

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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January 24, 2010
Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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.

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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 24: True Life: Holy Orders/The Vocation of Holy Orders
January 31: I Object!/Objections to the Vocation of Holy Orders
February 7: No Life Night

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 29-31: Confirmation Weekend Retreat
February 3: Topic "The holy Spirit & The sacraments of Initiation"
February 7: Rite of Covenant, 10:30AM Liturgy

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

January 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.

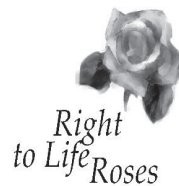


Attention gardeners: Saint Cecilia Social Concerns plans to sponsor garden plots for needy families this spring and summer. If you have any garden tools or plants you'd be willing to donate, or if you have gardening experience and would be willing to mentor a family, please call Mary Ross at 232-5080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

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 Patty Mayer, sthenrysre@marshallnet.com, Brian Burlage, bburlage@heartofiowa.net or Deacon Ron Smith, deaconron.ames@gmail.com



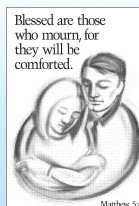
The Knights of Columbus will be passing out **Right to Life roses** before all Masses this weekend, January 23 & 24. Additionally, the Knights and the Sanctity of Life Committee will be hosting a parish breakfast today after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses. Thank you for your support to continue building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

Mass Intentions: Just a reminder, if you want a Mass said for someone, either living or deceased, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 515-233-3092 to schedule a date. There are several times available in the upcoming months.



If you have brought food for a Saint Cecilia event and are missing a favorite cake pan or casserole dish, you might want to look in the old ushers room to see if it might be there.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:



Jeanne Meleshka mother of Anita Cody, James McElroy brother of John McElroy, Francis Oppold father of Frank Oppold, and Rose Warren, May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

Tuesday, January 26: 7pm-Kindergarten Round Up (see information below)

Thursday, January 28: 9:00AM Mass- Grades 3/5

Saturday, January 30: 5:30PM-7:30PM Catholic Schools Week Supper

Kindergarten Round Up

On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00PM our annual Kindergarten Round Up will take place in the multi-purpose room of the St. Cecilia Education Center. This is a registration session for parents/guardians only. Registration packets will be provided at the time of the meeting, with the necessary forms to complete for formal registration:

1. Copy of your child's birth certificate
2. Copy of your child's baptismal certificate
3. Your child's immunization record (if updated for age 5 or to be provided by the first day of school)
4. Your child's physical form (if updated for age 5 or to be provided by the first day of school)
5. \$100 Kindergarten deposit (non-refundable after July 1, 2010)

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting, please contact the school office at 515-232-5290. Thank you.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

60+ Potluck and Program will be held January 26 at noon. Please bring a dish to share and table service. Vickey Newell from Prime Time will be our speaker. Please call Nancy Habing (232-0782) if you have any question.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at siry-an2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Gerard's Circle will meet on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00PM at the home of Nancy Habing. There will be a representative from MICA there for our meeting. Please bring items for MICA. If you would like to attend a meeting, or if you need a ride, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

COMMUNITY



We would like to welcome EVERYONE in the Ames community (men, women, teenagers and children) to our **Baby Shower**. We will have snacks, games, fliers, drawings, door prizes, and a short presentation about Birthright. This event is today, **January 24**, from 2-4 p.m., at Stonebrook Community Church (3611 Eisenhower Ave, Ames). We are collecting items for our clothing room and have a registry started at Target (search the name "Ames Birthright") with examples of our needed clothing and baby supplies.

Community Trivia Night: Heartland Senior Services, January 29. Doors open at 6PM, questions start at 6:20PM at North Grand Christian dome, Ames (919 30th — behind Wal-Mart).

Saint Cecilia Gala

You are cordially invited to the fifth-annual

Saint Cecilia Gala,

which is planned at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5, at the

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at www.StCAmesGala.org.

Click on the link on the right side of the home page.

Gala representatives will be on hand after all masses through Jan. 31 to help with registrations, hand out catalogs to those who have purchased tickets and answer any and all questions.

