

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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March 21, 2010

Fifth 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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Parish Council Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Month

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!

March 21: Life Night "Are You Cereal?"

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:
Wednesday, April 7: I Believe/The Creed

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:
Wednesday, March 31: Your Turn/Christian Service

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

March 24: 7-8:30PM Topic: Moral Decision Making

YIKES:
April 14: Service Night

RCIA

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

Baptism Class



Our next preparation session is **March 31 at 6:30** ***Note: *This is a change from April 1, as not to conflict with Holy Thursday services.**** **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, 7:30-9PM in the North Social Hall.

Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7PM 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.



The Christian Family Movement will be serving coffee and donuts after 8:30 and 10:30 masses this weekend. Stop by to meet other parishioners and to learn more about CFM.

Lent/Holy Week 2010

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Celebrations:

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| Wednesday, March 24 | 7PM | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Thursday, March 25 | 7PM | St. Cecilia |
| Wednesday, March 31 | 7PM | St. Peter & Paul (Gilbert) |

Individual Celebrations

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| Saturday Afternoons: | 3:30-4:30PM |
| Friday, March 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: Seder Supper in the Social Hall 5:30PM

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***

* Incense will be used at Masses marked with asterisk

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Supper

will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on

Friday, 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).

Proceeds go to support People with Intellectual Disabilities and other charities.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus will hold a Lenten fish and meatless pasta dinner in the Lower Lounge on March 26 from 5-7PM. \$15/families, \$7/adults, \$4/ages 5 thru college, under 4—free.



Operation Rice Bowl

This Week's Country: Nearly twice the size of Texas, the East African country of **Ethiopia** is home to about 85 million people. Most Ethiopians are farmers or herders, and because of the country's many famines and droughts, they struggle to scratch a living from the land. In the Tigray

region in northern Ethiopia, for example, rainfall is unreliable and drought is common. But with the help of technical assistance from organizations like Catholic Relief Services, as well as the hard work of village residents, farmers like Ato Teklu Hadgu (see Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar) are learning how to capture precious water, fight erosion and irrigate fields that ultimately make entire regions more drought resistant.

Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities

Challenge for the Week: **Everyone has basic rights including the right to life, food, water, and shelter. Seventy eight percent of Ethiopians lack access to clean water. Give 50 cents for every water faucet you have in your home.**

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

Monday, March 22: School Resumes

Thursday, March 25: 9AM Mass—Grades 3/4/5
2:30PM AHS Jazz Band Performance

Friday, March 26: End of 3rd Quarter



It's not too late to register! It's not too late to register! It's not too late to register!

It's not too late to register your child for Saint Cecilia School's kindergarten classes for the 2010-2011 school year. You can pick up an application from the school office or contact Mrs. Vidimos at 232-5290 with questions or for additional information.

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 questions about room usage at 233-3092.

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.

Directions to St. Gabriel 21275 U Ave, Reinbeck, IA 50669 for the Chrisim Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 2:00PM. From Ames, go north on Interstate 35 to US Highway 20, take 20 east to Dike, take T55 south to 21275 U Ave., Reinbeck, IA 50669.



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.



The Marshalltown Christian Experience Weekend for 2010 will be:

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Divine Mercy Novena

Begins Good Friday, April 2

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, please consider praying the Divine Mercy Novena. Jesus promised St. Faustina that "by this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls." Pamphlets will be available in the Church vestibule beginning Palm Sunday weekend, March 27 through Holy Week. It is also available on line at

<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm> The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed April 11, at 3 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single Seniors group will meet for brunch today, Sunday, March 21, at Noon, at Valentinos. 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 Mary Cowan at mary.cowan@hotmail.com or 291-7409. All are welcome to attend.

Stations of the Cross: Family Way of the Cross will be the format used for the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26, at 6PM.



Via Crucis (Hispanic Station of the Cross)—Friday, March 26 at 7PM in the Church.



Sarah Hart
in
Concert

Sarah Hart will be providing a concert on Sunday, April 11 at 7pm in the St. Cecilia Narthex. Sarah's lively blend of contemporary folk, pop and rock welcomes and delights listeners of every age and background. It will be a night to remember. Don't miss it!!!

60+ will meet March 23 in the South Social Hall for lunch. Lisa Olgler from Reiman Gardens will speak about *The Many Surprises of Reiman Gardens*. Please call Nancy Habing (232-0782) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.



St. Cecilia
Choir Practice

Saint Cecilia Choir will rehearse on Sat., March 27 at 9AM in the Music Room. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Bob Hauser at 232-3092.

