

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 5, 2004

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

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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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date.

Baptism

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required.

Sick Calls

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

Stewardship Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything: Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Religious Education Classes

Classes for Grades 1-8 begin the week of September 12. Registration is available during office hours (8:00AM-4:00PM) in the Religious Education Office.

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Fall Kickoff, Sunday, September 12, 6:30PM in the Church for ALL students and parents.

Beloit Blue Sky Day, September 19. Call Joe to sign up.



Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Will not meet Labor Day. Next Session: September 13.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00-11:00AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : September 14

RCIA

Want to know more about becoming a Catholic, or know someone else who does? Come to the information session on the RCIA process **Wednesday, September 8, 7:30PM** in the Adult/Youth Room. Call John at 232-3514.

If you attend Saint Cecilia Church and have not registered as a member, please contact the Parish Office. Forms are also available on the parish website.



Mass on Labor Day, September 6, 9:00AM

Parish Offices will be closed Labor Day

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Last Chance: Reservations must be in by Tuesday, September 7 for the annual golf tournament to be held Sunday, September 12, 1-6:00PM at Cold Water Golf Links. Benson Motors is again sponsoring all par three holes, with great prizes for a hole-in-one. Forms available in the parish office. For additional information call Dick Matt at 232-7688.



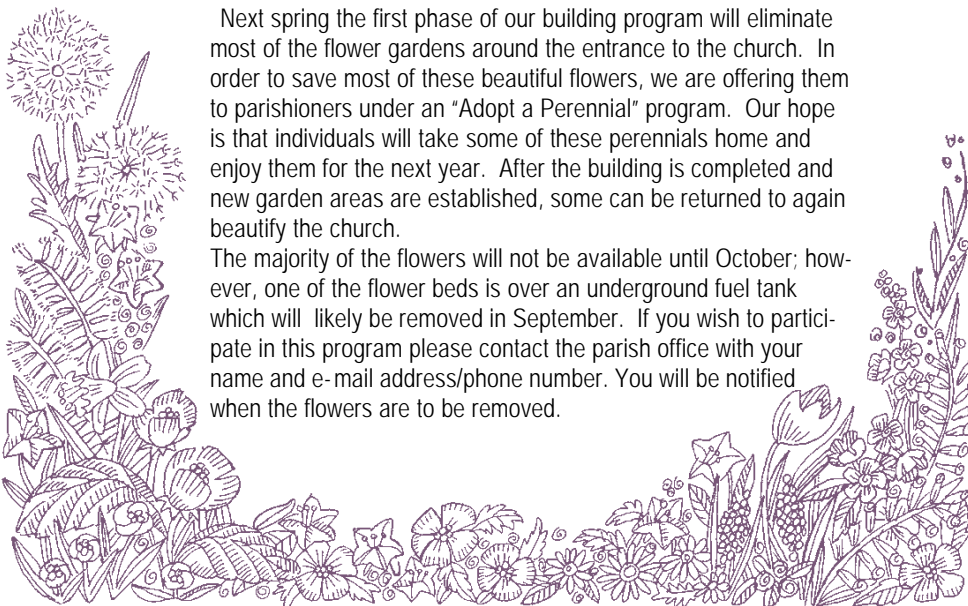
Sanctity of Life Committee meets Sunday, September 5, 9:00AM in the Parlors.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 233-6157 or tdwied@att.net for information.

ADOPT A PERENNIAL

Next spring the first phase of our building program will eliminate most of the flower gardens around the entrance to the church. In order to save most of these beautiful flowers, we are offering them to parishioners under an "Adopt a Perennial" program. Our hope is that individuals will take some of these perennials home and enjoy them for the next year. After the building is completed and new garden areas are established, some can be returned to again beautify the church.

The majority of the flowers will not be available until October; however, one of the flower beds is over an underground fuel tank which will likely be removed in September. If you wish to participate in this program please contact the parish office with your name and e-mail address/phone number. You will be notified when the flowers are to be removed.



Everyone is invited to join in celebrating Mass in preparation for the "Year of the Eucharist with Fr. Santan Pinto, SOLT, presiding on Thursday, September 9, 7:00PM in the Church.

THE TUITION ASSISTANCE

FUND for the day school and religious education programs is very low and there is a great need for assistance. Donations to this fund are always welcome and needed. Envelopes may be found in the church entrance. Donations may be taken to either the parish, school office or placed in the collection.

ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, September 13, School pictures will be taken; remember your order envelopes

Wednesday, September 9, 9:00AM, Chapel
Mass Grades 3 & 4

Reminder: No school, September 6, Labor Day

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

"We are convinced that a consistent ethic of life should be the moral framework from which to address all issues in the political arena. We urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principles, not simply party affiliation or mere self-interest."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Raise your voices and sing out to the Lord. The Saint Cecilia Choir will sing at 9:30AM Mass this fall beginning September 12. Rehearsal will take place at 8:30AM in the Education Center Music Room.

