

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 10, 2004

Twenty-eighth 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 heals ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

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: 17

Grades 1-6

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

October dates: 11, 18, 25.

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

October dates: 13, 20, 27.

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

October dates: 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

October dates: 10, 17, 24, 31

R.U.S.S.H. Activities

- ? ? **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)

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.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: October 11.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : October 12.

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.



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



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.

Breakfast served after the 8:00 and 9:30AM Masses by the Growing Kids God's Way group. Free will donation. All donations will go towards the family mission trip to Mexico planned for summer 2005.



MEETINGS/EVENTS

Catholic Daughters will meet Thursday, October 14, 6:00PM in the South Social Hall for dinner. The state regent will give a "pep talk" followed by a short meeting. Guest night will be held in November.

Spiritual Growth Committee meets Tuesday, October 10, 7:00PM, in Parlor A. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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.

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

The Family School Association's (FSA) annual Frozen Food Sale kicks off this weekend! A wide variety of items is available including:

- ?? Wild rice soup
- ?? Cookie dough
- ?? Cheesecakes
- ?? Pies
- ?? Pizzas
- ?? Nuts
- ?? Candy



Items will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, November 18, in the Social Hall. Order forms are available in the Parish Office. Orders may also be placed with any Saint Cecilia student. **Orders are due October 19.** Proceeds from this sale fund FSA budgeted expenses with excess funds given to the Saint Cecilia Board of Education for other school needs. Thank you for your support. Call Michelle at 233-9830, if you have questions.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's act of creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers, owners, and others must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and choose to join a union, to economic initiative, and to ownership and private property. These rights must be exercised in ways that advance the common good.

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE



The Building Committee will have a display in the Social Hall after all Masses October this weekend. 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.

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 November 14, 11:15AM and December 5, 1:00PM. 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.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE WITNESS

- ?? Cedar Rapids Prairiewoods celebrates St. Francis' love for animals.
- ?? Appreciation expressed for Directors of Religious Ed who have served 10 years or more.
- ?? Suffering continues after hurricanes in Florida and Haiti
- ?? The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office continues its series of October columns.

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

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.

St. Francis Room Library

Catholics' greatest treasure is the gift of the Eucharist. Pope John Paul II has declared October 2004 - October 2005 the *Year of the Eucharist*. He says this "is where Jesus' heart meets the needs of the world on a daily basis." Find out some of the reasons for these assertions by meditating on the main effects of the Mass. They are listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church form number 1391 to 1396 and 1416 (see p. 767 of the subject index—main effects). You can check out a copy from the St. Francis Room Library. Your discoveries will create a gift that keeps enriching you the rest of your life.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



It was the best negative lesson - only the teacher did not plan it. Her young charges spent hours picking up trash, pulling weeds, painting a fence and otherwise beautifying the local playground. When it finally opened, the kids in the neighborhood rushed in, excited that it was finally done. But not one parent or child acknowledged the students' hard work and efforts. Their disappointment led to their own resolve to never take anything or anyone for granted.

Jesus heals because he loves. He heals because he does the will of God. When one leper returns to give thanks, he acknowledges that he has been given a gift he can not give himself, a gift that changes his life. He knows that this gift comes from God, and in acknowledging the gift, he acknowledges the Giver. Faith is indeed his salvation.

Gratitude costs the giver nothing, but is priceless to the receiver. Any time we give thanks, we affirm the giver, by offering a bit of ourselves, the acknowledgment that we are better than before because of the gift. Don't be stingy with giving thanks. It is the only gift that improves two people at one time.

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COMMUNITY

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Inc.

Serving our neighbors in need
presents

Jodee James & Talybont

Traditional Welsh & English music & tales

Friday, October 15, 7:00PM

Ames City Auditorium, 515 Clark Avenue

Suggested Donation \$20—Door prizes

(100% goes to Good Neighbor's emergency assistance)

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

October 29-31 - Celtic Spirituality Retreat: Everywhere a Blessing.
Begins Friday 5:00PM; closes Sunday 3:00PM. Sr. Therese Elias, OSB.
Call 319-266-3543 for information.

American Martyrs Retreat House 2209 North Union Road
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, October 12

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

Wednesday, October 13

7:00AM: Gerry Abel

9:00AM: Tom Stacy

Thursday, October 14

7:00AM: Mary & Charles O'Donnell

Friday, October 15

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Saturday, October 16

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, October 17

8:00AM: Eleanor Anderson

9:30AM: Bernadane Quinn
(Birthday)

11:15AM: Jim & Penny Sullivan

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



Those in our parish and the community
who are ill.

Readings for the Week of October 10, 2004

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14--4:2; Lk 18:1-8

ETWN Global Catholic Network

25 Years With the Pope

An inspirational documentary, depicting scenes from
papal audiences with youth over the course of the Holy
Father's 25-year reign as the Vicar of Christ.

October 16, 5:00AM & 2:30PM