

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 17 2004

Twenty-ninth 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: Today's theme is perseverance— Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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. November dates: 7, 21

Grades 1-6

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

October dates: 18, 25.

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

October dates: 20, 27.

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

October dates: 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: 17, 24, 31

R.U.S.S.H. Activities

? ? **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 18.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session : October 19.

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.

**COFFEE AND ROLLS SERVED
AFTER THE 8:00 & 9:30AM
MASSES by CFM (Christian
Family Movement)**



MEETINGS/EVENTS

Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 7:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All confirmed Catholics are eligible to serve. If you have any questions, please call Ron or Regina Rasmussen at 232-1708.

Our Lady's Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, October 19, 9:30AM at the home of Dixie Lickteig. Anyone interested in making rosaries can call 233-1393 for more information.

Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women, quarterly meeting will be held, Thursday, October 21, St. Joseph Church, 101 Clark Street, Dysart, Iowa. Registration, 9:00AM; general meeting, 9:30AM; liturgy, 11:15AM; luncheon, 12:00PM. The program, "Revisiting Patriotism," by the American Legion Post 335, begins at 1:00PM. If you are interested in going, please contact Priscilla Matt at 232-7688.

SCCCW Meeting Rescheduled:

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 28, 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.

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.



SAINT CECILIA PARISH COOKBOOK

Wanted: Your favorite recipes for a parish wide cookbook. The more recipes the better! Please type recipes giving clear, concise instructions. Recipes may be placed

in drop boxes by the school or parish offices. Proceeds will go toward the Building Fund.

SCHOOL NEWS

It is not too late to place an order for the FSA Frozen Food Sale. Order forms are still available in the Parish Office. Orders may also be placed with any Saint Cecilia School student. **Orders are due October 19.**

Items available include:

- ?? 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. Call Michelle at 233-9830, if you have questions.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

As bishops, we seek to form the consciences of our people. We do not wish to instruct persons on how they should vote by endorsing or opposing candidates. We hope that voters will examine the position of candidates on the full range of issues, as well as on their personal integrity, philosophy, and performance. We are convinced that a consistent ethic of life should be the moral framework from which to address issues in the political arena.

USCCB Administrative Committee,
*Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call
to Political Responsibility*, p.11

Greeters needed for October 31

8:00 & 9:30AM Masses

Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

REMEMBRANCE

November is the month set aside for remembering the dead and praying for them. A Vesper Service will be held Thursday, November 2, 7:30PM in the Church. Those in the parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. There will also be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle for their deceased loved ones no matter how long ago they died. All of us who are part of the communion of saints on earth join our prayers with the saints in heaven.

Mass will be held at 9:00AM on Monday, November 1.

All Saints Day is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held Thursday, December 2, 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.



In addition to all the work John Richard has done to care for and maintain the flower beds, we would also like to thank the following men who have given so generously of their time all summer to mow the grass, trim the shrubs, and

do all the necessary weed-whacking to keep everything looking nice. If you have the opportunity please thank Bernie Beaudry, Jim Hogan, Al Joensen, John Kleinschmidt, Dick Lang, Steve Marley and Jim Welch. Their efforts have saved the parish thousands of dollars over their many years of volunteer service.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE WITNESS

- ?? Study the candidate survey from the Iowa Catholic Conference
- ?? The Grand River Center in Dubuque was the site of the liturgy ceremony awarding the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal to six women religious.
- ?? Maquoketa students learn from mission trip.
- ?? Fr. Rolheiser has a hopeful column on what binds families together.

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

AREA CHURCHES

St. Malachy Church, Madrid, has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant, approximately 30 hours per week. Must be active Catholic, confidential, friendly, and helpful. Skills in word processing, bookkeeping/accounting (Quickbooks experience helpful) and organization required. VIRTUS workshop/credit background check required. Good benefits/salary according to experience and qualifications. Send resume ASAP to Fr. Brian Danner, 207 Gerald Street, Madrid, IA 50156.

Courage

Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

-Sir Winston Churchill

Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it.

-Mark Twain

To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many students at the local community college were a bit nervous as they approached their first class. As older students of 35 or 40, some were worried about being out of place or of being unable to learn as quickly as others. Nerves were usually settled quickly once they saw some of the senior students, all over the age of 75, who persistently pursue the goal of a degree. Age is indeed mind over matter. If they don't mind, it must not matter.

Faith needs persistence. Jesus taught it: "Seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened." Paul reminds Timothy to persist in the work of ministry. And in this parable, Jesus shows the other side, the effect of persistence as the judge caves in to the demands of the righteous widow. Remaining faithful, praying always, never losing hope are the most effective weapons against evil.

Be persistent in your prayer and good works. Develop them as a good habit that reminds you each day of the work and mission God entrusts to us, the work of changing the world with his grace and love. Don't give up! In his mind, it really does matter!

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COMMUNITY

FIRST HABITAT HARVEST BALL
Gateway Center Hotel, October 30
6:30PM, gathering with dinner at 7:00PM
Dance to the Big Band tunes of High Society 8-11:00PM
Cost is \$50 per ticket (tables seat 10)

Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa

Tickets available at Ames Community Bank, Beverly's Gift & China, Durlam & Durlam and Lemstone Books.

AMERICAN MARTYRS RETREAT HOUSE, CEDAR FALLS

You are invited to attend a reflection day, Sunday, November 7, 1-7:00PM entitled "Celebrating Memories of Our Loved ones." Sister Marie Barth, PBVM, who has a great deal of experience working with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one will conduct the reflection day. A donation of \$25 is requested which includes the speaker, program, a light supper, use of the facility and beverage service. Please contact the Retreat House for more information or to register: 319-266-3543.
DDBQAMRHDBQAMRH@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Readings for the Week of October 17, 2004
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14--4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 16

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, October 17

8:00AM: Eleanor Anderson

9:30AM: Bernadane Quinn

11:15AM: Jim & Penny Sullivan

Tuesday, October 19

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Wednesday, October 20

7:00AM: Camilla Frame

9:00AM: All Souls

Thursday, October 21

7:00AM: Leona Krenn

Friday, October 22

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

Saturday, October 23

5:00PM: Elvira Lersten

Sunday, October 24

8:00AM: Jack Gehm

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Jim Gorman

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 be
Praying for...*

Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:
JACK DELBRIDGE, husband of Jo Delbridge, 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.