Countless volunteers have worked tirelessly to make this year's event fun, exciting and memorable. Please visit www.StCAmesGala.org for a preview of our amazing Live Auction packages and Silent Auction items.

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 DeaconRon.Jobs@gmail.com or send to the attention of Deacon Ron Smith at the parish office.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something." Hospice volunteers are needed to share conversation, hold a hand, bake a cake, give a hug, touch a heart. For those not previously trained, training is available January 28, 9:00AM-3:30PM, Wesley at Home, 103 East 6th, Suite 104, Ames. Call Alyssa Englund, Volunteer Coordinator Wesley-Life Hospice Care, 515-271-6775 or e-mail aenglund@wesleylife.org for an application.

MEALS ON WHEELS HELP NEEDED

A volunteer is currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in Ames on the second Thursday of the month. Time commitment is only one hour per month. For more information, please call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

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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The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history. The sacred books powerfully affirm God's absolute sovereignty over the course of events: "Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases." And so it is with Christ, "who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens." As the book of Proverbs states: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established."

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.

A reminder of the **Men's Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)** being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny January 29-31. **Don't put your need for a deeper relationship with God and community on the back burner this year.** Brochures are available at Saint Cecilia and at www.olih.org/cew. If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

Scrip Supports St. Cecilia Education

You can again order Scrip every Monday and have your order ready to pick up on Friday. Order forms are available in the school office, parish office, online at the school web site and in the narthex. Profits benefit St. Cecilia education programs. Thank you to all who support St. Cecilia education by using scrip. Contact Connie Vaclav at 232-8343 or vaclav@iastate.edu with any questions.

Iowa Catholic Conference

You are encouraged to sign up for the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) electronic newsletter. The ICC is the official policy voice of the Catholic Church in Iowa and is an advocate at the Iowa legislature for policies that serve the common good. Please visit www.iowacatholicconference.org and click on "Join the Network" to receive a newsletter and action alerts.

Stewardship: The US bishop's pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are the stewards of the Church."

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You're baptized in his name. You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it's hard to conceive that. We can get ourselves into a baptismal inferiority complex: I'm not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinarily holy people-saints-can be like Christ. Thinking like that can lead to baptismal suicide-drowning in the waters of baptism without ever experiencing the power of the Resurrection. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians, "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you're baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. That Spirit of God sends us to bring good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

WOW! What a task. It sounds impossible. As a matter of fact, it is-if we tried to do it alone. But we don't have to. We can do all those things-and more-because we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, through one Spirit. How we work that out in each community is part of the discernment of the Spirit that takes place, discovering the best ways to use each person's talents and gifts. God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call.

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Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 1/18/2010

Forecasted Cost		\$175,000
Funds Collected	\$50,002	
Funds Pledged	\$37,325	
Total Funds Committed		<u>\$ 89,327</u>
Balance needed		\$85,673

Your Financial Stewardship

	01/12-01/18	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$12,557	\$589,797
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$570,923
Contributions (building)	\$ 1,362	\$ 74,350
Garage /Meeting Room Remodel	\$ 505	\$ 50,002

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

Planned Giving—Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (CLAT)

An owner of some real estate can establish a trust which allows the rental income to be paid to the parish for a number of years. Although the owner would receive no current income tax deduction, they could receive an immediate gift tax charitable deduction. When the term of the trust is completed the property can be distributed to the original owner's children. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 23

5:00PM: Vivian Smith†

Sunday, January 24

8:30AM: Mary Hemant†

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Thomas Tahany †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 26

7:00AM: Becky & Frank Rogers

5:30PM: Special Intention

Wednesday, January 27

7:00AM: Elsie & Robert Whit

5:30PM: Joe Buboltz†

Thursday, January 28

7:00AM: Carrey Sibley

9:00AM: Thomas Andrew Myers

5:30PM: Alvera Irlbeck†

Friday, January 29

7:00AM: Donald Finnegan†

5:30PM: Ardella Berg†

Saturday, January 30

5:00PM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

Sunday, January 31

8:30AM: Dean Gilles†

10:30AM: Maxine McGovern†

5:00PM: Bernadine McDonald

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 24, 2010

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

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30

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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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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.