

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

July 24, 2005

Seventeenth 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, 5:00-7:30PM**

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.

Adult Education

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

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: July 25.

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 26.

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: August 3.

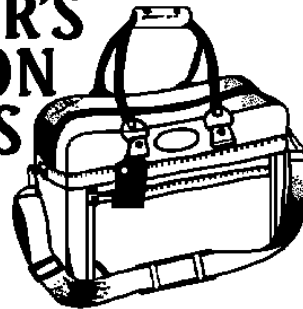
BAPTISM

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.

A Trip to the Ball Game



PASTOR'S VACATION DATES



Fr. Terry will be on vacation until July 30.

This Weekend, Fr. Phil Gibbs, Director of Vocation Awareness for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, will preside at all masses.

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.

Amen.

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.

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.



I-CUBS BALL GAME YOUTH APPRECIATION TRIP

Thursday, August 11

Youth attend free. Adult tickets are \$5

The bus will load at 5:15PM

Game time is 7:05PM

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Saint Cecilia Staff

Kindergarten through fifth graders should be accompanied by an adult. Call Bob Hauser (233-3092) with your reservation. Sign up deadline is Noon on August 8. For older, unaccompanied youth, parent/guardian consent forms can be found in the church entrance or parish office.

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.

?? If Jesus were actually visible in the Church, everyone would run to welcome Him. But He remains hidden in the Sacred Host, under the appearance of Bread, because He is calling us to faith. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches, and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore in the Blessed Host which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, Whom they cannot see."

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.



June Baptisms

Alessandro, son of Alberto Accardi & Natalya Peretyatko
Marrissa Jean & Vanessa Annette, twin daughters of Tom & Teresa Burke

Austin Patrick, son of Shawn & Marsha Loomis
Tyler Thomas, son of Nathan & Melissa Scheidel

NOTICE

Please lock your vehicles and watch your personal items closely. For security reasons, 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: "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

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.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

God hides treasures in life just to keep our attention and interest. Amazing sunsets, funny quirks in nature and in people, a child's newest discovery or an older person's tale of yesteryear reveal the creative power of God at work. It calls us to see life from God's perspective, to marvel at his genius and to offer thanks for such beauty and wisdom and grace. The reign of God manifests itself in detail great and small, so that we are drawn to him and his loving, creating, renewing power.



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We can create our own treasures because God shares his power and his will with us. God gives us the ability to participate in his creative love. We create new life, produce great works of art, compose beautiful music, and bring order to life around us. Most importantly, we share the treasure of faith in Jesus and the hope of eternal life. It is a story and a gift that is priceless!

Applachia Service Trip

Forty five youth and chaperones will leave for Harlan, Kentucky, July 31. Thirteen volunteers from Madrid, Iowa will join them. They will be working on various projects to help the less fortunate in that community. Please pray for them as they carry on God's work. The group will return on August 6.

COMMUNITY

NAMI-CI Holds Garage Sale

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will hold a fund raiser **Friday, August 5, 4-7:00PM** and **Saturday, August 6, 8:30AM-1:30PM** at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Avenue. If you have items you wish to donate, they can be left at St. Andrews Church beginning Monday, August 1. Adult clothing and appliances **not** accepted. Tax letter provided.

Reminder: Donations of clean quality fruits and vegetables are accepted Mondays, 7:00-8:30AM at Reiman Gardens Maintenance Building.



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.



I wish to thank everyone for their prayers for the recovery of my wife, Candy.

Joe Lawlor

Parish Registration

If you attend Saint Cecilia Parish and have not registered, please contact the parish office or visit the website and download a registration form. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, returned in person or by mail.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 23

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, July 24

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Keith Roberts

Tuesday, July 26

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, July 27

7:00AM: Communion Service

Thursday, July 28

7:00AM: Communion Service

Friday, July 29

7:00AM: Communion Service

Saturday, July 30

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, July 31

8:30AM: Alma Hornby

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

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

Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414
Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and confidential. www.birthright.org



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2005

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

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/ Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/ Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/ Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21