

March 31, 2013 | *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

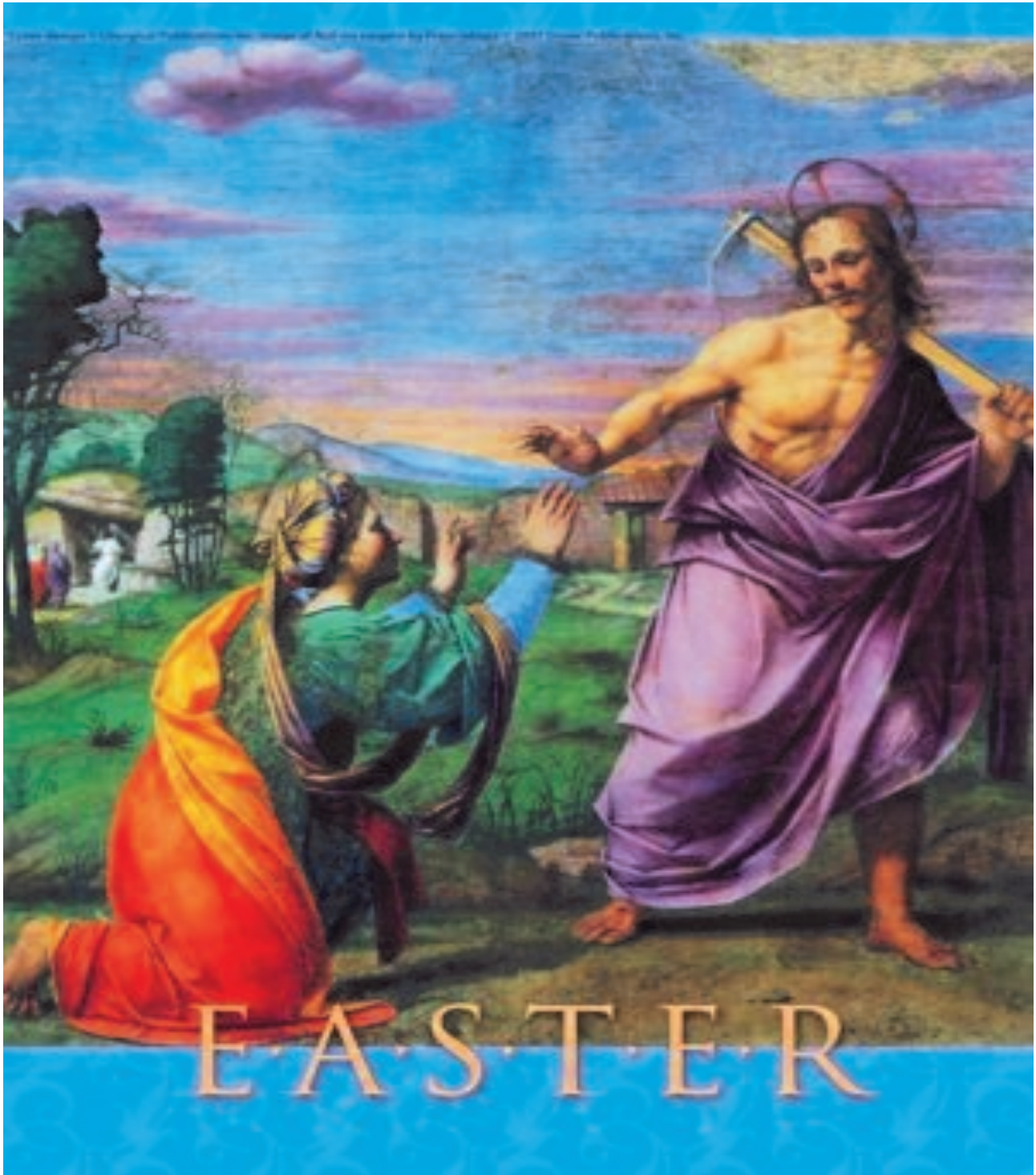
# Saint Cecilia

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FAITH FORMATION

### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30AM-5:00PM  
Wednesday 8:30AM-7:00PM  
Friday 8:30AM-3:00PM

### Early Childhood & Elementary Faith Formation Sessions

Week of March 31-April 6

#### St. Cecilia—Ames

There will be Faith Formation Sessions for all grades this week except for the Sunday Session which falls on Easter. Beginning dates are as follows:

March 31st—Sunday Sessions—10:30—11:30AM  
Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st grade—**Will NOT Meet**

