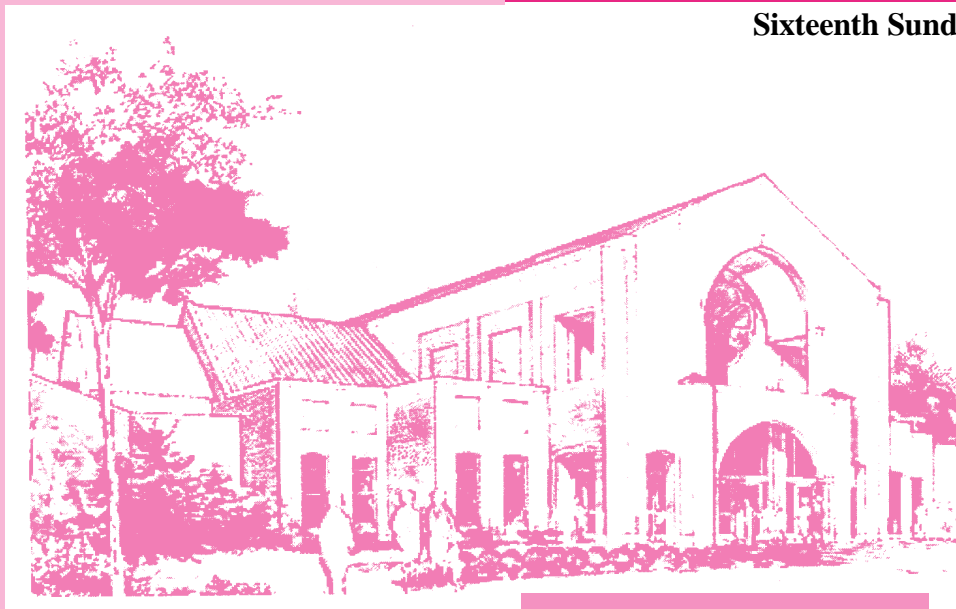


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

July 17, 2005

Sixteenth 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 8:30 & 10:30

First and Third Sunday: 5:00PM (Primer y Tercer Domingo)

Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation in English and Español

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment. (Cualquier horario para una cita)

Marriage (Matrimonio)

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. (Contacta la oficina de la parroquia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.)

Baptism (Bautismo)

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required. (Para participar en el programa bautismal, por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia. Instruccion para los padres es requerida.)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llama a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglo y para recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 292-2759

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Religious Education

Registration for Generations of Faith, the new whole parish faith formation program, will begin with Corn Fest, **August 21**.

The Generations of Faith gatherings will begin in November and be held monthly. Times for those gatherings are the:

?? **First Sunday of the month, 12:30-3:00PM.**

?? **Monday following first Sunday, 3:30-6:00PM**

?? **Wednesday of that week: 5:30-8:00PM**

?? **Second Sunday of the month, 5-7:30PM**

Registrants need to select one of the above times to attend. Assignment of times will be determined by order of registration. Sign up August 21 if you have a strong preference. All gatherings will begin with a meal with the exception of Monday which will begin with an afternoon snack.

First Eucharist pictures may be picked up in the Religious Education office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: July 18.

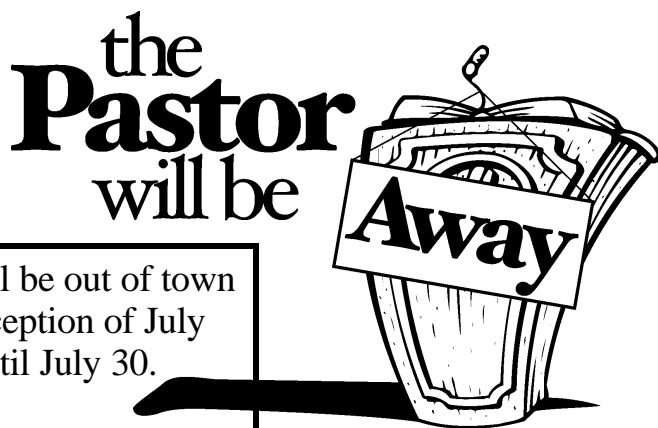
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 9:30-11:00AM in the Adult/Youth room. **Beginners welcome.** Baby sitting provided. Deacon John McCully, facilitator. Next session: July 19.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. Summer sessions are being held every other Wednesday, 7:30-8:30PM in the Rectory. (Use South Drive, enter by parish office entrance and follow signs). For information, call Al at 296-2620. Next session: July 20.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, August 4, 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 for the preparation class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.



Fr. Terry will be out of town (with the exception of July 20, & 21) until July 30.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Ron Mrozinski who comes to us on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help. Inspired by the life of Saint Francis of Assisi to work with the poor, Father Ron has been an Outreach Preacher since April 2002. A collection will not be taken. Envelopes are available for those who wish to make a donation to Cross International.

The Weekend of July 23/24, Fr. Phil Gibbs, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will preside at all masses.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Play Group/Fellowship for Moms meets 10:00-11:30AM at Brookside Park. For information, contact Dawn at tdwied@worldnet.att.net or 233-6157.

The Marshalltown Deanery Meeting of the Council of Catholic Women will be held Thursday, July 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church near Gilbert. Registration begins at 9:00 with the General Meeting at 9:30AM followed by a liturgy at 11:15 and lunch at noon. Program begins at 1:00PM. The location of the meeting makes it convenient for Saint Cecilia Circle members to attend.

