

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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February 7, 2010

Fifth 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.

CHURCH, CHAT, AND CHOW

Wednesday, February 10

In the Social Hall

Soup Supper at 6:00PM

Talk at 7:00PM

February Talk by Fr. Dustin Vu

**The Year for Priests is in honor of the 150th Anniversary of
St. John Vianney's Death**

Next Month: March 10

Why Can't Women Be Priests

By

Anna Steele

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!**

February 7: No Life Night

February 14: Teen Mass, 6:00PM

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

February 21: Topic: A House Divided—Divorce

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

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

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

Wednesday, March 3: Supper Time/Jesus in the Mass

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

February 7: Rite of Covenant, 10:30AM Liturgy

February 17: **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**/The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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

February 17: No class—Ash Wednesday

February 24: Class, 7-8:30PM Topic: Sin & Forgiveness

YIKES:

February 10: Guys & Girls Night!

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.

Lent, 2010.

The season of Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Next weekend's bulletin will contain an insert containing the traditional Lenten regulations in regard to fast and abstinence as well as the schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) both our area communal celebrations as well as the times for individual celebrations of the sacrament.

It is this latter point I want to briefly expand.

Every Catholic serious about their faith should avail themselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent as part of their personal preparation for the renewal of their baptismal initiation into the life of Christ at Easter. It is important here to mention that the whole season of Lent, and not just Holy Week, is an appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament.

Between St. Thomas Aquinas, Sts. Peter and Paul, Gilbert and here at St. Cecilia, there will be five communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The priests of the area are most generous in extending themselves to assist one another for these liturgies. If at all possible, please plan to participate in one of these liturgies.

Individual celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be: the normal Saturday afternoon time 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Please, no confessions after 4:25 so I can finish by 4:30 and have some time to prepare for 5 p.m. Mass.) Fridays: February 19, March 12, March 19, and March 26, 5-5:45 p.m. prior to the praying of the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. (Again, please no confessions after 5:40 so that I can finish by 5:45); Monday, March 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 31, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. No public celebrations of the sacrament on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday in conformity with liturgical law.

Individual appointments apart from the regular schedule, if necessary, can be arranged by contacting me via e-mail:

jsecora@sceciliaparish.org or by phone: 515-233-3092. (Sorry, no confession or absolution via the internet!!)



As part of our Lenten activities, the parish will be participating in OPERATION RICE Bowl, a program initiated and administered by Catholic Relief Services. Rice bowls will be available on Ash Wednesday at a table in the Gathering

Space as you leave the church. They will also be in baskets on either side of the back entrance to the church. Please pick one up at your convenience.

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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

Thursday, February 11: 9am-Grades K&1 Para-Liturgy
Tuesday, February 16: 7pm-Preschool Round Up in Social Hall
(see below)

Preschool Round Up



Preschool Round Up

If you have a child that will be age 3 or 4 by September 15th, please join us for Preschool Round Up on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the social hall. This meeting is for parents only and formal registration will be completed that evening. The meeting agenda will be a short powerpoint presentation by Dr. Thomas Budnik, the principal, and preschool teachers, Mrs. Carrie Froelich and Mrs. Jenni Sillman; followed by question/answer time. All we need from you this evening is your completed registration form along with a \$50 preschool registration fee. Please contact Mrs. Vidimos in the school office at #515-232-5290 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Iowa (NAMI of CI)

will be offering two classes this spring for persons challenged with mental illness and their family members. **Family to Family** is a 12-session course for family members of adults with mental illness, discussing treatments and skills family members need to cope more effectively. This class will meet on Monday evenings beginning February 15.

Peer to Peer is a 9-session course on establishing and maintaining wellness for persons with mental illness. It will meet on Sunday afternoons, beginning February 28. All classes and materials are free. Registration is required. For more information, see the poster on the Saint Cecilia bulletin board or contact Deb at 292-9400 or namiofci@aol.com

The Archdiocesan Catholic Charities' Annual Appeal

is being conducted in all parishes of the Archdiocese the weekend of February 13 & 14. A letter was mailed to your home asking you to support this worthy cause. You can contribute by mailing the envelope to Catholic Charities or put it in the parish collection basket and we will forward your donation to Catholic Charities. Please be generous as you can.