April 1st—Monday Sessions—6:15—7:30PM  
Grades 1—8—**Will Meet**

April 3rd—Wednesday Sessions—4:00—5:15PM  
Grades 2—5—**Will Meet**

April 3rd—Wednesday Sessions—7:00—8:15PM  
Grades 6—8—**Will Meet**

#### St. Cecilia—Jewell

April 3rd—Wednesday Sessions—6:45—8:00PM  
Preschool/K—10th grade—**Will Meet**

### A LOOK AHEAD!

- \* **Sessions:** Normal sessions resume on April 1st and 3rd.
- \* **Final Sessions:** Normal sessions for the weeks of April 7th, 14th and 21st.
- \* **Please consider helping** as a catechist/assistant in your child's classroom this fall! The **REWARDS ARE GREAT!**
- \* **All sessions are cancelled the week of April 28th so everyone can attend the parish mission!**

### WOW! LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

Stay tuned for exciting updates!

APRIL 28th-MAY 1st

SAINT CECILIA PARISH MISSION

“OUR WALK IN HIS FOOTSTEPS”

*New on the website...Faith Formation Calendar!  
Check it out....*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Easter Blessings  
from the Youth Ministry Team*



**Friday April 5th** Spring Lock-In “Jope”  
SIGN-UP ONLINE ON THE STC WEBSITE  
**Wednesday May 8th** End of the Year Party at STC



Life Teen will meet on Sunday nights  
from 7-9pm in April.

Last Life Night of the year is May 5.

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**Confirmation will be on  
Sunday April 14, 2013 2:30PM  
It will be hosted at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**

Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday April 10th  
@ 7PM for Candidates only

You will need to have ALL required  
paperwork turned in by April 5th.

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### Trips & Conferences

2nd trip payments were due March 1st for ALL trips

### Upcoming Fundraisers

Sunday April 21st Bake Sale—CHWC

May 12th Mother's Day Breakfast—NCYC

*Registration and payment for all YM events can be done on  
our website <http://www.stceciliaparish.org>  
Select **Online Giving/Registration** on the home page it will  
take you to the link to select the event.*

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mon., 6-7PM (Spanish) Reading the book of Job.

Mon., 7-8:30PM in the St. Louis Room -

Series on Catholicism by Father Robert Barron

Tues., 9:45-11AM in the St. Louis Room -Discuss Readings for  
upcoming Weekend. Social time begins at 9:30AM

Deacon John is still not be available.  
Spanish Mass will still be celebrated at 5PM on Sundays.



## Easter, 2013

O Lord God, our Father. You are the light that can never be put out; and now you give us a light that shall drive away all darkness. You are love without coldness, and you have given us such warmth in our hearts that we can love all when we meet. You are the life that defies death, and you have opened for us the way that leads to eternal life.

None of us is a great Christian; we are all humble and ordinary. But your grace is enough for us. Arouse in us that small degree of joy and thankfulness of which we are capable, to the timid faith which we can muster, to the cautious obedience which we cannot refuse, and thus to the wholeness of life which you have prepared for all of us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Do not allow any of us to remain apathetic or indifferent to the wondrous glory of Easter, but let the light of our risen Lord reach every corner of our dull hearts. Amen.

(Karl Barth, 1886-1968)

Easter Blessings to all!

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Tuesday, 04-02:** 7PM Catholic School Board Meeting  
**Friday, 04-05:** 2PM Classroom Easter Parties

### Kindergarten 2013-2014

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors... St. Cecilia School has openings for the 2013-2014 Kindergarten class. It is not too late to register. Please call the office for more information, #232-5290.



### INTRODUCING THE "OWLS CLUB"

#### St. Cecilia "OWLS CLUB"

St. Cecilia Catholic School is excited to announce the inauguration of a before and after school childcare program, which will be known as the "OWLS CLUB." For nearly a year, the concept has been developed to offer a "Pilot Program" for children currently enrolled in grades K-5 at St. Cecilia School. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, a maximum of 16 children will have the opportunity to enroll in the Owls Club Pilot. The program will offer early morning (6:30AM) and late afternoon (6PM) supervised childcare on the premises of the Education Center. Students will be engaged in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, all of which will take place in our Christ-centered environment. On Mar. 1, parents of potential students received specific details of the program, including a personal invitation to participate. **The program is also detailed on the St. Cecilia School web page.** Since only 16 students can be accepted for the Pilot, an opening date of March 1, 2013 was established for parents to express an interest in enrolling their children. Enrollment interest requests will be accepted through April 2. Interested parents are encouraged to call the St. Cecilia School office at 232-5290 to place their child's name on the list of students to be considered.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Please call 233-3092 for registration. Godparents are also expected to attend.

