

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 31, 2004

Thirty-first 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: We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thesalonians is therefore ours, too—"that our God may make (us) worthy of His calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

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.

November dates: 7, 21

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

November dates: 1, 15, 29

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

November dates: 3, 17

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

November dates: 3, 17

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

First Reconciliation Parent/Guardian/Child meetings:

Monday, November 1, 6:10—7:30PM or

Wednesday, November 3, 4:00-5:20 in the Social Hall.

At least one parent must attend one of these two meetings with their child.

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

November dates: 7, 14, 21 (9th grade only; no class for 10th grade on Nov. 21)

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: November 1.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session: November 2.

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.

**Teen Mass:
November 6, 5:00PM**

COFFEE AND ROLLS SERVED AFTER
THE 8:00 & 9:30AM MASSES by
Knights of Columbus



All Saints Day 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.

November is the month set aside for remembering the dead and praying for them. A Vesper Service will be held **Tuesday, 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.

MEETINGS/EVENTS:



ELECTION NIGHT 15TH ANNUAL CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Serving 5:00-7:00PM. All the soup you can eat! Homemade pies and relishes. Adults: \$5; Children 5 & under—\$2. Good Shepherd Church
604 Deckor Street, Jewell, IA

Due to Elections: The Parish Potluck will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00PM in the South Social Hall. All parishioners, especially newly registered members, are welcome.

Saint Mary's Circle will meet on Thursday, November 4 at Jo Ann Brown's home, 1604 Stone Brooke Road. JoAnne Dalhoff will present a program on women in the church. All are welcome.

Saint Gerard's Circle will meet on Thursday, November 4 at 7:00PM at the home of Sheryl Holden, 4393 Purvis Lane, to make Christmas decorations for the residents of Abington on Grand Nursing Home. If you are interested in joining St. Gerard's Circle, please feel welcome to attend this meeting. Contact Gerry Abel at 233-2521 to tell her of your visit to this session.

Saint Cecilia Sanctity of Life Committee will meet Saturday evening, November 6 at 6:00PM 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Nov. 1—All-School Mass at 9AM in the Church with *Saints* presentation by our 4th grade students in the Adult/Youth room following Mass.

Nov. 2, 3, 4—Early dismissal at 1:30PM for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 4—Final day for P.I.E. (Partners in Excellence-World Book) donations. If you have not returned your donations, please do so by the 4th.

Nov. 5—NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY—this group meets in the A/Y room at 10:15 every Tuesday. Using the *At Home with the Word* book, the group prays together and discusses the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Registration is not required. Come every week or come once in awhile. John Hayes facilitates the discussion.

SAINT CECILIA'S HOME MINISTRY needs one more minister to take the Eucharist to our home-bound parishioners. The ministry requires only an hour or two of your time after Sunday Mass once every 8 weeks. It is a very easy and rewarding ministry. Please give some thought to helping those who need us. To volunteer, please call Joan at the parish office (233-3092) or Julie Haas (232-7138).

RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month and our country remains at war. Please consider spending an hour alone or as a family each week in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our country. This can be done at any time or contact Rosemary Wilson (232-5828) to sign up for a formal time commitment.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for 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.



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.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The coming elections provide important opportunities to bring together our principles, experience, and community in effective public witness . . . As Catholics we need to share our values, raise our voices, and use our votes to shape a society that protects human life, promotes family life, pursues social justice, and practices solidarity.

—USCCB Administrative Committee,

Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 12.



Thank you to the entire parish and the council for your help with the replenishment of the tuition assistance fund. We believe that the fund has reached a level to meet the projected requests for the year. We hope that everyone will continue to support this very important need in the future.

If you wish to help this fund grow for the future, please do so through the parish office or the offertory.

Thank you,
The Board of Education

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS

The Appalachia Committee needs help in loading a truck with clothing and other items to be sent to Williamsburg in the Appalachian region of SE Kentucky. Children can help sort clothing and older individuals can help load the truck on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8:30AM. The warehouse is located at 2019 Pullman, Ames. Questions: call Dan Bahr (292-6784).

