

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

January 31, 2010
Fourth 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.

Saint Cecilia Gala

You are cordially invited to the fifth-annual

Saint Cecilia Gala,

at 5:30 PM, 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 Jan. 31 to help with registrations, hand out catalogs to those who have purchased tickets and answer any and all questions.

Please visit www.StCAmesGala.org for a preview of our amazing Live Auction packages and Silent Auction items.

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

February 7: No Life Night

February 14: Teen Mass

February 14: Topic: For Better or Worse—The Vocation of Marriage

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!****

February 3: Topic: Vocations

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.

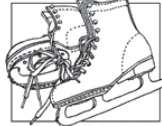
Adult Education

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.

ICE SKATING



PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are planning to sponsor an ice skating party for the servers at St. Cecilia Parish on Sunday, February 14 from 2-4PM at the Ames Ice Arena, 1505 Gateway Hills Park Dr. (South of Mortensen Rd.). Adults are also invited at their own expense. Please contact Robert Dahlgren at 515-232-0916 for reservations and details. Dead line for reservations is February 10, 2010.

Birthright of Ames offers free infant and maternity clothing to women and children in need. Donations are needed to help us stock our clothing room. We especially need winter infant clothing up to size 2T (new or used), and maternity clothes for winter. All donations can be dropped off at the Birthright office at 108 Hayward in campus-town Ames. Please help us provide for those in need and make a difference in a child's life. Your gift is tax deductible; just ask for a tax receipt form.

Christian Experience Weekend

Are you looking for a way to focus your spiritual life during the Lenten Season that begins February 17? A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) may be just the thing you need. The 2010 weekends are being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny, January 15-17 for women and January 29-31 for men. Brochures are available at Saint Cecilia and www.olih.org/ces/ if you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.



St. Cecilia Choir Practice

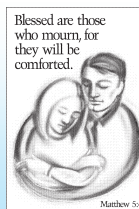
The St. Cecilia choir will rehearse Saturday, February 6 at 9AM in the music room. The choir is currently preparing for the Lent/Easter season. New members are always welcomed. For more information, contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

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

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.



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Merle McMahan, Brother of Anna Marie Best, 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:

1/30-2/6 Catholic Schools Week

Sat., 1/30: 5:30PM-7:30PM Catholic Schools Week Supper

Tue., 02/02: Spirit Wear Day

Thurs., 2/4: 1PM-Ronald McDonald Character Counts Assembly

Fri., 5/5: 9AM-All School Mass

Catholic Schools Week

"Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life" is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools. The week will be observed Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 2010. Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). According to Karen Ristau, NCEA president, "Catholic schools provide good things for students and families-high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education-students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline-last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future-or the future of our world." Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted: "We realize that in most parts of the country a Catholic education is not without some cost. But I can't think of a better investment in the future than to invest in the education of a child."

The logo designed for the week features a cross superimposed on an outstretched hand. Rays coming from behind the hand express the concepts of faith, knowledge, morals and discipline-all beneficial aspects of a Catholic education. The theme "Catholic Schools" runs across the top of the art and "Dividends for Life" runs across the bottom of the art.

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.

Saint Cecilia Parish provides a meal to parishioners who have new babies. Please help us by contacting the Parish Office if you have a new baby and have not been contacted by the parish. You may also help by offering to prepare meals for a family with a new baby. Call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Be One in a Million—Join Us to Confront Global Poverty

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) call on one million Catholics in the United States to confront global poverty. Advocate with us to end hunger, disease, conflict, and other issues that affect the lives of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Find more information at: www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting their annual Spelling Bee today, January 31 at 1:00PM for students grades 4 through 7. The event will take place at Saint Cecilia School.

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.

St Mary's Circle will meet on Thursday, February 4 in the South Social Hall at 1:30PM. There will be a presentation by Fr. Jim.

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.



YOUTH FUND RAISER—AMORE MEAL

An Amore Meal will be held February 20. Proceeds benefit kids going on various upcoming youth trips. More information to come.

COMMUNITY

A fund-raising dinner to benefit **Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** will be held Sunday, March 7, at Lucullan's Italian Grill, 400 Main Street. Event organizers hope to raise \$3,000 for Good Neighbor's Healthy Food Voucher Program, which provides needy households with grocery vouchers for produce and meat. Demand for the vouchers rose 28 percent in fiscal year 2009.

Tickets are \$30. To purchase a dinner ticket, please contact Mary Ross (232-5080), Saint Cecilia's Good Neighbor board representative, or stop by the Good Neighbor office, 508 Kellogg Ave. (across from the post office), from 9 to noon, Monday through Friday. Good Neighbor is a consortium of member faith groups that help low-income people on a temporary, emergency basis with their rent, utilities and food. Saint Cecilia Parish is a member of Good Neighbor.

