

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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February 28, 2010

Second Sunday

Of Lent



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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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.

Our Spring Calendar is available on our website at:
www.saintcecilialifeteen.net

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

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:
Wednesday, March 3: Supper Time

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:
Wednesday, March 3: Living Legacy
Wednesday, March 17: No Confirmation/Spring Break

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

March 3: Class, 7:30-8:30PM (Topic: Moral Decision Making)
March 17: No class— Spring Break

YIKES:
Spring Lock In: Sat., Feb. 27
March 10: Movie Night, 7-9PM

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is April 1. **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.



Pastor's Spring Break.

I will be gone from the parish from February 24th, through Friday, March 5th.

Hand-carved Olive Wood Religious Art Sale, March 6th & 7th.

Next weekend, Mr. Imad Qumseih a Palestinian Christian (Marionite Roman Catholic Rite) will be here on behalf of his family and other Palestinian Catholic families residing in the Holy Land. Mr. Qumseih is the agent for these families in offering for sale hand-carved olive wood religious art from Bethlehem. For centuries these Palestinian Christians supported themselves and their families in the Holy Land through the practice of religious wood carving first brought to the Holy Land from Europe during the Crusades of the medieval period. It is a craft that has been passed down from generation to generation.

Because of the present political situation in the Holy Land and the consequent drop in the tourist trade, these families working through relatives here in the United States try to support themselves by offering their work for sale in parishes. Today, less than 2% of the population of the Holy Land is Christian. At one time, it was about 20%. Over the last number of years many Palestinians have been forced to abandon their traditional homeland in search not only for employment to care for their families, but for security reasons. For the present government in Israel and its policies, it makes no difference whether or not as a Palestinian you are, or are not, a member of a radical group. All Palestinians are subjected to harsh treatment. Should this small Christian community disappear the Israeli government will have no reason to protect, much less maintain, the shrines, churches, and other holy places sacred to Christians. Helping to keep these families in the Holy Land is not only a work of justice on their behalf, but helps to assure that the places sacred to us as Christians remain in Christian hands into the future.

As some of you may know, I am a papal knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. This papal order founded in the twelfth century today has as its main work the promotion and support of the Catholic Church and its institutions in the Holy Land. Our order supports schools, orphanages, hospitals and other works and serves not only Christians, but Arabs and some Jews as well. It is under the guidance of Cardinal John Foley from its headquarters in Rome and the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem.

These hand-carved works of art make a unique gift for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, graduation, wedding, birthday or (get a really early start on this!) Christmas.

Mr. Qumseih will be available in the Social Hall after all masses next weekend. Please at least stop by and view his items, and if so inclined, purchase something. Personally, having purchased a number of items over the years I can attest to their quality. Thank you.



Operation Rice Bowl:

This Week's Country: Bolivia, located in central South America just west of Brazil, is about three times the size of Montana. It is the world's largest producer of tin and is the second largest source of natural gas in Latin America. At the same time, 40 percent of Bolivians work in agriculture. Small-scale farmers, such as Victorai Velasquez and her husband (see Lenten Rice Bowl Calendar), face the challenges of deforestation, degradation of natural resources and unpredictable periods of drought and floods. CRS helped the Valesquez family learn new agricultural techniques after they moved from their poorly producing mountain village to a warmer location.

Catholic Social Teaching: Community and Participation

Challenge for the Week: Give 10 cents to your Rice Bowl each time this week you recycle a paper product, pop can, or any other recyclable item.

