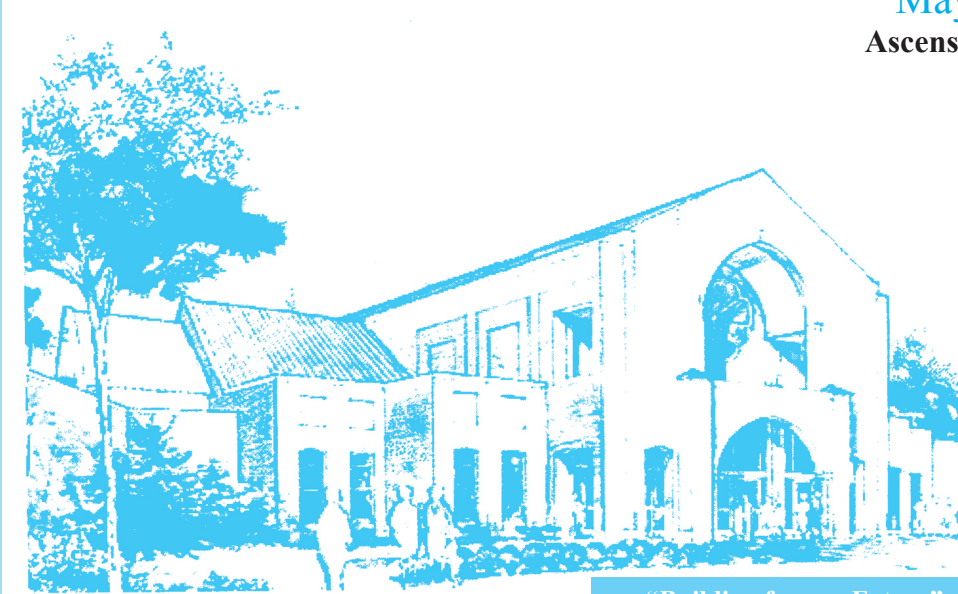


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

May 20, 2007
Ascension of the Lord



“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, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Sunday: 5:00PM Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00AM, Chapel

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation (Reconciliación) English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment. (Cualquier horario para una cita)

Marriage (Matrimonio)

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. (Contacte 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 llame a la oficina de la parroquia. Se require para los padres recibir instrucciones)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Para una cita, llame a la oficina de la parroquia y poder recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 296-2759

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Registration for Fall Classes Begins

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration for fall will begin **after all masses May 19/20** and continue after that date in the Religious Education Office.

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. May date: 20 (last class)

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

NCYC—Is it for you? Don't miss a chance to witness with 25,000 other Catholic teens—music, workshops, keynote speakers. Columbus, Ohio, November 8-11. \$400.00 includes transportation and lodging. Contact Religious Education for more information.

Appalachia Service Trip applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125.

For any questions or information regarding upcoming Youth Ministry activities please contact John Hayes, Director of Religious Education, at 232-3514.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: May 21.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Babysitting provided. Next session: May 22.

RCIA: Those interested in learning about the process of becoming Catholic please contact John Hayes at 232-3514.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, June 7, 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 class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.



Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Please wear an article of red clothing to Mass next weekend.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Interfaith Gathering

By popular demand, a second Interfaith Gathering has been established with a format similar to the talks held here last month. Saint Cecilia parishioners are invited to the Darul Argun Islamic Center, 1212 Iowa Avenue, 2:00-4:00PM, Sunday, May 20. Talks for men and women will be held in separate rooms. Sanctity of Life will meet Sunday, June 3, 9:30AM in the St. Francis Room.

The Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, May 21, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room. All are welcome.

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New Discussion Group

The Holy Father's encyclical, God is Love (*Deus Caritas Est*) will be the topic of discussion Friday mornings at 10:00AM in the St. Francis room. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

Two Women of Grace Bible Studies, the **Full of Grace** study by Johnnette Benkovic, will be held - one on Sundays, 1:00-3:00PM, beginning June 3, and the alternate day will be Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00PM, beginning June 6. (The same material will be presented on Sundays and Wednesdays.) The nine-week sessions will be held in the Adult/Youth Room at Saint Cecilia. If you have not already registered and would like to, or if you have any questions, please contact Janine Greenwood (232-1359), Lynn Lynch (233-6057) or Char Van Kerkvoorde (233-2696).