SHARE THE HARVEST

A **Share the Harvest** fundraiser for the Healthy Food Voucher Program (HFVP) will be held Tuesday, November 16 at Lucullan's Restaurant. Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Inc., an organization supported by St. Cecilia's Good Samaritan Fund, distributes the vouchers to persons in need living in Story County. There will be a 5:30-6:30PM social hour with live music. Dinner and a program are scheduled from 6:30-8:00PM. The program will feature the Eastwood Community Garden, a new local project at the only HUD housing complex in Ames. Tickets can be purchased by calling Stacey Brown (292-5992) or at Big Table Books, 330 Main St., Ames. The cost is \$30 per ticket.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Violence against women in the home has serious repercussions for children. Over 50 percent of men who abuse their wives also beat their children.⁶ Children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to develop alcohol and drug addictions and to become abusers themselves.⁷ The stage is set for a cycle of violence that may continue from generation to generation.

⁶ *Walk in the Light: A Pastoral Response to Child Sexual Abuse*. USCCB 1995.

⁷ www.cdc.gov/ncip/factsheets/ipvfacts.htm.

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Zacchaeus is looking for solutions. He wants to see Jesus, but he is short and the crowds are dense and block his view. He overcomes the obstacle by climbing a tree and getting a good look. Not only does he see Jesus, but Jesus sees him! Little did he realize how good a look he would get!

What obstacles are in your way? Too little time? Too busy? Don't understand the Bible? The Mass? The faith? The pastor? If seeing Jesus is your goal, don't waste energy focusing on the problems. Focus your energy on finding the solution. Learn, read, pray, prioritize, and challenge yourself. Find the tree you need and climb it. Look for opportunity to learn and grow. You'll be surprised at how good of a look you can get!

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ALL SOULS DAY

The commemoration of the faithfully departed is celebrated by the church on November 2, unless this day fall on a Sunday, in which case it is then celebrated on the 3rd. Theologically, this feast is based on the doctrine that if the soul of the departed, upon leaving the body, is not cleansed of sin, then it cannot share in the glory of the Risen Christ. However, there is hope. The faithful on earth can help save a soul by offering prayers, good deeds and by the Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the early days of the church, All Souls Day was celebrated at many different times in different countries. In Spain, the day was celebrated on the Saturday before Pentecost, at the time of St. Isidore. In Germany, the faithful prayed for the dead on October 1. Finally, in 998, All Souls Day became fixed on November 2 when the Benedictine Monastery of Cluny chose that date for the commemoration. It spread to other monasteries, and then to parishes throughout the region. In the 13th century, Rome adopted it by placing the feast on the annual calendar of the church. Today, we celebrate All Souls Day with special prayers and Masses to honor the faithfully departed.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AS PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacons John McCully and Gary Aitchison from St. Cecilia Parish were honored at a special ceremony on October 29 at the annual Diaconal Community Retreat at Sinsinawa Mound, WI. Archbishop Jerome Hanus presented a Papal Blessing to Deacon Aitchison and his wife Kay and to Deacon McCully and his wife Ruth in recognition of their diaconal ministry for 25 years to the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Deacons McCully and Aitchison were members of the second diaconate class in the Archdiocese and were ordained on October 21, 1979.

Readings for the Week of October 31, 2004

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2; 2 Thes 1:11--2:2;
Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16--3:5;
Lk 20:27-38

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 30

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, October 31

8:00AM: Ethel & Pete Grise

9:30AM: All Souls

11:15AM: Keith Roberts

Monday, November 1

9:00AM: All Souls

Tuesday, November 2

7:00AM: Rose Banford

Wednesday, November 3

7:00AM: All Souls

Thursday, November 4

7:00AM: All Souls

Friday, November 5

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, November 6

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, November 7

8:00AM: Mary L. Girard

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Mary Myers

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

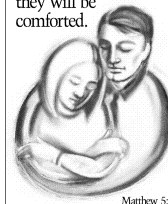
Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM, Chapel



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers: **Barb Kannel**, niece of Marge & Ed Kannel and granddaughter of Grace Lusk, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Matthew 5:4