

CHURCH OF SAINT CECILIA

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WELCOME

New Parishioners are welcome at St. Cecilia's! To join our parish please call the parish office at 651-644-4502, or talk to one of the hospitality ministers.



Saint Cecilia Community

Dear Friends:

Recently I had the opportunity to offer the sacrament of reconciliation for a group of relatively newly-married couples who gathered for a retreat that was sponsored by our archdiocese. One of the spouses that I met that day spoke profoundly about the transition from single young adulthood into marriage, noting that it was a new experience to be so intimately and thoroughly *known* by another human being, specifically, one's partner. This person reflected that it is relatively easier to go through life as a proud (in the negative/sinful sense) man or woman when one can keep some semblance control over the degree to which he/she is vulnerable to being fully exposed to somebody else. When one is married, though, she/he is just *there* for the spouse, with all the gifts that he/she has to share as well as all the imperfections, wounds, secrets, and shame that anybody and everybody carries around to some degree. I was really moved by these comments. As one who has lived alone throughout most of my adult life it occurred to me that it can be relatively much easier that way not only to be more self-centered but also to be more "opaque."

I have often heard the admonition (wise and correct) that a priest who is celibate is not thereby to be ordering his life simply as some kind of pious bachelor. While that counsel is undeniably true enough, I have always thought about it primarily in terms of not trying to accumulate a lot of other material possessions or creature comforts as a kind of compensation for not being espoused. That's part of it, and not unimportant, but my encounter at the marriage retreat called me to realize that the greater danger of being an unmarried Christian adult can be not so much not "having" something/someone but rather of not being fully known to anybody. Single people have to work harder at appropriate full disclosure than do healthily married people. It's a blessing in the end when it can be accomplished, but the revealing of a whole self to another person is a risk-filled adventure, more easily evaded by an unmarried man or woman who prefers not to confront vulnerability. And, speaking personally, it is all the more easily evaded when one is in priesthood or religious life, where people can be (often with the deliberate aiding and abetting of priests and religious themselves) made to be shrouded in some sort of not-quite-fully-human mystique.

One of the reasons why I believe that there is such benefit in a ritual like the Catholic sacrament of reconciliation is that it's perhaps one of the only occasions in this world wherein a person can risk being fully (*fully!*) known without thereby being scorned or thought less of. In the best of marriages this happens too. What a blessing for a spouse to know that he/she is cherished as he/she is; never without opportunity to grow and change, of course, but never dependent upon growth/change for love to abide.

We have lots of healthy marriages and lots of healthy single adults in our parish, thanks be to God. Whoever and whatever we are, let us recognize the interpersonal mission and work to which we are called as the consequence of our state in life, for our own well being as well as that of others.

Fr. Mike Byron

Prayer Chain If you have an intention you wish remembered, please call Millie Schmidt 651-646-3376 or Carol Van Deusen 651-487-3889.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	
Budgeted Annual Contributions:	\$379,699.00
Anticipated Weekly Collections:	\$7,301.91
Anticipated Collections for 32 weeks:	\$233,661.12
Actual Collections thru Feb. 1:	\$241,630.32
Difference between Anticipated and Actual:	\$7,969.20
Collections: February 1	\$7,359.20
Collections: February 7	\$5,445.65
Collections: February 14	\$
Collections: February 21	\$
Collections: February 28	\$
Parish Renovation Debt	
Service as of February 8:	\$423,887.10
Alms Box Balance February 8:	\$137.44

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 20, 5:00 p.m.

- Host** Joan K.
- Cup** Suzie L-O.
Teri D.
- Cross** Linda B.
- Book** Mark D.
- Candle** Sean O.
Emmet O.
- Lector** Gaida Q./Kate O.
- Hospitality** Richard A.
- Sacristan** Tom K.



Sunday, February 21, 8:15 a.m.

- Host** Mike Mc.
- Cup** Jane Mc.
Mary Pat R.
- Lector** Steve C./Michelle R.

Sunday, February 21, 10:00 a.m.

