

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 26, 2004

Twenty-sixth 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: The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life: What am I doing to help?

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. **Parents and students are welcome to come and meet the catechists and find their classrooms, today, September 26, after the 9:30AM Mass.** Punch and cookies served in the Multi-purpose room.

? ? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

September dates: 27. October dates: 4, 11, 18, 25.

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

September dates: 29. October dates: 6, 13, 20, 27.

REQUIRED First Reconciliation Parent/child meetings are scheduled:

? ? October 4, 6:10-7:30PM, Social Hall

? ? October 6: 4:00-5:20PM, Social Hall

Participants may attend either session

? ? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

September dates: 29. October dates: 6, 13, 20, 27.

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: 26. October dates: 3, 10, 17, 31

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: September 27.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00-11:00AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : September 28.

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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

served after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses by Knights of Columbus

TEEN MASS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2,
5:00PM

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sixty Plus group will meet for a potluck meal and program, Tuesday, September 28, in the South Social Hall. **All men and women 60 years of age or older are invited.** Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Nancy Carroll of the Ames Parks and Recreation Department will present the program on Ames newest park, Ada Hayden Prairie.



Sanctity of Life Committee will meet, Sunday, October 3, 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@worldnet.att.net for information.

Monthly Parish Potluck Dinners resume Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Beverage, table service and fried chicken provided. Please bring desserts, side dishes, or additional main dishes to share. Everyone is invited.

Every woman in Saint Cecilia Parish is invited to attend the SCCCW (Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women) Soup Supper in the Social Hall, Thursday, October 7, 6:00PM. Everything will be furnished. The program is about the 2004 Youth Appalachia Service Trip. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity to meet other women. Need a ride? Call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.



Parish Day of Reflection

Tuesday, October 12, 9:00AM-3:00PM
Adult/Youth Room

"The Joy of Forgiveness"

Presenter: Sandy Hoenig

Lunch provided \$5.00 donation suggested
Contact the Religious Education Office
to register

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to the pancake breakfast last Sunday. The breakfast fundraiser was very successful. We are really looking forward to our year-end, overnight trip to the Omaha Zoo.
Saint Cecilia School 5th Grade Class

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, October 10 at the 11:15AM liturgy. Those who are seriously ill, advanced in age, or who are about to undergo a surgery are invited to receive the sacrament.

OCTOBER COUNT

Archbishop Hanus has asked each parish in the Archdiocese to take a count of persons attending Mass for four weekends in October. This information can help parishes in planning Mass schedules that encourage quality and prayerful celebrations. It will also be helpful in Archdiocesan planning to assure the availability of sacraments, religious education and active faith communities in light of the number of available priests.

READ ABOUT IT IN *THE WITNESS*

- ? ? Msgr. Leon Connolly, Vicar for the Hispanic Ministry, reflects on the results of globalization.
- ? ? Fr. Rolheiser's column touches on the sadness and grieving that is occurring in today's Catholic church.
- ? ? The Offices of Family Life and Adult Faith, Stewardship, and Catechetical services keep us up to date with their offerings.
- ? ? Presidential candidates differ on their approaches to war and peace

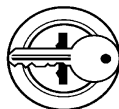
Witness Subscription cards may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.

LOCK YOUR CAR

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

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.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A Catholic moral framework does not easily fit the ideologies of "right" or "left", nor the platforms of any party. Our values are often not "politically correct." Believers are called to be a community of conscience within the larger society and to test public life by the values of Scripture and the principle of Catholic Social teaching. Our responsibility is to measure all candidates, policies, parties, and platforms by how they protect or undermine the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, whether they protect the poor and vulnerable and advance the common good.

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).

St. Thomas Aquinas campus ministry with the support of the Msgr. Supple Endowment Fund is sponsoring the lecture:

What is Holy ?

Expanding the Horizons of the Holy

Presented by

**Elizabeth Dreyer, Catholic Theology Professor,
Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut**

Monday September 27, 8:00PM

Memorial Union Sun Room

Dr. Dreyer is the author of numerous books and articles including *The Cross in Christian Tradition: Paul to Bonaventure & Earth Crammed with Heaven: A Spirituality of Everyday Life*. Dr. Dreyer was Msgr. James Supple Visiting Scholar of Catholic Studies in Fall 1996.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You have to know your goals in order to achieve them" is an axiom of any success strategy. Setting goals helps us set priorities, choose a good course of action, and plan our time and resource management. Of course, we need to know our goals so we know if and when we've arrived!

The spiritual goals Paul lays out for Timothy are not abstract, but are very specific goals. He is to seek after virtues, hold fast to his faith and keep God's commands, all for the purpose and goal of achieving everlasting life. He is not to be complacent, but active, fighting the good fight of faith. It is not good enough to just claim faith and spirituality; he must show it, just as Christ did.

Too often people lay claim to being 'spiritual' without being religious. But they go hand in hand. Spirituality without content is song without words: nice to hear, but tough to sing along with. The pursuit of spiritual goals takes the road of witness and action, helping others in word and deed. Remember the goal of your faith. Choose your course of action. Then, fight the good fight. Do as Jesus did.

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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.

Birthright Pregnancy Center is training new volunteers to help at the office at 108 Hayward Avenue, Ames. This could be the opportunity for you to get involved with an organization that promotes responsible parenting and adoption as answers to unexpected pregnancies. If you enjoy helping others, call our co-directors Kathy Bunting (382-6081) or Kriss Holmes (382-5647) for more information.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 3-9

Everyone is invited to a candlelight service in support of families and individuals with mental illness at Inis Grove Park, Walnut Shelter, 8:30PM. Support will be shown for those with mental illness, their families and the health care professionals.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) can be reached at 233-3492 or www.nami.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 25

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, September 26

8:00AM: Norma Miller

9:30AM: Vic Ganske

11:15AM: Camilla Frame

Tuesday, September 28

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Wednesday, September 29

7:00AM: Shirley Reece

Thursday, September 30

7:00AM: Philip Terrones

Friday, October 1

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, October 2

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, October 3

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Rose Banford

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

Readings for the Week of September 26, 2004

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10