

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

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January 17, 2010  
Second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



**W**e 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.

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 **Please note: Afternoon Mass Tuesday thru Friday has changed from 5:15PM to 5:30PM.**

## 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 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](http://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 29-31:** Confirmation Weekend Retreat  
**February 7:** Rite of Covenant, 10:30PM Liturgy

**\*\*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:**  
**February 10:** Guys & Girls Night!

**\*\*\*First Eucharist Parent Meeting make-up, January 27, 4:00PM in  
the Music room.\*\*\***

### 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.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, January 23/24.

As mentioned in last weekend's Bulletin, next weekend at all masses the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Not knowing how many people at each Mass may present themselves for the sacrament if you are planning some activity after mass you may want to consider adjusting your schedule since mass may take a little longer.



Father Richmond will be here to assist me in administering the sacrament as well as joining me in concelebrating each of the masses.

As to who should consider themselves as a candidate for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please once again read my instruction of last Sunday which I repeat below.

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.

### Daily Mass Cancellation Policy due to Inclement Winter Weather.

1. 7 a.m. weekday Mass will be cancelled if St. Cecilia School has a late start or has been cancelled for the day due to a winter storm.
2. 5:30 p.m. weekday Mass will be cancelled if St. Cecilia School has early dismissal or has been cancelled for the day due to a winter storm.

**Please watch for St. Cecilia School weather related updates through the various media outlets for cancellations, late starts, or early dismissals.**

## 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](mailto:Deacon-Ron.Jobs@gmail.com) or send to the attention of Deacon Ron Smith at the parish office.

**Attention gardeners:** Saint Cecilia Social Concerns plans to sponsor garden plots for needy families this spring and summer. If you have any garden tools or plants you'd be willing to donate, or if you have gardening experience and would be willing to mentor a family, please call Mary Ross at 232-5080 or Lynn Franco at 232-0898.





# 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

### V. God Carries out His Plan: Divine Providence

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Creation has its own goodness and proper perfection, but it did not spring forth complete from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created "in a state of journeying" (*in statu viae*) toward an ultimate perfection yet to be attained, to which God has destined it. We call "divine providence" the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward this perfection:

By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and ordering all things well." For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes," even those things which are yet to come into existence through the free action of creatures.

### 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

### MEN, is it time to pay attention to your relationship with God?

Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny January 29-31. The available spots are filling up and you won't want to miss this opportunity to expand your spiritual horizons. Brochures are available at Saint Cecilia and at [www.olih.org/cew](http://www.olih.org/cew). If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out **Right to Life roses** before all Masses on January 23 & 24. Additionally, the Knights and the Sanctity of Life Committee will be hosting a parish breakfast on January 24 after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses. Thank you for your support to continue building a culture of life in the church and in the world.



The Family, Faith, Fun CFM group will be serving Coffee and Donuts in the Social Hall after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this weekend. The Christian Family Movement is celebrating 50 years of service to the Ames Community.



**Stewardship:** In today's reading, St. Paul tell the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's the miracle that always captures the attention! Sight restored. Lame limbs healed. Hearing brought back. The dead raised. Water changed into wine. When you think about it, the first four are often routine today. Granted, the miracle doesn't happen every time. But many have their sight restored through cataract surgery. Broken bones that would have led to incapacitation are mended. Cochlear implants help some who did not hear. And even some people who were in cardiac arrest have been brought back. These medical miracles happen so regularly that we don't even advert to them as "miracles" anymore. They are "procedures." It's when things don't work that we get disappointed-and maybe even pray for a miracle.

Of course, we still haven't been able to crack that water-into-wine thing. It is still a bona fide miracle. Relying on the miraculous misses the point that John is trying to make in today's Gospel. The "sign" is not about how much wine we can get out of Jesus, but rather that he was revealing his glory, leading his disciples to belief. The signs in John's Gospel are again and again about faith, about coming to believe in Jesus.

Praying for the miraculous can lead to an increase of faith. But we can't let the miracle-or lack thereof-get in the way of faith. Instead, we can let our faith uncover the miraculous that already takes place each day: the healing that goes on in hospitals; the amazing production of food that feeds so many; the growing ability of humankind to understand this created world; the wonder of a child who grows from just a few cells to an adult in the span of two decades. It's these miracles that can capture our attention and deepen our faith!

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### The Marshalltown Christian Experience Weekend for 2010 will be:

Women's Weekend — Feb 20-22, at St. Henry Parish in Marshalltown  
Men's Weekend — April 30-May 2 at Pilgrim Heights Camp Retreat Center in Montour, IA

For questions contact PattyMayer, [sthenrysre@marshallnet.com](mailto:sthenrysre@marshallnet.com), Brian Burlage, [bburlage@heartofiowa.net](mailto:bburlage@heartofiowa.net) or Deacon Ron Smith, [deaconron.ames@gmail.com](mailto:deaconron.ames@gmail.com)

### Your Financial Stewardship

	01/05-01/11	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$22,104	\$577,240
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$551,236
Contributions (building)	\$ 1,362	\$ 74,350
Garage	\$ 75	\$ 49,497

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

### Planned Giving—Life Insurance

By naming Saint Cecilia Parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you will help insure the future of your parish by making them the owner of the policy. Your premiums will be tax deductible. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 515-233-3092..

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Eugene Mack, brother of Dionne McElroy. 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.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, January 16

5:00PM: Marie Putz

## Sunday, January 17

8:30AM: Frank Persher†

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: George Ricker  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, January 19

7:00AM: Sean Howry

5:30PM: Mary Craig †

## Wednesday, January 20

7:00AM: Louise Lowery†

5:30PM: Lila Uthe †

## Thursday, January 21

7:00AM: Levi Howry

5:30PM: Susan Mullaly †

## Friday, January 22

7:00AM: Susan & Meredith Lacey

5:30PM: Catholic Daughters

## Saturday, January 23

5:00PM: Vivien Smith†

## Sunday, January 17

8:30AM: Mary Hemant†

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Thomas Tahany †  
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](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com).

## Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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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 & 5:30 PM (Chapel)

\*\*\*Please Note: Change in afternoon Mass from 5:15 to 5:30.\*\*\*

## 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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## Parish Staff

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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.