

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 11, 2005

Twenty-fourth 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 & 11:15AM

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. Instrucción 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 recibir los sacramentos.)

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

## Religious Education

for the whole parish family

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. No meeting Labor Day.

Next Session:  
September 12.

**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: September 5.

**Sunday Scripture Study:** This group reads and reflects upon the Scriptures for the next Sunday. First meeting, September 6, 10:00AM in the Rectory Living Room.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. An information session for those wanting to learn more about the process will be held Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 PM in the A/Y Room. Call 232-3514 for more information. RCIA meetings will begin on Sunday, September 11 after the 9:30 liturgy.

### High School Youth Ministry

Classes will meet twice a month on Sundays, 7:00-8:30PM, in addition to the Generations of Faith program, beginning September 18.

**Register in the Religious Education Office, 8:00AM-4:00PM.** Call 232-3514 for more information.

**Registration for Generations of Faith, the new whole parish faith formation program, is continuing in the Religious Education Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM.**

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

**Notice: Generations of Faith: The Monday meeting time has been changed from 3:30 -6:00 PM to 5:30-8:00 PM.**

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

?? Monday following first Sunday, 5:30-8:00PM

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

Registrants need to select one of the above times to attend. Assignment of times will be determined by order of registration. All gatherings will begin with a meal with the exception of Monday which will begin with an afternoon snack.

## Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

**September 10-11 at all Masses**

Schedule an hour in your week to be with your Best Friend.  
You will be glad you did.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Sanctity of Life Group** will meet Sunday, September 11, 9:00AM in the Education Center Art Room.

### Coffee and Donuts



will be served in the Education Center Multi-Purpose Room/Gym after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses beginning, this Sunday, September 11.

**Wednesday Morning Play Group/Fellowship for Moms** meets 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. For information, contact Dawn at [tdwied@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tdwied@worldnet.att.net) or 233-6157.

**St. Anne Circle** will hold its first meeting of the 2005-06 year Tuesday, September 13 at 9:00AM, in the Rectory Living Room. The guest speaker will be Clark Grinde, whose topic will be "Finances for Women."

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 13 at 1:30PM in the A/Y room. Jeff Witt will give a building project update. Dues may be paid at this time. Those interested in attending and needing a ride should call 233-2835.

### Year of the Eucharist Small Group

One last chance:

To close the Year of the Eucharist, a final opportunity to join a small group discussion on "Eucharist: Source and Summit" is being made available. If interested, please call the religious education office at 233-3514

### Eucharistic Minister Training for Teens

Any confirmed teen interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, should attend a training session Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00PM in the Church.

Questions? Call Joe Lawlor at the RE office (232-3514) or Cathy Gerbracht (663-9392).

## BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, October 6, 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 next scheduled baptism is 1:00PM, Sunday, October 9.



## Car Wash Fundraiser Sunday, September 11 after all masses.

Proceeds will help defray the costs to our youth attending the NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) held in Atlanta, Georgia in October.

### Second Graders: First Reconciliation:

Required Parent and Child meeting, September 12, 6:30 PM in the Church. Parents only make-up September 14, 6:30 PM, in the Church.

### Pro-Life Conference

Rachel Ministries presents a Pro Life Conference on October 7th and 8th at Sacred Heart Parish in Newton, Iowa. Fr. Frank Povone and Theresa Burke will be Keynote Speakers. The topic will be "Healing the Wounded Heart" which will focus on the impact of grief resulting from an abortion. Workshops on various life issues will take place on Saturday, October 8th. Registration forms may be picked up on tables in back of church and outside the Burke Chapel.

**The Fall 3-in-1 Appeal** The combined collections for fall include: **Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic University of America, and the Missions Collections.** Parishioners may receive a brochure and offering envelope in the mail. Please be as generous as possible with your contribution and remember these important efforts of the Universal Church in your prayers. If you do not receive the mailing from the Archdiocese, you may use a plain envelope marked 3-in-1 to make a donation. **Donations should be made by September 18 to be included in the fall's appeal.**

### 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 Fr. Terry or Arlene Stacy at the parish office.

## Year of the Eucharist

"When we remain in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, it is Christ totally and really present whom we discover, whom we adore and with whom we are in contact."