Bell Ringers are needed for the Liturgies on Sunday, September 26. Music reading skills are required. Sign up by contacting Bob Hauser at 233-3092. Please consider joining this joyful ministry.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

A Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) Weekend has been scheduled to start on Friday evening, September 17. It will end on Sunday afternoon, September 19. The program is designed for couples who don't want to divorce but are living in a marriage that is causing them pain. Retrouvaille can help. Call Dick & Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 for confidential information.



Coffee and Donuts will resume Sunday, September 12.

The Sixty Plus Group invite you to the Social Hall after 8:00 and 9:30AM masses.

5th Graders will hold a fundraiser breakfast Sunday, September 19. Plan to attend.

Baby Items are needed to make layettes to send to Appalachia. Needed items include **cloth diapers**, undershirts, sleepers, socks, and rattles. There is a special need for crib size blankets. Items can be new or in good condition. Call Doris (233-3773) or Bea (296-2162). Items may be placed in the drop box in the Social Hall

JERUSALEM FUND

Due to the ongoing conflict and lack of work, Holy Land Catholics, especially those in Jerusalem, are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. The cost of keeping their children in the Catholic School system is prohibitive for many. Saint Cecilia's Jerusalem Fund is ready to assist needy families with funds so that their children may continue to receive a Catholic education in the Islamic world. Please stop by the parish office and donate. Any amount will be of great help. Thank you!!

COMMUNITY

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Central Iowa will provide a **free 12 week education program** beginning Monday, September 13. The program is open to family members, friends, siblings or children of the mentally ill. The course discusses the clinical treatment of these illnesses and teaches the knowledge and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. To register or receive more information about this program, call Deb Niehof at 233-3492.

Jail/Prison Ministry and Mentoring Program: Anyone interested in jail or prison visitation or the new mentoring program is invited to attend an information and training workshop 9:00AM-1:00PM, Saturday, September 18, Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo. Members of the Social Concerns Committee are welcome. The Keynote address will be on Restorative Justice. For more information contact Deacon Ed Weber, 319-232-1584 or Ron Smith, 382-5654.

Singles Dance, Saturday, September 11, 8PM-Midnight, Fort Dodge Eagles Hall. Admission of \$10 includes partial membership in Single Sailors. Call 515-955-4156 for more information. .

Baptism

Our next preparation session will be held Thursday, October 7, 6:30- 9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To Register, call the Parish Office at 233-3092.

Baptisms are scheduled for October 10, 1:00PM and November 14, 11:15AM. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

July Baptisms

Jordan Alexis, daughter of Shane & Kim Coats; (granddaughter of Carolyn & Wayne Konechne)

Anna T., daughter of Tam Nguyen & Mai T. Trinh



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week



Robert Frost wrote about choosing the less traveled path and how that choice made all the difference. Choice is not always easy, especially when we know that a lot is riding on our decision. The most difficult decision of all is not choosing something good over something bad, but rather choosing between two things both of which we judge to be good. Knowing which is better can take a lifetime to discern.

Jesus knew that his message would demand choices, some easier than others. The lure and temptation of riches and earthly treasure would be a great challenge to his followers, especially in times of doubt and uncertainty. But the good of the Gospel demanded a clear choice, one that would enable the disciples to see that all things were at the service of the Gospel - money, relationships, even our very selves. It was a radical choice, one that asked us to give all in exchange for more than we can imagine.

The attraction to earthly treasures and the false security they promise will always be with us. As believers, we keep things in perspective when we reflect on God's wisdom and providence, his uncanny ability to give us what we need, and his unfailing desire to love, guide and protect us. It is our purpose and mission to love, work, think and act as Jesus did, confident in the promises of the Father. God loves us and that has made all the difference!

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FAMILY LIFE

The Saint Cecilia Family Life Committee ministers to the needs of the families of the Parish. The committee sponsors and facilitates programs and events that support and enrich the many ages and stages of family life. Want to learn more about this committee or get involved. Call Gary and Kay Aitchison (296-2966) or email gaitchis@iastate.edu

Christian Family Movement: Want to make a difference in your family and meet other couples/parents? Then CFM may be for you. A CFM group is a small Christian community that meets once or twice a month using program materials which focus on faith, family and community. To learn more or find out how to become involved call Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or email gaitchis@iastate.edu



Those in our parish and community who are ill.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2004

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mic 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Saturday, September 4

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, September 5

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Rosemary Roepke

11:15AM: Ralph Besch

Monday, September 6

9:00AM: Ben & Mary Bruno

Tuesday, September 7

7:00AM: Wayne Gordon

Wednesday, September 8

7:00AM: Vincent Jordan

Thursday, September 9

7:00AM: Manuel Cruz

Friday, September 10

7:00AM: Michael Strom

Saturday, September 11

5:00PM: Konrady/Daniels

Sunday, September 12

8:00AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer. Call 233-3092 if you wish to sign up for a scheduled adoration hour.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM in the Chapel

Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM & 7:30PM, Chapel

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7-9:00PM, Chapel

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM, Chapel

Please remember in your prayers: **MARGARET KRANTZ**, mother of and Rose Tondra, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