Room Use Policy

All room use at St. Cecilia must be reserved on the parish calendar. If you plan to use a room at the church or school, please contact the parish office so it can be scheduled on the calendar. Room use for non-parish sponsored activities requires the completion of a reservation form, deposit, and insurance. If the activity involves more than 30 people reservations must be made at least 15 days in advance to obtain proper insurance. Contact the parish office with question about room usage at 233-3092.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, February 11 for dinner in the North Social Hall at 6:00PM. Meeting and program will follow. Father Richmond will present the program: Unity & Charity. Guests are welcome to call Denise Brunia for dinner reservations.

St. Anne Circle meets at 9:00AM on Tues., Feb. 9th in the South Social Hall. Hostesses are Dixie Lickteig and Ruth Steffes.

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tues., February 9th at 1:30PM in the South Social Hall.

St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet on Sunday, Feb 21, at 12:00 for brunch at Olde Main Brewing Co. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at sjryan2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH FUND RAISER—AMORE MEAL



An Amore Meal will be held February 20. Proceeds benefit kids going on various upcoming youth trips. Participation in the Amore Meal can help cut the cost of the Steubenville or Catholic Heart trip in half.



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. Deadline for reservations is February 10, 2010.

COMMUNITY

Celebrate Heartland! A 35th Anniversary/Valentine Dinner!

A Community Valentine Dinner will be held February 11 at the Plex, 5510 George Washington Carver, Ames. Jack Lashier from the Iowa Hall of Pride will be the MC. Tickets are \$35 (\$25 is tax deductible) and are on sale at Heartland's front office, 205 S. Walnut, Ames. For more information please call Marilyn at 233-2906.



St. Cecilia Choir Practice

The St. Cecilia choir will rehearse Saturday, February 13 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.

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.

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 305

Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' . . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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 Dubuque, 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

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.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

Fr. Jon Seda to Present on Catholic Annulment

The St. Thomas Aquinas divorced & separated support group will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 with dinner at 5 p.m. at Legends American Grill, 200 Stanton Ave. in Ames, followed by a talk on the Catholic annulment process from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine room at the church, 2210 Lincoln Way in Ames. The Rev. Jon Seda, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, will talk about the Church's teaching on annulment, and share information on how to begin the annulment process. Free childcare is available. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. To RSVP for dinner or to request childcare by noon on Wed., Feb. 10, call Carol at (515) 296-2250 or email breathe2relax@msn.com.

Stewardship: In today's reading, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer: "Here I am. Send me!"

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin'" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let him teach from the boat. Then he tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like he got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") he tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin'" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ.

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Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 1/18/2010

Forecasted Cost		\$175,000
Funds Collected	\$50,302	
Funds Pledged	\$37,925	
Total Funds Committed		<u>\$ 88,227</u>
Balance needed		\$ 86,773

Your Financial Stewardship

	01/18-01/24	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$18,074	\$623,323
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$610,297
Contributions (building)	\$ 285	\$ 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—Memorials

We thank the many people who remember a loved one, relative, or acquaintance in the form of a memorial made payable to Saint Cecilia Parish in their name. A gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone can be a fitting tribute and also benefit the parish ministries. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 6

5:00PM: James Winslow †

Sunday, February 7

8:30AM: Becky Wetter †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Nellie Lane
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 9

7:00AM: PFC Jessi Mullenbach

5:30PM: Rose Warren †

Wednesday, February 10

7:00AM: Timothy Andrew Myers

5:30PM: Richard Novotny †

Thursday, February 11

7:00AM: Jim Kearney †

5:30PM: Becky & Frank Rogers

Friday, February 12

7:00AM: Louise Lowery†

5:30PM: Levi Howry

Saturday, February 13

5:00PM: Maxine McGovern †

Sunday, February 14

8:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

10:30AM: John Pepper

5:00PM: Susan & Willi Tsironis †
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 February 7, 2010

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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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)

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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Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.