CORN FEST

Our annual parish festival will be held the weekend of **August 20/21**. Activities will be held in the Multi-Purpose room and on the school playground. The Holy Ground Band will play August 20, and the Parish picnic will be held August 21. Food will be served from 2:30-3:30PM. Watch for details and volunteer sign up sheets.

Notary: For your convenience our, Business Manager, Arlene Stacy, is a Notary Public.

The Year of the Eucharist

Reasons from the teachings of the Church for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

?? Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace. *"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, 'God with us' day and night, He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace."*

Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*

Parish Organizations/Committees: Please send the name of your officers/contact persons for 2005-2006 to the parish office.

If you wish to have an article about your organization printed in the bulletin during the summer months, please send the information to the parish office as soon as possible.

If your group meets in parish facilities, please be aware that space will be limited during the 2005-2006 year. Please call the parish office to check on availability and to book meetings and events.

Lost: Saturday, July 9, small white stuffed dog. This animal meant the world to his young owner. If you have seen this toy please contact the parish office.

RETREAT

The Brothers & Sisters of Penance of St. Francis (BSP)

Retreat Opportunity: "Prayer" July 29-31, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake, Minnesota.

(BSP) is a new Association in the Church established for lay people in 1996 to promote the lifestyle of the First Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis, the Rule of Penance that St. Francis himself gave us in 1221. Total fee is \$140. Contact Bruce & Shelley Fahey, 20939 Quadrant Ave. N. Scandia, MN 55073 or 651-433-2753 or reserve a place at www.bspenance.org

NOTICE

Please lock your vehicles and watch your personal items closely. The person whose picture is posted was discovered on the premises recently. For this reason, the parish office is locked during business hours. Please ring the doorbell and allow a staff member time to let you in.

To reach the parish office, use the drive on the south side of the church and follow the signs.

STEWARDSHIP: Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards too.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Generations of Faith-Help Wanted

The new Generations of Faith program will require a variety of help from **hospitality to lead teachers**. During registration, participants will have an opportunity to volunteer for those tasks; however, **those interested in being a facilitator/catechist are welcome to sign up now**. Facilitators/catechists will attend an orientation session, do background reading on each month's content, and attend a monthly planning meeting. If interested, please call John at 232-3514.

Baby Items are Needed to make layettes to send to Appalachia. Needed items include cloth diapers, undershirts, sleepers, socks, and rattles. There is a special need for crib size blankets. Items can be new or in good condition. Items can be placed in the drop box near the chapel. Call Bea at 296-2162 if you have questions

Visionaries and Prophets wanted.

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Education is looking for members for next year. No meetings until August, but a short summer reading assignment is required. For more information or to sign up, call John at 232-3514

Comite de Planificacion

Se buscan visionaries y profetas. El comite de planificacion de Educacion esta buscando miembros para el proximo año. No nos reuniremos hasta Agosto, pero una lectura como tarea, para el corto verano es requerida. Para mayor informacion o si deseas apuntarte llama a John Hayes al 232-3514.

Donate Items for a Garage Sale

Catholic Daughters will hold a garage sale in September. Donations (except for clothing) would be appreciated. Call 233-1393.

English as a Second Language

Due to the success of English as a Second Language program the classes will continue to be held over the summer months. More volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary because the students have a high proficiency and merely need some conversational practice. The classes are held on Thursday from 10:00AM to 11:30AM and from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. For more information contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755.

Provide a Ride to Mass: Please call the parish office (233-3092) if you are able to help an elderly parishioner by providing an occasional ride to 8:30AM Mass. Central Ames area.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Our pastor was quite a gardener and he loved house plants. During the summer, his back porch would be transformed into a mini-nursery when all of the plants were put out for some sun and "acid rain." Not only were there plants from the house, but also those of parishioners who sought his expert help and attention. No one could be sure, but most of us were convinced he talked them back to health!

Jesus often used plants in his parables: seeds, fig trees, flowers and grain. With sun and water, good soil and food, these plants would grow and reach their full beauty and size. These parables helped his listeners understand a spiritual way of life, a life that God had designed for our happiness and salvation. God provided for the life of a plant; how much more would he do for those he loved!

Our spiritual life is fed and nourished with love and faith, good example, sacramental grace and prayer. Like the plants that blossom with the right balance of light and water, our souls can too. We need to take care of our soul, to feed it regularly and with the rich food that the Lord gives us in his sacraments, in his Word, and in each other. Let us heed what we hear and prepare a rich harvest for the Lord!

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COMMUNITY

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Collection of produce: Mondays, 7:00-8:30AM at Reiman Gardens Maintenance Building. Donations of clean quality fruits and vegetables are accepted. Simple recipes for the produce are welcome.

Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414

Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and confidential

www.birthright.org

Catholic Charities: Individual, marital, and family counseling; confidential assistance with marital problems, depression, stress and other issues. Affordable sliding fee schedule. For an appointment call 296-2759.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 16

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, July 17

8:30AM: Renata Schneider

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Polly Lauer

(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, July 19

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, July 20

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Thursday, July 21

7:00AM: Darlene & Jerrol Carlson

Friday, July 22

7:00AM: Communion Service

Saturday, July 23

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, July 24

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Keith Roberts

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer.

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

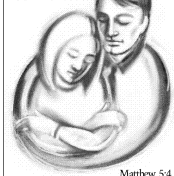


Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:

JUSTIN VOLONTS, 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.

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



Matthew 5:4

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2005

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/

Mt 13:24-4

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/ Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52