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.

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 the scandal of evil

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Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it:

For almighty God . . . , because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.

Visit www.usccb.org

The US Council of Catholic Bishops website contains the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Use it to select the information that you need. The Bible, daily readings (also in audio), the latest news on Catholic Issues, and many, many other topics can be found on this website. Check it out!!



Application forms for **St. Cecilia's Gardens** are available at the parish office and on the Parish website. **Due date is March 26.** Saint Cecilia's Social Concerns Committee still

needs donations of garden tools or plants for this project. Please call Mary Ross (232-5080) if you have any to donate.

Right to Life Book Sale

March 23-27, 2010

KJJY Event Center at 7-Flags

2100 NW 100th Street

Clive, Iowa

Proceeds support the pregnancy and maternity centers in Iowa.

Contact: Rhonda Phillips at rhonda@iowaRTL.org or: 515-205-8024.

Learn More About Iowa Right to Life: www.iowaRTL.org

Spring Lincoln Hi-way Men's Session

The Lincoln Hi-way men's group will hold their regular spring super meeting at St. Mary church hall, Marshalltown, on Wed., April 7, 2010.

Social time will begin at 6:00PM with dinner to follow at 6:30. Deacon Alan Christy from St. Cecilia Parish in Ames will speak and focus on "Living the Mystery". This is an excellent opportunity for men of the community to prepare for the upcoming CEW April 30 through May 2, 2010.

Please make your reservation by calling Alan Christy at (515) 231-8099.



Eucharist Adoration will be suspended From 12 noon, Thursday, April 1, 2010 until 7AM, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

5th Sunday of Lent

Once again we have a well-known and familiar Gospel story proposed for our Lenten reflection. The account of the woman caught in the act of adultery is something that we can all relate to. She was found out-discovered-publicly shamed. It happens to most of us at some point in our lives, usually when we are young. We do something wrong, and get caught. And then we have to endure the humiliation of our wrongful act being known by others. It is expected that we will learn from our mistakes, but that doesn't always happen.

On the other hand, we're sometimes like the scribes and the Pharisees who bring the accusation. We discover something we can hold against another. Occasionally it is a secret knowledge that can fester in our hearts. At other times, it is a public shame that we do not hesitate to propagate for our own advantage. For whatever reason-vengeance, jealousy, mean-spiritedness-we want offenders to "get what's coming to them."

Maybe in the end, the story of the woman caught in adultery is to invite us to be neither sinner nor judge. Maybe the point of the story is to act like Jesus. Could we put ourselves in his role? He extends mercy, but he also proposes expectations ("do not sin anymore").

These past three Sundays before Holy Week have been about God giving us time. The fig tree that was allowed to grow another year, the prodigal son who was allowed to come back home, and the woman who was not condemned, were all given another chance. We all want that second chance when we sin. This Sunday's Gospel would suggest if we're going to follow Christ, we have to give another chance to those who sin against us as well.

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Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 3/8

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| Forecasted Cost | | \$150,000 |
| Funds Collected | \$ 55,187 | |
| Funds Pledged | \$ 48,425 | |
| Total Funds Committed | | <u>\$103,612</u> |
| Balance needed | | \$ 46,388 |

Your Financial Stewardship

| | 3/8-3/14 | FYTD |
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| Contributions (general) | \$ 14,040 | \$735,872 |
| Needed to meet expenses | \$ 19,687 | \$728,419 |
| Contributions (building) | \$ 927 | \$ 80,611 |

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

Planned Giving—Gifts of Appreciated Property

If a gift of appreciated property is made to Saint Cecilia Parish, the donor is given credit for the current value and all or part of the capital gains tax is avoided. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 515-233-3092



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 20

5:00PM: Michael Rolling Family

Sunday, March 21

8:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

10:30AM: Henry Adams †

5:00PM: Susan & Willi Tsironis †
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 23

7:00AM: PFC Jessie Mullenbach

5:30PM: Ellian Bertrand †

Wednesday, March 24

7:00AM: John McElroy

5:30PM: Frank & Kate Noethe †

Thursday, March 25

7:00AM: Albert Walsh † Eleanor Walsh

5:30PM: Steve Mueller

Friday, March 26

7:00AM: Alvera Irlbeck

5:30PM: Brigitte Blevenstein

Saturday, March 27

5:00PM: Ann Monk †

Sunday, March 28

8:30AM: Alice Foley

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 March 21, 2010

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---
23:56 or 23:1-49

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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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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.