmas gift. The next weekend is in Cedar Falls, IA February 12-14, 2010. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Please register six weeks in advance. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

Christian Experience Weekend

LADIES, don't put your need for a deeper relationship with God and community on the back burner this year. Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny January 15-17. Brochures are available at Saint Cecilia and at www.olih.org/cew. If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.



Soup Supper

Saint Mary Parish of Williams
Sunday, January 10

Serving from 4:00PM-6:30PM

Serving chili, chicken noodle and potato cheese soup. Also serving egg, tuna and chicken salad

sandwiches, relish, bars and beverage. Free will donations. Handi-capped accessible. Carry-out available. Everyone welcome!

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Robert McElroy. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Stewardship: Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Baptism of the Lord



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The old African-American spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" has one verse that goes, "Jordan's river is chilly and cold / hallelujah / chills the body but not the soul / hallelujah." We don't know what the temperature of the Jordan River was when Jesus stepped into it in front of John the Baptist. But Luke's Gospel relates that after he had been baptized and while he was praying the heavens opened up and the

Holy Spirit descended upon him. A voice from heaven was heard, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is unlikely that any such explicitly miraculous events occurred at our own baptism, or any that we may have attended. But something just as momentous did take place when we were baptized. In our baptism we became intimately connected to God; we became God's own children, just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son. And when we were baptized the Holy Spirit descended upon us-not as a dove, but as the Spirit of God that always dwells in our hearts. That connectedness to God never disappears. Even when we are guilty of the worst sins, God is with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to act more and more like Christ as we reaffirm our baptismal commitment.

While we celebrate the signs and wonders at the Jordan that herald Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry, we also recall that our own baptism begins the call to minister in this world. Our baptismal call is to act like Christ, to be his hands, and voice, and heart in this world. When we act like him, we can be assured we too will hear the Father's voice, "with you I am well pleased."

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Are you interested in social justice issues? Do you want to help make decisions on where the Good Samaritan (black bag) funds go? Would you be willing to bring the food shelf donations to MICA once or twice a year? Saint Cecilia Social Concerns Committee is actively seeking new members of any age. The committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 7PM in the conference room of the school library. Questions? Please call Julie Haas at 232-7138.

Your Financial Stewardship

	12/28-1/4	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 35,517	\$539,342
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$531,549
Contributions (building)	\$ 23,719	\$ 72,988
Christmas		\$ 34,881
Garage		\$ 49,422

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

Planned Giving—Gifts of Appreciated Property

If a gift of appreciated property is made to Saint Cecilia Parish, the donor is given credit for the current value and all or part of the capital gains tax is avoided. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 515-233-3092..



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 9

5:00PM: Glenn Frueht

Sunday, January 10

8:30AM: Anna Evans†

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Susan & Willi Tsironist

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 12

7:00AM: Mary Camp†

5:15PM: Joseph William†

Wednesday, January 13

7:00AM: Patrick & Margaret Laue Family†

5:15PM: Dale Edwards†

Thursday, January 14

7:00AM: Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

9:00AM: Henry Adams†

5:15PM: Anton Noethe Family †

Friday, January 15

7:00AM: Eve Manion †

5:15PM: Karen Vonnahme †

Saturday, January 16

5:00PM: Marie Putz

Sunday, January 17

8:30AM: Frank Pershern†

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: George Rickerl

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 January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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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.

Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

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Name: _____

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.