

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

July 31, 2005

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

“Building for our Future”

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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

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: August 1.

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: August 2.

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 AI 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.

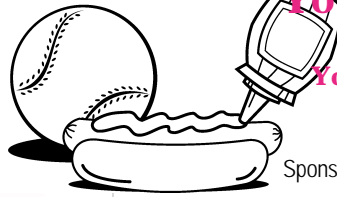
The Year of the Eucharist

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

- ?? With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with His. *“Jesus teaches those who come to Him to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own will, but the will of God.”*

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

A Trip to the Ball Game



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.

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.

Sanctity of Human Life Committee will meet Sunday August 7, 5:00PM at the Walnut Shelter, Inis Grove Park.

Knights of Columbus Picnic, Wednesday, August 10, Walnut Shelter, Inis Grove Park. Mass will be held at 6:00PM followed by a meal and a brief open meeting. **All parishioners are welcome to attend.** Brats, hotdogs, corn, beverages and table service provided. Last names A-K bring dessert(and serving utensil); L-Z bring a side dish (and serving utensil) to share.



Saint Cecilia Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 11, Starting at 1:00PM
Veenker Memorial Golf Course
Four Person Best Ball

The \$45 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and meal. Extra meals for guests are \$6.

Plan your Four-some now. Registration forms are available in the Church on weekends, in the parish office, on the bulletin board outside the south entrance of the parish office and can be downloaded from the parish website www.stceciliaparish.org.

Parish Organizations/Committees: Thank you to those organizations and committees who have supplied names of officers/contact persons for 2005-2006 to the parish office. Please supply that information as soon as possible if you have not done so.

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.

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 Saturday evening, August 20.

The Parish Picnic will be held August 21. Food will be served from 2:30-3:30PM. Beverages, sweet corn, pork burgers, brats and hotdogs provided. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Last names A-M bring salads/side dishes.
Last names N-Z bring desserts.

Children may participate by picking up a Corny Corn Fest coloring sheet found in the back of the Church. The sheets will be on display Corn Fest Weekend. Return to Church by August 14 or to parish office by August 17.

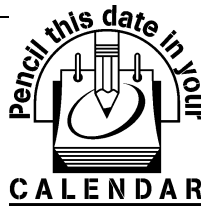
Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please consider helping for a couple of hours. Sign up sheets are on the back wall near the usher's room. Sign up today.



Eucharistic Minister Training for Teens

Any confirmed teen interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please attend a training session, Wednesday, September 28, 8:00PM. Questions??

Call Cathy Gerbracht at 663-9392 or Joe Lawlor at the Religious Education office (232-3514-after August 8.)



Retreats

Rachel's Vinyard Ministries
August 5-7 Cedar Falls, Iowa

For more information and to register contact Maria Shores 319-665-9588; maria.shores@rachelsvinyard.org or visit www.rachelsvinyard.org

2006 dates: February 5-7, Cedar Falls; June 30-July 2, Peosta; August 25-27, Cedar Falls.

Position Available: Parish Community Life Coordinator

The Parish Community Life Coordinator will work closely with the Community Life Committee of the Parish. This position will focus on the welcoming of new parishioners and liaison involving registered parishioners in parish sponsored activities/events. The Coordinator will also work with the Building for the Future Campaign and perform other duties as required. This is a part time position (25 hours weekly). Regular day time hours Monday-Friday with occasional weekend and evening hours when coordinating parish events. Contact Arlene Stacy at the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP: In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, shared, will always be more than enough.

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

Hospice House would like donations of snack items for the Hospitality Room. Items such as teabags, packets of hot cocoa mix, small snack packs of crackers, cookies, chips or nuts can be taken to Hospice, 400 South Dakota Avenue.

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.

Donate Items for a Garage Sale

Catholic Daughters will hold a garage sale August 26/27. 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 elderly parishioners by providing an occasional ride to Mass. Central Ames area and Southwest Ames.

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

At the parish picnic, parents were always on the lookout for their kids, making sure they were safe, fed, clean, and well-behaved. Even in a crowd, parents seemed to know exactly where their children were. Without a second thought or any effort, they could anticipate to the moment when their kids would be hungry or tired or ready to go home. Parents loved their children and knew them well.



Jesus' concern for the people was like that of a parent. He himself was tired and he went to a deserted place, but the people followed him. He took pity on them and began to give them what they needed: His message of God's love. He knew they were tired and hungry and he wanted to give them food and rest. Like a good parent, he took care of them and gave them all he could give.

God will never abandon us. He will never forget us. His love is so great that he gives us himself for food, his life for our sins, and his blood for our salvation. Without a second thought, God empties himself so that we are filled with all that is good and holy. God's love conquers all sin and doubt and raises us up to him. He knows us and loves us well.

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SPIRIT & TRUTH CONFERENCE

Register now to attend the Spirit & Truth Conference to be held Saturday, September 10, at Beckman High School, Dyersville, Iowa. Men and women, teens and adults are welcome. Nationally known speakers include Michael Cumbie and Suzanne Fowler plus our own archdiocesan priest, Fr. Henry Huber. Registrations are available by e-mail at springtime@springtimeofhope.org or by calling 563-588-1635.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 30

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, July 31

8:30AM: Alma Hornby

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

Tuesday, August 2

7:00AM: Richard & Margaret Lang

Wednesday, August 3

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

Thursday, August 4

7:00AM: Tom Remmes

Friday, August 5

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Saturday, August 6

5:00PM: Darlene & Jerrol Carlson

Sunday, August 7

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Ronald Laws

5:00PM: John Richard

(Misa en Español)

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

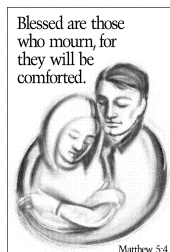
Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414
Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and confidential. www.birthright.org



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:

MELVINA WASEL, 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.



Readings for the Week of July 31, 2005

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-2

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/ Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33