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.

Saint Cecilia Social Concerns plans to sponsor garden plots for needy families this spring and summer at Black's Heritage Farm. If you have buckets (including ice cream buckets), 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.

Needed: Tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL) No experience needed. Thursday 10:00-11:30 & 7:00-8:30. For additional information call Palmer Holden, Morning Coordinator-515-233-3707 or Karl Gwiasda, Evening Coordinator- 515-232-7582.

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 304

And so we see the Holy Spirit, the principal author of Sacred Scripture, often attributing actions to God without mentioning any secondary causes. This is not a "primitive mode of speech," but a profound way of recalling God's primacy and absolute Lordship over history and the world, and so of educating his people to trust in him. The prayer of the Psalms is the great school of this trust.

Loras College Grant & Scholarship

Each parish in the Archdiocese has the opportunity to designate **one new** student for the \$500 parish grant (renewable while enrolled at Loras College). The grant recipient's name must reach Loras by April 1, 2010 . Please contact Jerry Greving at 233-3092 for more information.

The Lenten Journey: He Loved Them to the End . . . A Monastic Retreat on the Way of Suffering.

Men and women who are looking for opportunities to strengthen their Lenten observances are invited to join the Trappist monks of New Melleray Abbey, south of Duquque, IA, for this special retreat which will be held on the weekend of February 19-21, 2010 and repeated March 5-7. In addition to talks by members of the monastic community, the retreat will also provide participants with opportunities to enter into the silence and tranquility of the monastery where they can spend time in private meditation and prayer. The registration fee is \$700 with a special commuter rate of \$85 for those who do not stay overnight at the Abbey. Registration for the February retreat is due February 15; March registration is due March 2. To register, call the New Melleray Abbey at 563-588-2319, ext. 110, or visit the Abbey website at www.newmelleray.org

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.

CENSUS JOBS

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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.

Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for "Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa."

Stewardship: Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did you tune out the second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians today? If you have been to a lot of weddings, it is likely that you've heard this paean to love at most of them. It's a favorite that gets chosen again and again. And because of that, the very familiarity of the words can lose their meaning. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous? it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury?" Oh, yeah, I know that one; I've heard it all before. No need to listen."

Because of the context in which so often we hear those words (a marriage celebration) we sometimes miss what Paul is really trying to convey. The Corinthians were disputing among themselves what the better gifts of the Spirit were and who had the greater ones. Paul takes them to task, rather harshly, by telling them that all the prophecies and sacrifices are nothing compared to love.

We can feel righteous about many things, and our sense of justice can breed high expectations about equitable treatment and our rights in the world. We expect our "fair share" all the way around. Sometimes our "gift" turns out to be one of self-justification.

Paul turns those expectations on their head. His proclamation that love is the way suddenly put us in a different position. Love does not seek its own interests and it does not brood over injuries. These are not easy things to put into practice, but it is what is asked of us as believers in Christ. Maybe that's really why we tune out these words sometimes, because they are not easy to put into practice. But love is the essence of our faith-love of God, and love for one another.

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Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 1/18/2010

Forecasted Cost		\$175,000
Funds Collected	\$50,152	
Funds Pledged	\$37,925	
Total Funds Committed		<u>\$ 88,077</u>
Balance needed		\$86,923

Your Financial Stewardship

	01/18-01/24	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 15,452	\$605,249
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$590,610
Contributions (building)	\$ 440	\$ 75,250

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

Planned Giving—Charitable Remainder Interest in Residence or Farm: By irrevocably contributing a remainder interest in a personal residence or farm, a donor can continue to use the property and still obtain an income tax deduction based on the value of the remainder trust. At donor's death, the property is owned by the parish. The donor generates charitable income and gift tax deduction. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 30

5:00PM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

Sunday, January 31

8:30AM: Dean Gilles†

10:30AM: Maxine McGovern†

5:00PM: Bernadine McDonald
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 2

7:00AM: Eileen Freers †

5:30PM: Charles Kranz

Wednesday, February 3

7:00AM: Land Kamer Family

5:30PM: Joe Buboltz†

Thursday, February 4

7:00AM: Germain Mullenbach †

5:30PM: Jim Winslow †

Friday, February 5

7:00AM: Mike Dunn†

9:00AM: Leona Skow

5:30PM: Frank Pershern†

Saturday, February 6

5:00PM: James Winslow †

Sunday, February 7

8:30AM: Becky Wetter †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Nellie Laue
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 31, 2010

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk
5:1-11

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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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.