

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 19, 2004

Twenty-fifth 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 & 11:15AM

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: The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve: Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

## 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: 20, & 27.

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

September dates: 22, & 29.

? ? **Grades 7 & 8**

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

September dates: 22, & 29.

Registration is available during office hours (8:00AM-4:00PM) in the Religious Education Office.

### Youth Ministry

**Grades 9-12**

**Sundays, 7-8:30PM**

September dates: 19, 26

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: September 20.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : September 21.

### RCIA

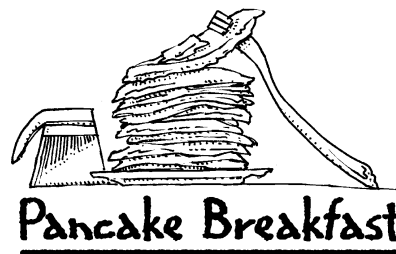
The first phase of the RCIA process through which people learn about the Catholic faith, meets after the 9:30AM Mass, and will continue weekly at this time until November 21. The second phase begins with Advent. New inquirers are still welcome to join the process. For more information, call John at 232-3514.

### 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.**



after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses

Free-will donation

Sponsored by the Saint Cecilia  
5th grade class.

Proceeds will go toward the class trip.

### FALL 3-IN-1 COLLECTION

The Archdiocese recently mailed 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 did 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.

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, September 21, 9:30AM at the home of Eileen Byrne. Call 233-1393 with questions.

**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](mailto:tdwied@worldnet.att.net) for information.

**Parish Potluck Dinners** resume Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Thank You** to everyone who signed up for Eucharistic Adoration during the annual sign-up Sunday. If you were unable to sign up this past weekend and are interested, please call the parish office 233-3092.



### GREETERS NEEDED

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



## SCHOOL NEWS

Sympathy and prayers of the entire Saint Cecilia Day School family to Judy Roberts, our head cook, and her family in the loss of her husband, Keith.

## FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

"There cannot be two parallel lives in their [people's] existence: on the one hand, the so called 'spiritual' life, with its values and demands; and on the other, the so-called 'secular' life, that is, life in a family, at work, in social relationships, in the responsibilities of public life and in culture." (*Christifideles Laice*, n. 59b; cf. Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, *Apostolicam Actuositatem* [November 18, 1965],n.4)

## DONATIONS NEEDED

**Baby Items are needed** to make layettes to send to Appalachia. Needed items include **cloth diapers**, under-shirts, 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.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Married Couples: Does "Back-to-School" bring back memories of rediscovering old friends, a fresh start, a chance to grow in knowledge and understanding? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can do the same for your marriage. 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 SERVICE

**(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!

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all.

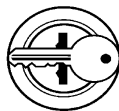
Stanley Horowitz

### LOCK YOUR CAR

A theft of CD's, a car stereo system and other items occurred in the parking lot during 5:00PM mass last Saturday.

It is also a good idea to keep close track of purses and other personal items in the church and the parking lot while attending events.

Not everyone comes to church to pray.



## AREA CHURCHES

**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.

**Sacred Heart Church**, Boone, is looking for a full time Catholic person as an Administrative Secretary. Applicant must be confidential, friendly, and helpful with skills in word processing and bookkeeping. Credit background check is necessary. Salary according to experience and qualifications. If interested, send resume to: Sacred Heart church, 915 12th Street, Boone, IA 50036, attention Fr. Currans.

**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.

**An Invitation to Explore the Secular Franciscan Life:** For those who desire a life of deeper faith in Christ, joy in simple things and a sharing of similar beliefs with others. An information session will be held Monday, October 4, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Church Hall, Marshalltown. Call John or Judy Egnew (641-473-2307), Sr. Rosemarie Vaske (641-753-4209) or Susie Cook (641-752-0382).

## COMMUNITY

**The Interfaith Economic Justice Initiative** invites the public to attend **Beyond the Books: Personal Economic Stories, Living with Less in a World of More**, an evening of stories told by local people who struggle daily for economic survival. In addition to learning local facts and hearing personal stories, there will be time to consider ways to make a difference in our local community. Join us Tuesday, September 28, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado, Avenue. For more information about this third in a series of Resource Fairs or to register for free child care (before September 24), please contact Beverly Reddick at 292-0861 or [bev\\_reddick@quest.net](mailto:bev_reddick@quest.net).

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is one agonizing moment in sports that never fails to grab our attention. Two members of the same family are on opposing teams. What do their parents do? Who do they cheer for? Which team do they favor? One mom had the solution when she said on national TV, "I don't care about the teams, only the players - two to be exact!" We may not be able to serve two masters, but a mom can find a way to cheer for both her children!

Loyalty is not a plural noun! Jesus knows it is not possible to serve two masters, or two ideals, or two opposite sides without doing a disservice to one or both. A loyalty divided is not loyal to anyone. And in the end, we fail to accomplish the service and goals we promise.



We cannot serve both God and money. Money itself is not evil, but when our sole focus is the acquisition of wealth, we destroy the basic virtues of faith: generosity, sharing, concern for others, and giving God his due. We lose sight of who we could be, the good we might do and the help we could offer to others. God creates us in

love, for love and to serve him in others. We can fulfill our highest destiny and our greatest calling only when we serve him.

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## READ ABOUT IT IN *THE WITNESS*

- ? ? Bush and Kerry stances on immigration issues are highlighted
- ? ? In Capitol Comments, Sara Eide, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, describes the candidate survey that is being prepared.
- ? ? The Family Life column invites interested persons to an upcoming workshop by Fr. Robert Ruhnke on contemporary marriage issues.
- ? ? The results of the focus groups held by Dubuque Holy Family Schools are announced.

*Witness* Subscription cards may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.



**Thank you** Fr. Terry and Saint Cecilia members for the prayers, food, flowers, memorial, mass offerings and the funeral luncheon for Blair Johnson. Also thanks to the person who gave money for masses but forgot to sign the card.

*Mary Kay & Chuck Johnson & family*



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

### Readings for the Week of September 19, 2004

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 18

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

### Sunday, September 19

8:00AM: St. Rita Circle

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Ernest M. Schaeffer

### Tuesday, September 21

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

### Wednesday, September 22

7:00AM: Eleanor Anderson

### Thursday, September 23

7:00AM: Jim & Judy Kleinschmidt  
(Birthday)

### Friday, September 24

7:00AM: Connie Harrington

### Saturday, September 25

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, September 26

8:00AM: Norma Miller

9:30AM: Vic Ganske

11:15AM: Camilla Frame

## 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:  
**KEITH ROBERTS**, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

