

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Gilbert, Iowa

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012

Stewardship Reflection

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsman."
God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church.
What gifts are yours to share?

Your Prayers

Please keep **Nolan Jonas**, **Father Ev Hemann**, **Mark Jennings**, brother of Michele Mullen, **Bonita Schmitz**, mother of Joan Eslick, **Ledger Dalton**, grand-nephew of Deb Joel, **Fran East**, mother of Donna Weigel, and **Dean Furness**, son of Dennis and Karen Furness in your thoughts and prayers.



Faith Formation News

Feb 1st Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Feb 8th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Feb 15th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)
Feb 22nd Ash Wednesday Mass (7:00 pm)
Feb 29th Class (6:45 to 8:00 pm)



Bake Sale

The 5th Grade Faith Formation class will be having a bake sale after mass on **Sunday, February 5th**, during the first Sunday breakfast and social hour. All the proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and pick up some treats to take home!

Faith Formation Director Needed

Would you be interested in coordinating the Faith Formation program at SS. Peter and Paul? We are currently looking for a parishioner or parishioners to lead the Faith Formation program for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information, please contact one of the Faith Formation Commission members: Kristin Taylor (733-4844), Cindy Phelan (291-2272), Brenda Gessner (290-5997), or Eileen Wuebker (291-9420).

Pastoral Council

- Collection envelopes are in the basement for 2012. Please let a parish council member know if you need a box.
- Sign-up sheets for the monthly committees are in the basement. Please sign up and help out!
- Archdiocese Anniversary books are for sale: \$35 and \$6 for the cartoon book. Please contact a council member.
- Community: Please inform the priest or monthly sacristan the names of the homebound parishioners.

A Preview of Next Week Sunday, February 5, 2012

Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39



Sacristan: Karen Wirth
Greeter: Members of the Boy Scouts
Ushers: Members of the Boy Scouts
Acolytes: Members of the Boy Scouts
Gift Bearer: Members of the Boy Scouts
Communion Ministers: Melissa Howe, Kathi Steenhagen, Karen Wirth

Communal Reconciliation

A communal reconciliation service will be held on **Wednesday, March 7th**, at 7:00 pm.

Question of the week

Adults: Who has given witness to married love or the blessings of celibacy? What have I learned from these witnesses?

Children: Can I see ways that God is present in the love between two married people that I know?

Finding Life Through Death

Dr. David Carlyle, MD, practices geriatric medicine, hospice care, and palliative medicine and family medicine with McFarland Clinic. He will share healthy ways of thinking about and facing our own death and the death of those we love on **Friday, February 3rd**, from 6:15-8:30 pm in the Lower Lounge of St. Thomas Aquinas. He will address such questions as:

- What do I say to someone who is dying?
- How can I walk with someone in the dying process?
- What gifts can the dying give us?
- When is it time to let go and let God?
- How can Catholics' belief in the "communion of saints" help us?

Wine and non-alcoholic beverages provided. Participants are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Pre-register by Thursday, February 2nd by visiting staparish.net/faithformation/events.php. Sponsored by St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Cecilia parishes.

Discerning our Giftedness

The next session of Discerning our Giftedness starts with an all day Call & Gifted workshop on **Saturday, February 4th**, from 9:00-4:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. Brochures are available at staparish.net > RESOURCES > FORMS.

Catholicism 101

This six-session course on the principal teachings and practices of the Catholic Church will meet Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm starting **Monday, February 6th**. It will be taught by St. Thomas Aquinas staff and provide the opportunity for participants to ask questions. It will meet in the Our Lady of Guadalupe room (classroom in the basement of St. Thomas Aquinas). To register and/or for more information, contact the Director of Faith Formation, Kathy White at kathy@staparish.net.

Holy Ground Performance

Save the Date! Holy Ground will be performing its Irish tunes at "A Wearin' & Sharin' of the Green II," a benefit at 2:00 pm on **Saturday, February 25th**, at Dublin Bay, 320 S. 16th St., Ames. The benefit is for Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., which provides rent, utility, and food assistance for people in need. Holy Ground features Fr. Terry Rassmussen (former pastor of St. Cecilia). Free will donations.

The Witness

Read about these topics and more in the January 29th issue of "The Witness"

- Catholic Schools Week celebrates faith, academics, and service
- Performer ValLimar Jansen lights the match of faith for youth in Dubuque
- HHS delays, but does not change, rule on contraceptive coverage

St. Cecilia's School

Kindergarten round-up for the 2012-2013 year will be **Thursday, February 9th**, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. This session is for parents only. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record. A \$100 deposit will be needed this evening and deducted from your tuition.

Preschool round-up for the 2012-2013 year will be **Thursday, March 1st**, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. This session is for parents only. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record. A \$50 deposit will be collected along with your registration paperwork.

Call the school office at 232-5290 with any questions.

Christian Joy

All are invited to deepen your understanding of Christian Joy through a series of talks on Living in the Joy of the Lord. Come to the Prophets and Martyrs Room of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. The series is sponsored by the STA Charismatic Prayer Group.

- Feb 2nd Joy, the Essence of Prayer
- Feb 9th Joy, the Reward of Forgiveness
- Feb 16th Joy, the Gift of the Eucharist

For more information, contact Bob Horton at rhorton@iastate.edu.

Saint Cecilia Gala

Join us for the 7th Annual Saint Cecilia Gala, **February 11th**, at 5:30 pm at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Register online at www.stcamesgala.org.

For more information, registration, or to purchase raffle tickets (a trip to Disney World!), contact Jessica Loecke at stceciliagala@stceciliaschoolames.org or 515-292-3298.

