

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 18, 2005

Twenty-fifth 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

Preschool Religious Education (Ages 3&4)

Classes will meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday during 9:30AM Mass. First Session is October 2. Please contact the Religious Education office to register.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6- 8)

All middle school students are invited to get together Wednesday, September 28, 7:00-8:30PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Watch for details.

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.

Contribution Envelopes for Children may be picked up in the back of the Church.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: September 19.

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 20.

Sunday Scripture Study: This group reads and reflects upon the Scriptures for the next Sunday. Next session, **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. (Note change in meeting day)**

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:

- ?? **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**

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

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.

A Note From the Pastor:

As of September 13, a total of \$11,423.96 has been collected and forwarded to Catholic Charities in the name of Saint Cecilia Parish and School for Hurricane Relief—Katrina. The monies were collected through individual donations, the Saint Cecilia school children, and a second collection. I want to “Thank You” for your generosity. This money will certainly help many as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and you should be proud that we as a church are doing our part to assist those in desperate need.

Fr. Terry

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Katrina



Coffee and Donuts

Served in the Education Center Multi-Purpose Room/Gym after the 8:00AM & 9:30AM masses.



MEETINGS/EVENTS

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, September 20, 9:30AM at the home of Dixie Lickeig. Anyone interested in making rosaries may call 233-1393.

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 or 233-6157.

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 Religious Education office (232-3514) or Cathy Gerbracht (663-9392).



Thursday, October 20, 7:00PM

“Let the Mass Transform Your Life”
A presentation by Joan Carter McHugh
Editor of *My Daily Eucharist*

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. RCIA meetings take place in the A/Y Room following the 9:30AM Mass on Sundays. There is still time to join the RCIA process. Call 232-3514 for more information.

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.

STEWARDSHIP In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Meals for New Parents: We have been blessed to have many new babies in the parish recently. 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 a meals this important ministry for new parents, please call the parish office. If you have a new baby and have not been contacted please call the parish office.

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.

Be a Good Neighbor. Good Neighbor provides emergency assistance, primarily for rent and utilities, in a non-judgmental atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement. Saint Cecilia parishioners help provide funding through the Good Samaritan collection.

The Good Neighbor Office requires volunteer help so that the greatest use of GN funds will go toward helping clients with their emergency needs. Additionally, more office volunteers will free director Seiglinde Prior to do fundraising. Volunteers are given adequate training for jobs. They might: answer the phone, pre-screen clients, enter computer data, follow up on clients, help with projects such as mailings, be a speaker for Good Neighbor, be available as needed. The office is located at 422 5th St. in the Red Cross building across from City Hall and is open 9:00AM-Noon weekdays. Please call 296-1449 if you can be of assistance.

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

"If we really loved the good Lord, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives."
St. John Vianny

The year of the Eucharist closes with the Synod of Bishops October 23. Here at Saint Cecilia Parish we will close the Year of grace and blessing with a mission given by Sister Therese Even, SSND. Sister Therese has been at Saint Cecilia before and her reflections on creative prayerful living were well received. Plan ahead to set aside one or all three evenings (October 23, 24, 25) for renewal and healing. The last evening, Tuesday, October 25, will include the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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.



The Archdiocese of Dubuque

Joyfully invites you to
a Eucharist

Celebrating 25 years of

Lay Ministry Formation

Sunday October 2, 2:00PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

650 Stephen Avenue

Waterloo, Iowa



August Baptisms

Alex David, son of Donald & Rachael Buseman

Chad Randal, son of Donald & Rachael Buseman

Jessica Lynn, daughter of Mitch & Lori Drzycimski

Jacob Richard, son of Jeffrey & Robin Hink

Christianne Irene, daughter of Christian Ledet
& Tracy Kangas

Aidan Jeffrey, son of Jeffrey and Stephanie Nigh

Adrian, son of Oswaldo Taboada Gayton

& Gisela Vazques Vazquez

Sam Michael, son of Ted & Dawn Weiderholt

Cole Vincent, son of Joseph & Lori Wirth

Cody Joseph, son of Joseph & Lori Wirth

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The teaching of Jesus might offend those who are sensitive to labor issues, but this parable is not about work and pay. The parable describes the power of God's generous love. Nothing we do merits such love, but God gives His love freely. It is His gift that forgives, heals, sanctifies and gives life. It is not measured in terms of quantity, but quality. You don't need much and just a little bit makes a big difference.

People may feel that they are overwhelmed by sin, abandoned and rejected by God, doomed to hell. God's love is so powerful that nothing can stop it. God's desire, purpose and goal is to

love and save us. Even the last one to accept His love will be as loved as the first. All He asks in return is for us to love Him. A little bit makes a big difference!

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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.** Mailings with a brochure and offering envelope were sent to 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 October 9.**

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Fiesta Latina Católica 2005 : Sunday, September 18, 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.

AREA CHURCHES

St. Thomas Aquinas: Fr. Dennis Miller will be the special guest speaker at the Charismatic Prayer Group meeting, Thursday, September 22, Prophets & Martyrs room. The meeting begins at 7:00PM. Fr. Miller will share his "story" and faith journey at 7:30PM. Refreshments and social will follow. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

The Secular Franciscan Order could be your way to holiness, wholeness and happiness. In making our way through life, Franciscans are guided by the spirit of St. Francis, which is by simplicity, humility, littleness and gentleness. Joy sustains and fulfills our lives, and we seek the same for others. Our vocation unites us in fraternity as we deepen our prayer that the spirit will transform us and free us from all that keeps us from loving God and each other. An information session will be held Monday, October 3,

7:00-8:00PM, St. Mary Church Hall in Marshalltown. If you have questions or would like to register, call John or Judy Egnew at 641-473-2307, or Sr. Rosemary Vaske at 641-753-4209.

Please remember in your prayers:

ROBERT GARLAND, father of Chuck Garland, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 17

5:00PM: Blair Johnson

Sunday, September 18

8:00AM: George Rickerl

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

Tuesday, September 20

7:00AM: For an end to abortion

Wednesday, September 21

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

Thursday, September 22

7:00AM: Members of Catholic Daughters

Friday, September 23

7:00AM: Jim & Judy Kleinschmidt (Birthday)

Saturday, September 24

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, September 25

8:00AM: Tom Remmes

9:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

11:15AM: Jane Wesselman

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, September 23-25at 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 18, 2005

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32