

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 3, 2004

Twenty-seventh 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: When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

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. October dates: 3, 17

Grades 1-6

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

October dates: 4, 11, 18, 25.

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

October dates: 6, 13, 20, 27.

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

October dates: 6, 13, 20, 27.



Parish Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00PM
in the Social Hall.

Beverage, table service & fried chicken provided. Please bring desserts, side dishes, or main dishes to share.

Everyone is invited.

Anointing

of the Sick

Sunday, October 10, 11:15AM MASS.

Those who are seriously ill, advanced in age, or who are about to undergo a surgery are invited to receive the sacrament. Please let anyone who might want to receive the sacrament know about the anointing and offer to arrange transportation, if necessary.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

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.

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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS served after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses by **St. Mary Circle**



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

REQUIRED First Reconciliation Parent meetings are scheduled:

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

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

Participants may attend either session

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

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sundays, 7-8:30PM

October dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

R.U.S.S.H. Activities

? ? **October 5:** Prepare and serve a meal at the homeless shelter. Meal is served at 6:00PM. Contact Joe for details at 232-3514 or by e-mail jlawlor@stceciliaparish.org.

? ? **October 13:** Bonfire, snacks and music at Sopers Mill (2 miles east of the Gilbert Casey's). Meet at 6:00PM, Saint Cecilia Ed. Center.

? ? **October 20:** Game night/card tournament, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

? ? **October 27:** AHS girls regional volleyball tournament. Meet 6:30PM, Saint Cecilia Ed. Center. (Back-up plan—movie at North Grand 5)

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: October 4.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : October 5.

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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Please continue to save **Box Tops for Education** (found on General Mills products) and **Campbell's** soup labels. Please place them in the collection box in the usher's room. Thank you to all who collect these for the benefit of Saint Cecilia School.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee will have a display in the Social Hall after all Masses October 9/10. The display will include current floor plans for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project, a site plan showing parking and road improvements being constructed this fall, a scale model of the proposed church and photographs and renderings of the project. These items will be displayed for everyone to view. Members of the building committee will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. Please stop and view the display.



READ ABOUT IT IN *THE WITNESS*

- ? ? Vocation Awareness series begins
- ? ? A project of hope in one area of Guatemala
- ? ? Loras College inaugurates its 26th president
- ? ? St. Theresa's, rural LaMotte celebrates 150 years

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



September Baptisms

Logan Michael, son of Jared & Jeanne Brus
Julia Anne, daughter of Daniel & Amy Divine
Dylan Daniel, son of Chad & Mindy Gray

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.

Thinking of the Priesthood?

A day of discernment will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas, Saturday, October 16. On this day, a series of reflections will be offered to encourage men toward deeper discernment of the priesthood. If you know of anyone who would benefit from such an opportunity, please contact Fr. Phil Gibbs at the Office of Vocation Awareness (563-556-2580) or Fr. Terry.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

We are one human family. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Pope John Paul II insists, "We are *all* really responsible *for all*." Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be "peacemakers." Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we be "sentinels of peace" in a world wounded by violence and conflict.

USCCB Administrative Committee,
*Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call
to Political Responsibility*, p.15



Breakfast, Sunday, October 10

The Growing Kids God's Way group will serve breakfast after the 8:00 and 9:30AM Masses. Free will donation. All donations will go towards the family mission trip to Mexico that the group is planning for next summer.

FUNDRAISER

The Youth Ministry department has a "Perpetual Can Redemption Fund". YOU CAN HELP by taking your cans to the Redemption Center on E. Lincoln Way and telling them to give credit to the Youth Ministry Account. Drop boxes are available by the Pop Machine near the St. Francis Library.

AREA CHURCHES

OCTOBERFEST, OCTOBER 16

St. Malachy Parish, Madrid, IA
Social Hour 5-5:30PM

Country Catering Buffet Dinner starting at 5:30PM

Dancing 6:30-10:00PM

Dinner/dance tickets, \$15 per person

Raffle tickets available by contacting St. Malachy parish office at 515-795-2731 or stmalachychurch@att.net. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. Prizes include a 3 day 2 night trip to Las Vegas, gift certificates to Hotel Pattee, C.Y. Stephens and Dublin Bay.

Prayer for Life

Heavenly Father, from the smallest cell to the largest creature, you are the origin and creator of all life. May we be so in awe of your wondrous power that we never take for granted the wonder of life, the beauty of creation or the potential of every person. We recognize the value and worth of human life from conception to natural death. Help us to protect and nurture all life so that in perfect harmony we may offer to you a fitting song of living praise. We ask this through Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns forever. Amen

Rev. James Gaffney

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A blank piece of paper and a pen hold a lot of potential, awaiting everything and anything from a child's scribble to a historic document. There is no way of telling what words and images will appear, how important they might be or who will hold and read the now blank piece of paper. What makes a piece of paper great is what the author or artist does to it.



Jesus uses the images of a mustard seed to describe the potential of faith. Baptism plants the seed of faith, and parents as well as the Church community nurture it. But one never knows if a child being baptized will be a saint or sinner, one who lives by the Gospel or who turns a deaf ear to the voice of the Spirit. What makes or breaks faith is how each of us chooses to respond to the gifts of grace given to us.

The spiritual life is not easy. Living our faith in the midst of many distractions and demands requires at times a great effort on our part. But God provides what we need. Our potential for faith is nurtured by his grace and guided by the Spirit. His help makes our efforts great!

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COMMUNITY

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
www.birthright.org

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Inc. (GNEAI) is one of the organizations that our parish supports through our monthly Good Samaritan Fund collections. You are invited to attend a fund-raiser for GNEAI on Friday, October 15, 7:00PM in the Ames City Auditorium, 515 Clark Avenue. Jodee James and Talybont will perform traditional Welsh and English music and tales. A free will offering will be taken (suggested donation - \$20). 100% of the money collected goes to GNEAI.

Please be Praying for... Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 3-9

Plan to attend the Candle Light Vigil October 4, 8:30PM at Inis Grove Park Walnut Shelter.

The vigil is part of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Those with mental illness, their families and health care professionals will be remembered.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, October 5

7:00AM: Michael Strom

Wednesday, October 6

7:00AM: Estelle Swick

9:00AM: Keith Roberts

Thursday, October 7

7:00AM: Marvin Rader

Friday, October 8

7:00AM: Ralph Besch

Saturday, October 9

5:00PM: Margaret Krantz

Sunday, October 10

8:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Blair C. Johnson

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 October 3, 2004

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19