**Next session is April 11, 2013 at 6:30PM  
in the St. Louis Room.**

*\*\* Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months. \*\**

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

In today's gospel Jesus appears to the fearful disciples and says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. . . Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The gospel writer, John explains how the risen Christ sends the disciples forth to proclaim the Good News despite their fear, assuring them that they will be supported in their witness: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

#### **How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Come and See!**

If you are an adult or know an adult or child over the age of 7 interested in becoming a Catholic and celebrating Baptism, Confirmation or First Eucharist with this community, contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at [RCIA@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:RCIA@stceciliaparish.org) or call the parish office at 515-233-3092.

*Parishioners are also needed to support this ministry.*



### Confirmation for Adults

Are you a Catholic, age 17 or older, who has never celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?

Join a 7 week Confirmation Preparation Program and celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, May 18, 2013

First session: March 14, 2013

Second session: April 4, 2013

Program location: St. Cecilia Parish - St. Louis Room  
Thursdays: from 7 - 8:30 PM

### OR

At a time which best fits your schedule

For more information contact Jo Anne Dalhoff at [jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:jdalhoff@stceciliaparish.org) or 515-233-3092.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to join TOT at Olde Main Brewing Co. at 7PM on April 1. We will continue the "Catholicism" series by Fr. Barron. Topic will be "Mary, the Mother of God". Join the Facebook Group "St. Cecilia Theology on Tap" for more information. Come and bring a friend! See you there!



*This weekend, coffee and doughnuts will not be served due to the Easter holiday.*

*Next weekend,*

*Melinda Luzbetak Family will serve after 8:30AM Mass,  
Feenstra Family will serve after the 10:30AM Mass.*

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

To view the Catholic Catechism this week go to  
[www.usccb.org/catechism/text/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW)

All ladies of Saint Cecilia Parish are invited to a Salad/Dessert Supper, Thur., Apr. 4, at 6PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring a salad to serve 8. Table service and beverage are provided. The program will be Mary Kay Polashek and students in the high school musical instrument program. All women of the parish are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other women of the parish. If you have any questions or need a ride, contact Darlene Bovee at 232-4520 or Judy Brown at 231-6589.

### Parish Celebration of Stewardship —

Sat., Apr. 6 after the 5PM Mass.

Join in our first Parish Celebration of Stewardship, with a parish-provided dinner and refreshments, social opportunities and light entertainment. Celebrate the stewardship of the members of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, yourself included, who, in response to God's generosity, help bring the Kingdom of God to our community by sharing the time, talent and material resources that God has given. **So we're sure to have the right amount of food, we're asking all who plan to attend to make a reservation—either on the parish website (at the [Online Giving/Event Registration tab on the home page](#)) or by calling the Parish Office (233-3092).**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having a 2nd collection during all masses on Apr. 6-7 as part of our state CDA project for domestic abuse victims. 60% of the proceeds will go to ACCESS and the remaining 40% will be given to the Dubuque Archdiocese for its abuse programs. Please be generous.



### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Benediction including The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be at 2:30PM in the Church. Of this Feast Day, Our Lord tells us through St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet..... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

Sacrament of Reconciliation available Sat., Apr. 6, 3:30-4:30PM at St. Cecilia. For more information on this powerful devotion visit [www.divinemercysunday.com](http://www.divinemercysunday.com)

"Date Night" Come to a great evening on Apr. 13 in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. "Date Night" helps married and engaged couples gain knowledge and develop tools to build and enrich their relationship. Dinner and refreshments are offered at 6:15PM, followed by the program at 7PM, concluding by 8:45PM. The topic will be "The Permanence of Marriage". To help us plan for the meal and childcare or for more information, please contact Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at [DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com) or [515-441-0480](tel:515-441-0480) by Apr. 12. Each gathering has a different topic. Come when you can and bring a couple with you!

**Stewardship:** In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds to Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Easter is the day when all things are tumbled over like the colored eggs that children roll in the grass. The stone from the tomb is rolled away. Christ, the Lamb of God, redeems the sheep. The Prince of life, who died, now lives forever. Death is swallowed up by the grave and Life itself comes forth from the tomb. As the psalmist writes: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes" (Ps 118:22-23).

We have grown up with the notion of resurrection. The rising of Christ has been part of our religious upbringing. It is so much a part of our culture that the mystery of this great event may escape us. But imagine Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb early in the morning and finding the body of Jesus gone. Then Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb after she brings them the news. The Gospel makes it clear that they did not understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. They must have felt their world shaken apart by this great mystery!