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



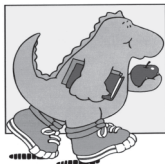
Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Cay Peet, May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family 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:

Friday, March 5: 9AM, All-School Mass
Monday, March 8: Normal Preschool and School Hours
Tuesday-Thursday, March 9-11: No Preschool Classes and 1:30PM dismissal for kindergarten through 5th grades
Friday-Friday, March 12-19: No School/Spring break
Monday, March 22: School Resumes



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FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

Lent/Holy Week 2010

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Celebrations:

Sunday, March 7	2PM	St. Cecilia	
Thursday, March 11	7PM	St. Thomas Aquinas	
Tuesday, March 23	7PM	St. Thomas Aquinas	
Thursday, March 25	7PM	St. Cecilia	
Wednesday, March 31	7PM	St. Peter & Paul (Gilbert)	

Individual Celebrations

Saturday Afternoons:	3:30-4:30PM
Fridays: March 19 & 26	5:00-5:45PM
Monday, March 29	6:30 -7:30PM
Wednesday, March 31	11:00AM-12:00 Noon

Stations of the Cross

The traditional Lenten devotion, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday night of Lent at 6PM, with the exception of Good Friday starting time of 2PM.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 27/28: Palms blessed before all Masses. Saturday 5PM and Sunday 8:30AM Masses begin in church. Sunday 10:30AM Mass begins with everyone assembling in multi-purpose room of St. Cecilia Education Center with blessing of palm and to church for Mass.

Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM

Good Friday, April 2: Liturgy of Good Friday at 7PM

Easter Vigil, April 3: Vigil Liturgy at 8PM

Easter Sunday, April 4: Masses at 7AM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM

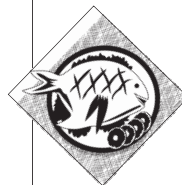
An Easy but Important Job

We are in need of several Hospitality Ministers (aka greeters) for 10:30AM Sunday Masses. This requires less than 30 minutes per month of your time. The only qualifications are a warm smile and a friendly "Hello". Please call Rick or Janet Brimeyer at 296-2990 to sign up for this critical ministry.



Coffee and donuts in the Social Hall after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this weekend.

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers

will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on Friday, March 12th, and March 26th from 5-7 p.m.

Baked Tilapia and Cod will be served with macaroni & cheese, green beans, and a baked potato. Desserts provided by St. Cecilia Youth Groups or Ladies Circles will be available.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, and Free for children 4 and younger (Family rates are also available).

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MEETS AGAIN!

Saint Cecilia's is hosting another meeting in the Social Hall February 28 from 2-4PM. Everyone is welcome. This meeting we will discuss the idea of haj with one of our Muslim friends who made the journey this past fall. For more information, call Sue Stanton at 515-233-4762 or e-mail Sue at merton420@hotmail.com

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.

Saint Mary Circle will meet Thursday, March 4 at 1:00PM in the North Social Hall. Rosemary Wilson will speak on Home Schooling.

Saint Gerard's Circle will meet on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00PM at the home of Melba Gschneider, 2216 Duff Avenue. There will be a representative from Birthright. Please bring items for Birthright. If you would like to attend a meeting, or if you need a ride, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

Stations of the Cross: The Way of the Cross of Pope John Paul will be held on Friday, March 5, at 6PM. (This format was developed and used by the late pope. Scripturally based but does not include some of the Traditional Stations. Used by Pope John Paul in the Good Friday celebrations at the Coliseum in Rome.)



St. Cecilia
Choir Practice

Saint Cecilia Choir will rehearse on Saturday March 6 at 9AM in the Music Room. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Bob Hauser at 232-3092.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers are needed in the Saint Cecilia Library to scan books into the computerized catalog. If you are interested, please call Rose Tondra at 232-4598.

Social Concerns needs volunteers to pick up and deliver the monthly Saint Cecilia food shelf donations to MICA. You may volunteer to do this however often you wish. Please call Julie Haas for information (232-7138).

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. Please check the Social Concerns bulletin board for available resources.

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

Providence and secondary causes

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The truth that God is at work in all the actions of his creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes: "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Far from diminishing the creature's dignity, this truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God's power, wisdom, and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for "without a Creator the creature vanishes." Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God's grace.

COMMUNITY

Tired of the snow and need something fun to do?

