

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 7, 2004

Thirty-second 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: In today's reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

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: 15, 29

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM
November date: 17

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM
November date: 17

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

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM
November dates: 14, 21(9th grade only; no class for 10th grade on Nov. 21)

R.U.S.S.H.

- Nov. 10:** Bingo with Friendship Ark residents. Meet Ed Center 6:00PM sharp.
- Nov. 17:** Movie & pizza, A/Y room 6:30PM
- Nov. 24:** Nothing Scheduled—Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1:** Bowling at ISU Memorial Union. Contact Joe to sign up.
- Dec. 8:** Scavenger Hunt.
- Dec. 15:** To be decided.
- Dec. 18:** Special Saturday activity—Christmas Caroling at Green Hills. Meet at Saint Cecilia 9:00AM
- Dec. 22:** Christmas Caroling. Meet at Saint Cecilia 6:00PM.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: November 8.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, Adult/Youth room. Next Session: November 9.

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.



A Parish Potluck will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00PM in the South Social Hall. All parishioners, especially newly registered members, are welcome. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners in a small group setting. Fried chicken, beverage and table service provided. Please bring a large side dish or dessert to share.



MEETINGS/EVENTS:

St. Gertrude Circle will meet, Tuesday, November 9, 1:30PM in the Parlors. A member of Eucharistic Adoration will speak on "The Year of the Eucharist". If you would like to attend and need a ride, please call 233-2853.

Catholic Daughters guest night will be held Thursday, November 11, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Cyndi Volcko, coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration will speak on "The Year of the Eucharist". Guests not contacted ahead of time are asked to call Dixie Lickteig at 233-1393.

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 Feast Day Celebration Sunday, November 21, 2:00PM Parish Social Hall

In recognition of our patron saint of music, all parishioners are invited to share their musical talents in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Refreshments will be served. If you have a favorite song that you would like to play or sing, please sign up the weekends of November 6/7 and 13/14 or contact the parish office.

SING A MARVELOUS SONG UNTO THE LORD.

The Saint Cecilia Choir will begin rehearsals for the Advent/Christmas Season, Wednesday, November 10, 7:00PM in the Education Center Music Room. The choir sings at the 9:30AM Liturgy and will sing at the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Liturgy. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Hauser at 233-3092.



SCHOOL NEWS



Family School Association Fundraiser Delivery: Thursday, November 18, 3:30-5:30PM, in the Social Hall.

Thanksgiving Break-No School: Thursday-Monday, November 25-29.

School Resumes: Tuesday, November 30.

READ ABOUT IT IN *THE WITNESS*

- ? ? The election may be over but the issues remain to be faced.
- ? ? The war in Iraq has heightened challenges to Christian churches in neighboring Syria
- ? ? Dr. Janine Idiak of the Loras Bioethics Center writes about the Consistent Ethic of life.

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

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, November 13 at 8:30AM. The warehouse is located at 2019 Pullman, Ames. Questions: call Dan Bahr (292-6784).

TELEVISION SPECIAL

"The Four Chaplains: Sacrifice at Sea", Wednesday, November 10, 9:00PM Central Time on the Hallmark Channel. The true story of four World War II U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save their comrades.

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.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

HE IS REALLY THERE! "I Myself Am the Living Bread come down from heaven." (Jn6:35)

OLIVE WOOD SALE

Connectus is once again sponsoring a sale of Olive Wood items to help support the "Living Stones" Christian Palestinians living on the West Bank of Israel. Your purchase of these items helps to financially support the remaining 1% of the Christian population living in the Holy Land and support the craft of olive wood sculpture that began 1000 years ago. Sales dates are **November 27 & 28** and **December 4 & 5**. In the spirit of giving during the Advent Season, let us remember our struggling Holy Land Christians with a purchase of Olive Wood as a Christmas gift for family and friends.

AREA CHURCHES

Sacred Heart Church, Boone, Annual Bazaar, Sunday, November 14. Swiss steak dinner served, 11:00AM-1:00PM. Adults \$7.50, Children 12 and under \$3.50. Home-made crafts and baked goods on sale starting at 8:30AM. All events in the Ryan Gym, 11th and Marshall streets.

Friends of Father Supple ask your support to place a cross at his grave in the Ames Municipal Cemetery. A carved Irish Cross with his dates and "God loves you and so do I" and "James of Ames" will be included. Saint Cecilia was part of Father Supple's extended family during his 56 years of ministry in the Ames area. Please consider a tax deductible contribution. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas Parish, and sent to St. Thomas Aquinas, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014 designated "Supple Cross". For more information call Marty Carney at 450-4112 or Linda White 292-8741.

Saint Francis Library

My Daily Eucharist is a compilation of writings that will amaze and inspire you, and rekindle your love for Christ. This book would be a good confirmation, adult-baptism or Christmas gift. It makes great reading each day at the supper table too. This book is available in the St. Francis Library. You may wish to purchase a copy for yourself since there is a selection for every day of the year. Copies are \$7.50 each. Make checks payable to Saint Cecilia Church, memo: adoration. Include your name, phone number and number of copies desired.

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A great political debate can help clarify values and ideals, provide new knowledge and add understanding to the issues that people face. People become interested and involved. More frustrating than not is a bad debate, where narrow minds resort to name calling and bickering. Nothing comes out of it but apathy and disappointment.



People have always debated religion and beliefs, usually with great emotion and passion, because it is important. In this Gospel we see various factions of Judaism debating if there was indeed life after death. Like most religious debates, they were more concerned about who was right rather than how we get there! Jesus points out that God is the God of the Living, the God of the Patriarchs. Life endured after death because that was the Father's will.

It is easy to get caught up in religious debate and lose sight of what faith is all about. Commitment, sacrifice, virtue, love, and virtuous life are the foundation of what we believe and should help us decide how we are to act. Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them." Put your faith into action and let your deeds be your words!

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COMMUNITY

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.

The Good Neighbor Community Concert fundraiser will be held Sunday, November 7, 3:00PM, Ames City Auditorium. Saint Cecilia Choir along with choirs from several area churches will perform separately and as a massed choir. A reception will follow the performance. A free will offering will be collected for the Good Neighbor Fund.

Since 1997, Good Neighbor has helped families and individuals pay rent, utilities and other bills. The nonprofit organization is represented by 17 Ames area congregations and affiliates. This concert is a primary source of funds used during the year.

Since the cold and flu season is upon us and many were unable to get flu shots this year, there is concern about the spread of germs. Because of this, some parishioners may choose to offer a nod and verbal acknowledgement during the Kiss of Peace. Let us continue to be a warm and welcoming community as we realize there are various ways to communicate to others.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Tuesday, November 9

7:00AM: Rosemary Roepke

Wednesday, November 10

7:00AM: Lory Mullaly & Marian Putz

9:00AM: Margaret Krantz

Thursday, November 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

Friday, November 12

7:00AM: Marvin Rader

Saturday, November 13

5:00PM: Durwood Baker

Sunday, November 14

8:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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

*Please be
Praying for...*

Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of November 7, 2003

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16--3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19