*Pope John Paul II*

## School News

- ?? Remember to bring your smiles and completed Life-touch order forms on Monday, September 12th, as it's school picture day.
- ?? There's a GALA meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, at 7 p.m. in the music room. Everyone is welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP** Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

**Good Samaritan/Food Shelf:** next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged, shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, cereal, toiletries, and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Meals for New Parents:** We have been blessed to have many new babies in the parish this summer. To assist the family, the parish likes to provide a meal in the first weeks after the baby is born. If you can help provide meals for new parents, please call the parish office. If you have a new baby and have not been contacted please call the parish office.

**Appalachia Committee** needs help Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:00AM to load a truck with clothing & other items to be sent to SE Kentucky. Young children sort & box clothing and older individuals load the truck. Location: 2019 Pullman. For more information call Dan Bahr 292-6784.

**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 (296-2162) or Doris (233-3773) if you have questions.

**Saint Cecilia's Home Ministry** needs two ministers to take the Eucharist to our home-bound parishioners. Home ministers visit with the home-bound, pray with them either with a prayer card or spontaneously and administer the Eucharist. Home Ministers find this is a rewarding and fulfilling ministry. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please call Julie Haas at 232-7138.

## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Forgiving one's neighbor was required by Jewish law, but it had its limits. Seven times was generous, but Jesus pushes past generosity and moves forgiveness to the level of heroic. Sin and failure will always be present in the world because we are flawed by original sin. When we offend one another, Jesus asks us to see beyond the moment and recognize the possibilities that grace offers.

To live in peace, to mature as people and to bond with others, we need to allow for failures. Forgiveness allows us to look beyond an offense and see the goodness of the person. Jesus knows that this is not just a once and done event. We are always in need of forgiveness, both as the giver and receiver. It is a source of healing and growth that allows us to be the Body of Christ.

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## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

**Fiesta Latina Católica 2005** : On Sunday, September 18 at 1:00PM everyone in the Archdiocese is invited to take part in celebrating the presence and faith of the Hispanics in our midst. The Fiesta, themed "The Year of the Eucharist," will begin with the liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Hanus at St. Patrick's Church, 900 Park St., Tama. Following will be a procession depicting three stations of Jesus in the Eucharist and then food, music, piñatas, folk dances and much sharing.

*For more information please contact:* Sister Jeanette McCarthy, Hispanic Ministry, Dubuque Office at St. Patrick's Parish—563-584-0640

## Evento de la Arquidiócesis

**Fiesta Latina Católica 2005:** Domingo, 18 de Septiembre a la 1:00 PM. cada uno en la Arquidiócesis está invitado a formar parte en celebrar la presencia y fe de los hispanos en nuestra mente. La fiesta, sobre "El año de la Eucaristía", comenzará con la liturgia celebrada por el Arzobispo Hanus en la Iglesia de San Patricio, 900 de la calle Park, Tama. Siguiendo, estará una procesión que representa tres estaciones de Jesús en la Eucaristía y luego habrá comida, música, piñatas, danzas folklóricas y mucho para compartir. Para mayor información por favor contacta: Hermana Jeanete Mc Carthy, Ministerio Católico, Oficina de Dubuque en la Iglesia San Patricio—563-584-0640

## AREA CHURCHES

**Position Available:** Director of Religious Education, 20-25 hours per week, year-round. Responsibilities include programs for K-12 and sacramental preparation programs. Must be faith-filled Catholic. Salary based on experience and education. Send resume to: St. Malachy's Church, DRE Search Committee, 207 Gerald St., Madrid, IA 50156.

### Please remember in your prayers:

**CRAIG STRONG**, brother of Kelly Strong, and **RITA VOSS**, wife of Joe Voss, 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 10

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

### Sunday, September 11

8:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

9:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

11:15AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

### Tuesday, September 13

7:00AM: John Richard

### Wednesday, September 14

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

### Thursday, September 15

7:00AM: Polly Lauer

### Friday, September 16

7:00AM: Sharon Melanti

### Saturday, September 17

5:00PM: Blair Johnson

### Sunday, September 18

8:00AM: George Rickerl

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

## 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

**Women's Retreat** anyone interested in attending the women's retreat, Sept. 23rd-25th, at the American Martyr Retreat Center in Cedar Falls contact Priscilla Matt at 232-7688



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

## Readings for the Week of September 11, 2005

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a