On Saturday, March 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Arc of Story County and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual **Viva la Arc Casino Night** in the church social hall to raise money to support programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. After playing games of chance with play money, you turn in your "winnings" to purchase additional chances to win one of several prizes to be given away. In addition, one lucky person will win the raffle prize which is a 40" RCA LCD HDTV (1080p).

Come and have a good time! Throughout the evening, free food and soft drinks will be provided by Ames businesses. Tickets are \$15 per person. \$10 will buy you a chance on the TV (need not be present to win). If you purchase five raffle tickets for \$50, we'll give you a sixth one for free! Tickets are available at the door or by contacting parishioners Ric Nelson, Jenni Sillman or Mary Christy.



Annual World day of Prayer—March 5

World day of Pray (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women coming together from many faith traditions, to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Church Women United sponsors a worship service of music meditation and prayer. Local host this year is Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern, Ames from 9:30 to 11AM.



Nathaniel Wade PhD, associate professor at ISU, is conducting research on the effectiveness of counseling groups to help people overcome past interpersonal injuries. He is currently recruiting participants for this study. To learn more, contact him or his staff at 294-1898 or info@isugroupstudy.com



Application forms for St. Cecilia Gardens garden plots are available at the parish office and on the Parish Web-site. Due date is March 26.



The IRS has announced special tax treatment for Haiti donations given from January 12, 2010 through February 28, 2010. Taxpayers who itemize deductions can deduct the 2010 donation to Haiti on their 2009 tax return. Cash donations include checks, credit cards, or debit cards. It is up to the donor to decide when to deduct the contribution, simply report the contribution as you normally would.

Stewardship: Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward his Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Ten days into Lent, and we can't wait for Easter. Maybe it's that we haven't gotten used to the fasting yet. Or maybe it's that we haven't been as good at the extra prayer we promised ourselves that we would do. Even the church recognizes that we need a little boost to move us along. That's why we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. It is just a little foretaste, an appetizer, of what Easter is to be. For those of us who are already baptized, and for those who are preparing for baptism, the image of the glorified Christ stands as a beacon of what we are to become when we share in the fullness of the Resurrection.

Paul writes to the Philippians that Christ "will change our lowly body to conform to his glorified body." That is the hope that is held out to us as we progress through Lent. In this season we unite ourselves to Christ so that we may become more like him.

But we abandon this world, looking for some far-off promise of glory. Our almsgiving, our care for the poor, is a reflection of Christ's love for everyone. When we reach out a little more this Lent (often made possible because we've decided to give something up, and so have extra available to give away) we act like Jesus, who gave up his life for us. His suffering and death on the cross found fulfillment in his resurrection from the dead.

When we care for others through our own sacrifice, we are helping to transfigure their lives, letting a little bit of God's glory be seen through our transforming love. The Transfiguration reminds us what awaits us after our own suffering if we are faithful to the commands of Christ.

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The 14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 27, at Xavier High School, 6300 42nd Street NE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Your Financial Stewardship

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Contributions (general)	\$ 12,147	\$680,196
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$669,358
Contributions (building)	\$ 150	\$ 78,941

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

Planned Giving—Gift Annuities Explained

Supplement your retirement income immediately. How it works: You transfer cash, securities or other property to Saint Cecilia Parish. The parish pays a fixed amount each year to you for life. When you die, the remaining principal passes to the parish. You get an immediate charitable deduction, fixed income guaranteed, income may be partially tax-free, may save capital gain tax, and reduce estate taxes. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 27

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

Sunday, February 28

8:30AM: Rose Warren †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Jayne B. Smith †
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 2

7:00AM: Morning Prayer

5:30PM: Germain Mullenbach †

Wednesday, March 3

7:00AM: Morning Prayer

5:30PM: Verne Parker

Thursday, March 4

7:00AM: Morning Prayer

5:30PM: John & Theresa Hudak

Friday, March 5

7:00AM: Morning Prayer

5:30PM: Frank Pershern †

Saturday, March 6

5:00PM: John Portis †

Sunday, March 7

8:30AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Linda Weinhardt †
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 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-18/1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13: 1-9

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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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Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.