And here we are, two thousand years later, calmly proclaiming, "He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day." This incredible mystery, this miraculous event, this saving action that we celebrate on this feast is the most incredible thing to happen since the foundation of the world. The Lord has been raised from the tomb and he lives in our midst. Just as the Resurrection turned over the lives of the disciples and changed them forever, so too does the rising of Christ from the dead make a difference in our lives. Because he lives we can be free from the power of sin. The living Christ gives us the Spirit that empowers us to act in his name and to live like him, filled with life and love.

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### Men and Families of Faith wanted: Join the Knights of Columbus!

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic, fraternal, service organization worldwide with over 1.8 million members. The fraternal order, established in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, has grown from very humble beginnings of assisting widows and orphans of deceased parishioners to a provider of life insurance, long-term care insurance, and other secure financial benefits that is second to none. Since its inception the Knights main mission is to serve and show the love of Christ among families, in the Church, in the local community, and throughout the world. We are proud to stand with our Pastor, our Archbishop, the Holy Father, and all the teaching authority of the Church in defense of the great treasure of Faith that has been given to us. Please look for more information about the Knights of Columbus in an upcoming membership drive Apr. 6-7 after all Masses. Questions to Dan Rajewski, membership chair: [danrajewski@gmail.com](mailto:danrajewski@gmail.com) 290-4374.

Our Social Hall is available to rent for Parish Family celebrations. Graduation, confirmation, anniversaries, wedding showers and birthdays. Please call the parish office for details and to reserve the room.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### Saturday, March 30

8:00PM: Priest's Intention

### Sunday, March 31

7:00AM: Special Intentions

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Priest's Intention

5:00PM: Youth of St. Cecilia,  
St. Thomas & Sts. Peter & Paul  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

### Tuesday, April 2

8:00AM: Paul Skarda †

5:30PM: Leo Blanchet †

### Wednesday, April 3

9:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Joseph Gowey †

### Thursday, April 4

8:00AM: Frank Trcka †

5:30PM: Bernie & Gina Remmes & Family

### Friday, April 5

8:00AM: Anna & Steve Kmetz †

5:30PM: Yohanes Haryono †

### Saturday, April 6

5:00PM: Pauline Mueller †

### Sunday, April 7

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Mark Bonifacio

5:00PM: Faithful Departed  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM  
& 5:00PM (Misa en Español)

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM & 5:30PM (Chapel)

### Readings for the Week of March 31, 2013

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:14 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn  
20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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### BULLETIN DEADLINEs

**APRIL 7** bulletin announcements due by  
Noon on Friday, March 29.

**APRIL 14** bulletin announcements due by  
Noon on Friday, April 6.

*Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel*

Scripture Rosary.....Monday 7:00AM  
Intercessory Prayer Group.....Sunday 9:00-10:00PM  
Rosary....Monday 7:30PM\*, Tuesday-Friday before 8:00AM  
Mass (\*The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Mon. of each month.)  
Christians in the Spirit..... Tuesday 7:15-9:00PM  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy.....Friday 3:00PM  
Liturgy of the Hours.....Saturday 7:00AM  
Eucharistic Adoration .....The chapel is open daily, keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM.

\*\*Contact the Parish Office at 233-3092 to have your information forwarded to the Coordinators to schedule a weekly holy hour.

**CALL TO PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Pastoral Council, Faith Formation Commission, and the Saint Cecilia Catholic School Board elections are approaching. We ask everyone to consider parishioners who could serve and lead our parish. *Is it you or someone you know?* As the parish discerns the gifts we have to share, please consider yourself or another individual who might have the leadership qualities you admire for one of these positions. The nomination period will begin soon and nominees will be sought for each of the three organizations.

The parish is served best when the leadership consists of a cross-selection of age, gender, and experience - reflecting the make-up of our parish community, and maybe most of all, parishioners who are committed to the mission and vision of St. Cecilia Parish. Please help us grow into the future with strong and wise parish leadership.

**I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF SAINT CECILIA PARISH**

Name and Address the way you would like it to appear.  
Name:  
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Address:  
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City:  
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Zip:  
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Phone:  
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Email:  
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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.*

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:15-4:30PM during Lent and by appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Hours .....Monday-Thursday  
8:30AM-4PM  
Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM  
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The Gabriel Project is a crisis pregnancy assistance program. Call 450-6473 for assistance.  
Birthright offers free pregnancy tests and counseling. Confidential. 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Call requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622.