- Host** Jim C.
- Cup** Jean W./Nancy C.
Dave P./Lois P.
- Cross** Jack S.
- Book** Larry C.
- Candle** Leo K.
Emma K.
- Lector** Barb K./Michael D.B.
- Hospitality** Blake/McNamara
- Sacristan** Don T.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Dinner

Join us on Sunday, February 14th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for our annual parish dinner. The event features a delicious turkey dinner, silent auction, activities and raffle. Dinner costs \$8.00 (children ages 8 and under eat free).

Movie Nights

Movie nights are a great way to meet people, share a meal, watch a movie and do some theological reflection on contemporary issues. Join us for two movie nights this month:

February 20th-Into Temptation, starring Jeremy Sisto and Kristin Chenoweth.

"Into Temptation" is a haunting, carefully crafted movie about a woman with mile-wide rips in her soul and the flawed priest who aims to save her. This is one of very few American films to deal with religious beliefs about faith and salvation with empathy and insight. The confidentiality of all statements made during confession prevents the priest from contacting the authorities. If he violates the seal of confession, he would be subject to excommunication. If he does nothing, a life and a soul will be lost.

February 27th-Amazing Grace. In 1797, William Wilberforce, the great crusader for the British abolition of slavery, is taking a vacation for his health even while he is sicker at heart for his frustrated cause. However, meeting the charming Barbara Spooner, Wilberforce finds a soul mate to share the story of his struggle. With few allies such as his mentor, John Newton, a slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned the great hymn, "Amazing Grace," With Prime Minister William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fruitlessly fights both public indifference and moneyed opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory for social justice.

Bulletin Submissions

Submissions for the bulletin are due on Wednesdays by 10:00 a.m. Submissions may be emailed to Barb Falardeau at barb@stceciliaspn.org or delivered to the church office. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Mass/Distribution of Ashes
 5:15 p.m. Pizza Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Service/Distribution of Ashes
 All parishioners are invited to meet for a pizza dinner. Please sign up in the link if you plan to attend the dinner.

Lenten Faith Sharing

Nourish your spirituality. Deepen your faith. What better time than Lent? At St. Cecilia's we have an opportunity to connect with one another during Lent for faith sharing. Look for more information and a sign up sheet in the Link. Questions may be directed to Marge Virnig at 651-644-4502 or via email virnigma@comcast.net.

Lenten Resource Available

Art Zannoni, a member of the parish has written a series of reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings for this Lent. They are available at www.pastoralplanning.com. These reflections can be used to prepare for celebrating the Eucharist on the Sundays of Lent.

Catholic Services Appeal

The Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted in our parish on the weekend of February 20th and 21st. Your prayers for the success of the Appeal and the ministries it supports are needed, as are pledges and gifts. Our parish goal is \$21,030.00.

Baptism

Please join us in welcoming the following newly baptized to our community of faith:

Keller Ruhland

Rose Jagim and Paul Ruhland

YOUTH MINISTRY

Living Stations of the Cross

Lent is upon us and with it comes Living Stations of the Cross. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cindy Windau via email cndybauer@yahoo.com or call 651-222-2500. We will be having our first meeting on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Youth Group

Just a reminder that youth group meets on Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, February 14	
8:15	Ruhland Baptism
11:30	Parish Dinner
Monday, February 15	
	Presidents Day Office Closed
Tuesday, February 16	
7:00	RSVP for Whole Community Wednesday Dinner Choir
Wednesday, February 17	
12:05	Ash Wednesday
5:15	Whole Community Wednesday Mass/Distribution of Ashes
6:30	Pizza Dinner Prayer Service/Distribution of Ashes
Saturday, February 20	
6:15	Catholic Services Appeal Movie Night
Sunday, February 21	
9:45	1st Sunday of Lent
7:00	Catholic Services Appeal Whole Community Sunday Catechesis/Good Shepherd Youth Group

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Heavenly Reward)

February 14, 2010

Reading I:

Jeremiah 17:5-8
(Trusting in the Lord)

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
(Resurrection of the Dead)

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26
(The Beatitudes)

Adults

How do I measure happiness? Do I "buy into" the values of the Reign of God?

Children

When have I felt sad or angry because my friends did not understand my religion?