

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 12, 2004

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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.

**S**tewardship We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

## Religious Education

for the whole parish family

### Religious Education Classes

? ? **Pre-School & Kindergarten** meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. First session is October 3.

? ? **Grades 1-6**

**Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM**

September dates: 13, (prayer service in Church at 7:10PM), 20, & 27.

**Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM**

September dates: 15, (prayer service in Church at 5:00PM), 22, & 29.

? ? **Grades 7 & 8**

**Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM**

September dates: 15, 22, & 29.

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. Next Session: September 13.

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

### RCIA

The first phase of the RCIA process through which people learn about the Catholic faith, begins today, September 12, after the 9:30AM Mass, and will continue weekly at this time until November 21. The second phase begins with Advent. New inquirers are still welcome to join the process. For more information, call John at 232-3514.

### 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.

**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.**



Coffee and Donuts will resume this Sunday, September 12.

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

### FALL 3-IN-1 COLLECTION

The Archdiocese is mailing brochures and offertory envelopes to homes explaining the **3-in-1 collection** which includes **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic University of America, and the Missions Collection** ( World Missions, Black and Indian Missions, National Home Missions and the Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry) Please be as generous as possible. If you do not receive the mailing, you may make a donation using a regular envelope. Please indicate clearly that it is for the 3-in-1 collection. You may choose to support only one of the collections or designate how you wish your donation split among the collections.

### FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

**Next weekend** is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf-stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.



### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 14, 9:00AM in the Parlors. Carolyn Jons will present a program on "Books for Pediatrics In the Hospital."

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, **September 14**, 1:30PM, in Parlor A. Laurice Ertz from the ARC of Story County will be the speaker. Guests are welcome. Call 233-2853 if you would like a ride.

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

### Greeters Needed:

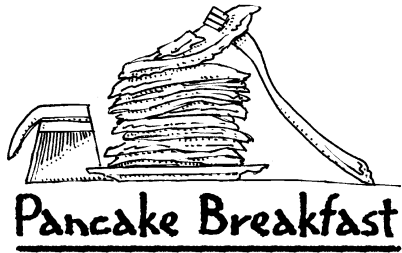
Greeters are needed for the 11:15AM Mass, September 26. Please call the Parish office to Volunteer.



## SCHOOL NEWS

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

**Wednesday, September 15**, Grades 3/4, Mass in the chapel at 9:00AM.



## Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, September 19**  
after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses  
Free-will donation

Sponsored by the Saint Cecilia 5th grade class.  
Proceeds will go towards the annual class trip.

## FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

As we approach the elections of 2004, we renew our call for a new kind of politics—focused on moral principals not on the latest polls, on the needs of the poor and vulnerable not the contributions of the rich and powerful, and on the pursuit of the common good not the demands of special interests.

## 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!!

## DONATIONS NEEDED

**Baby Items are needed** to make layettes to send to Apalachia. 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). Items may be placed in the drop box in the Social Hall hallway.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**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

The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage: Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to: Make a Worldwide Marriage encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. Register now for a fall weekend: October 8-10, Des Moines; October 29-31, Cedar Rapids. Call Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit the website [www.iowawwme.org](http://www.iowawwme.org). Please register 6 weeks in advance.

## CATHOLIC NETWORK OF VOLUNTEER RESPONSE

**(CNVS)** has just released RESPONSE 2005, a directory of full-time, faith-based volunteer opportunities. RESPONSE is a comprehensive listing of more than 200 member programs that offer more than 10,000 full-time volunteer placements serving the poor and needy worldwide. Volunteers generally serve full-time (40hrs/wk) anywhere from one month to one year or more. Contact us today for a free copy of RESPONSE 2005 or to learn more about CNVS. Phone: 1-800-543-5046 or 301-270-0900; E-mail: [volunteer@cnvs.org](mailto:volunteer@cnvs.org); Web site: [www.cnvs.org](http://www.cnvs.org). Access the directory online!

## COMMUNITY

**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.

**Sacred Heart Church**, St. Anthony, will be having their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, **September 26**, served from 3:00-7:00PM. Adults, \$7.00; children under 12, \$4.00. Carry-outs will also be available.

**Sts. Peter & Paul Church** (located on county highway R38 north of Gilbert) is hosting the annual Hoedown, Saturday, October 2. Mass at 5:30PM with meal and activities to follow.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all who made Cornfest a success: the musicians for the Polka Masses, the Holy Ground Band, the Knights of Columbus for serving beverages, all those who helped serve, set-up, clean-up, and entertain and to the Coders for raising the sweet corn and all who helped pick, shuck and prepare it.

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# DISCOVER & RE-DISCOVER

All the parables of Jesus use images and experiences that his listeners could easily understand. They illustrated a truth about us, about God or about spiritual realities. Parables led the listeners from the known to the unknown, often catching them by surprise. They pointed to the patterns of

life that emanate from the core truth of God's plan. We recognize ourselves in each of them, and then learn something more.

Perhaps now is the time to go in search of those things we need to find: the forgiveness of a loved one, the peace of confession, a stronger relationship with the Lord or a renewed sense of mission and purpose. The rest of our life will wait for the few moments we take to discover and re-discover what we have lost.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:gaitchis@iastate.edu)

## ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK

**EWTN for Kids: *My Little Angels***—In the town of Saint Paul, Fr. Francis, Mother Superior and her Nuns teach neighborhood kids about their Catholic faith. Tuesdays at 4:30PM, Saturdays at 9AM.

***The Night of the Prophet***—The amazing story of Padre Pio from Pietrelcina who, through the eyes of a Roman Journalist, is revealed as a man of true spiritual commitment and Christian charity. September 23, 1PM; September 25, 8PM.



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414

## Readings for the Week of September 12, 2004

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Jn 19:25-27  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 11

5:00PM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

### Sunday, September 12

8:00AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Tuesday, September 14

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

### Wednesday, September 15

7:00AM: Janice Riordon

### Thursday, September 16

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

### Friday, September 17

7:00AM: Edith Elliott

### Saturday, September 18

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

### Sunday, September 19

8:00AM: St. Rita Circle

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Ernest Schaeffer

## 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:  
**JOSEPH TORNABANE JR,** and  
**LEONA KRENN,** sister of Bernie Beaudry, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

