

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 2, 2005

Twenty-seventh 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 & 11:15 AM

First and Third Sunday: 5:00 PM (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)

October 5: 7:00PM-8:30PM, Multi-Purpose room.
October 19: Bonfire (watch for details)

High School Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Classes meet Sundays, 7:00-8:30PM, **in addition to** the Generations of Faith program. The newly confirmed are especially encouraged to study the History of the Church with Mike & Jill Heitzman.

October dates: 2, 9, 16*, 30.

*Grade 10 Rite of Entrance will take the place of class on October 16.

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

NCYC: There are still openings for the trip to Atlanta, October 26-30. Contact Joe Lawlor for details.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: October 3.

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: October 4.

Sunday Scripture Study: This group reads and reflects upon the Scriptures for the next Sunday. Next session, **THURSDAY, October 6, 10:15AM in the A/Y Room.**

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. All gatherings will begin with a meal.



Parish Potluck

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**Tuesday, October 4, 6:00PM,
Multi-Purpose Room**

Fried chicken, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a large casserole, salad or dessert to share.

Families of all ages are welcome.

Newly registered parishioners are especially encouraged to attend.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

?? **Enjoy cinnamon rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room served after the 8:00 & 9:30AM Masses.**

?? **Purchase rolls to take home.**

Sale proceeds will help fund the Youth trip to the NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Atlanta, Georgia.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

The Sanctity of Human Life meets Sunday, October 2, 9:00AM, in the Art room of the school.

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women

will meet Thursday, October 6, 6:00PM, in the Multi-Purpose room. A soup supper will be followed by a program on the National Special Olympics to be held in Ames next summer and singing by some very special people in our community. **ALL WOMEN IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

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.

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. Baptisms are scheduled at 1:00PM, October 9; 11:15AM, November 13; and 1:00PM, December 4.



Saint Cecilia School News

Tuesday, October 4: Blessing of Animals
2:45PM (North side of School)

Wednesday, October 5: 9:00AM, All School
Mass (Church)

Upcoming Events Come one...come all... before you go to the Ames High School Football game and cheer on the Little Cyclones, come to the **Chili Chow Down** at Saint Cecilia Education Center on **Friday, October 14**, from 5-6:00PM in the Multi-Purpose room. You will be served by the St. Cecilia School Staff as they are **raising money for their GALA school project**. Freewill donations will be accepted. Tell your friends!

STEWARDSHIP In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The Generations of Faith Program needs a large number of volunteers to make it successful. Current needs include Catechists, Assistant Catechists, child care and food preparation. To volunteer, call the Religious Education Office (232-3514).

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 meal for 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today's second reading reminds us to persist in living a Christian Life. A Marriage Encounter weekend is designed to support couples in living out our universal call to holiness. There is no better gift you can give your spouse than a Marriage Encounter (ME) weekend. Register now for the ME, October 14-16 to be held at the Best Western, Merle Hay Road (just north of I-80/35) in Des Moines. For more information or to register, contact John & Deb at 641-755-3667 or jdman88@netins.net.

Year of the Eucharist "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." *Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

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.

Coming
Next
Month



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.

Thursday, October 20, 7:00PM

"Let the Mass Transform Your Life"

A presentation by Joan Carter McHugh
Editor of *My Daily Eucharist*

Community

Share the Harvest Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 4,

Lucullan's Restaurant

Social Hour 5:30PM, Dinner & Program 6:30PM

All proceeds from the dinner will go to the Healthy Food Voucher Program which is part of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. *The program topic will be Fighting Hunger in Your Garden: Local Gardeners Donating Surplus Produce to Local Food Pantries.* Tickets are \$30 per person. Reservations can be made at Good Neighbor, 422 5th Street (296-1449) or Big Table Books, 330 Main Street.



The new parish cookbook contains over 1200 recipes. Order now at the advance price of \$19.95. After October 15, the price will be \$22.95. Order forms may be picked up at the back of the church or in the parish office.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We are surrounded by unique people—so said our fifth grade teacher. She had the ability to see special qualities in everyone. She found in each of us personal qualities of kindness, friendliness, spirituality, intelligence, athletic ability, or an interesting hobby or special knowledge. We all knew that everyone had a contribution to make and she taught us to respect that in all people.



The stone rejected by the builders not only finds a place to fit in, but a place of prominence and special importance. As a metaphor for Jesus' role as Messiah, He would be rejected by those who could not understand or accept His teaching. Yet He would unite us all as His Body, the Church. The leaders and teachers of His day would fail to see what peasants, children and sinners would understand and embrace.

Each member of the Church has a contribution to make and a story to tell. Our unique lives blend together perfectly, united by our faith in Christ, to form His Body. Do not underestimate anyone's story, even your own. The Church is only complete when we are all present, all working, all sharing the life and grace we have been given. We are unique people—so says our Lord!

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AREA CHURCHES

St. Thomas Aquinas: Mission October 1- 4 featuring Fr. Dennis Quint

Eucharist and Forgiveness: October 1/2 all masses

Fr. Quint's card party social: October 2, 2-4:00PM (500/Hearts/Texas Hold'em)

The Eucharist—Source and Change: 3-4:30PM for grades K-8; **5:15PM Mass followed by Sack Supper—All ages;** 6:30PM for high school students

What does the Bible have to do with the Mass?: October 4, Noon Mass/Soup luncheon

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.

Mass and Healing Service Monday, October 17, 6:30PM. Fr.

Glenn Fontana will have a Mass and Healing Service with Eucharist Adoration at St. Mark Catholic Church, 415 Main St., Iowa Falls. Fr. Fontana has the Spiritual Gifts of Healing and Word of Knowledge. The Diocese of Peoria has designated all of Fr. Fontana's time to Healing Ministry. For more information contact Fr. Jim Dubert 641-648-9547 or check Fr. Fontana's Website: maryshelpersinc.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 1

5:00PM: Sr. Gene Marie

Sunday, October 2

8:00AM: Darlene & Jerrol Carlson

9:30AM: Ronald Laws

11:15AM: Youth of the Area

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, October 4

7:00AM: Margaret Lang

Wednesday, October 5

7:00AM: Mary Beller

9:00AM: Margaret Oimoen

Thursday, October 6

7:00AM: Richard Lang

Friday, October 7

7:00AM: Kathy Pelzer

Saturday, October 8

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, October 9

8:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

9:30AM: Knights of Columbus

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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

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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Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:

MARY WREN & ORPHA WALSH, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Readings for the Week of October 2, 2005

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10