Volunteers Needed to help with 2 flower beds and the planters in front of the Narthex. Please call Sharon Jenkins-Moore at 233-2570 or the parish office at 233-3092) if you can help.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup will meet Wednesday, May 23, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. **This will be the last indoor meeting until September. The first outdoor meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 10-11:30AM at Brookside Park.** Contact Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858 or Diana Thatcher at thatchmd@yahoo.com or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.



Parish Cook Books make great gifts.

Special Pricing

1 for \$15, 2 for \$25 or 3 for \$30



All Committees and Organizations are asked to notify the parish office of leadership changes in their group. Please do this as soon as possible so the contact list can be updated.



School News

Monday, May 21: 7:00PM, FSA Meeting

Wednesday, May 23: 9:00AM, K&3 Mass, Chapel

Thursday, May 24: Last day of 3 year old preschool

Friday, May 25: Last day of 4 year old preschool

Reservations Due for Last Day of School Picnic

Saint Cecilia Preschool & Kindergarten

There are a few openings in preschool and kindergarten for 2007-2008. Please call Lois Vidimos at 232-5290 for more information.

Saint Cecilia Vacation Bible School

Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word for ages 4-10

June 11-15, 9:00AM-11:30AM

Registrations accepted until May 25 at the Religious Education Office, during the May 19/20 registration period or by contacting Heather Currans at 233-2690 or

chcurrans@mchsi.com

2007 Retreat Opportunity

Theme: *The Universal Call to Deep Contemplative Intimacy with the Holy Trinity*. Retreat Master: Fr. Thomas Dubay, July 27-29 at the Franciscan Retreat Center at Prior Lake, MN. There will be opportunities for silent meditation, spiritual direction, adoration, and reconciliation, as well as Masses with Fr. Dubay and Archbishop Flynn. The total fee is \$160 for a single occupancy room. If interested, send a \$25 down payment to Bruce or Shelley Fahay at 20939 Quadrant Ave. N., Scandia, MN 55073 or phone 651-433-2753.

The response to the directory has been fantastic and all of the June times are filled unless there is a cancellation.



Appointments are now being made for September 11-15, 18-22 & 25-29. The sign-up sheets have been sent to the Busson company who will be doing the rest of the scheduling. Please call Busson at **800-685-3002** to schedule an appointment.

Earn a 20% discount on your entire purchase by volunteering as a host/hostess for a photography session (most shifts are 2 hours). Contact the parish office to volunteer.

Youth Minister Sought

Saint Cecilia Parish, Ames, Iowa—a Catholic parish of 1400 families, seeks to fill the position of Youth Minister. The parish would entertain candidates who might be interested in either a full or ¾ time position. Salary and benefits are commensurate with availability and educational background. This position would involve Youth Ministry in grades 6-12 along with Confirmation responsibilities and an annual Service, Out-Reach Trip. Qualified candidates must be active and practicing Catholics. Send resume and three letters of recommendation by May 25, 2007 to : Jerry Greving, Parish Manager, St. Cecilia Parish, 2900 Hoover Ave., Ames, IA 50010.

Stewardship: The second reading today contains the dire warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



VBS Volunteers Needed

Youth assistants are needed for Crafts, Childcare and Crew. An adult assistant is needed for crafts and an adult leader is needed for decorations. Call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514 or contact Heather Currans at chcurrans@mchsi.com or 233-2690 to offer your assistance. Adults or youth ages 10 and older may volunteer.

Western Décor items are needed to help carry out this year's Vacation Bible School theme *Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word*. Please contact Heather Currans at 232-3514 or chcurrans@mchsi.com if you have items to donate or loan.

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Gardeners are encouraged to plant an extra row of vegetables, an extra tomato or pepper plant to donate. Food collected will be distributed to MICA Food pantry, Bethesda food pantry and Food for first. Collection will begin July 9, at Reiman Gardens. Last year's Plant a Row for the Hungry was very successful in Story County. More than 6,400 pounds of produce was collected. For more information visit www.PARStory.org or call 231-5926.

Donate Coupons

The national brand coupon fliers that come in weekend papers can be donated for use by military families. The clipping will be done locally by mentally challenged adults and given to the American Legion for distribution to military families serving in four countries overseas. Local coupons not accepted. Place the coupons in the drop box in the ushers' room.



Good Neighbor

What were you doing ten years ago? How much has changed since then for you? Ten years ago, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance was formed in Ames to help meet the emergency needs of Story county residents, and we've served thousands of clients since then. Unfortunately, what hasn't changed is that there are an increasing number of persons in need every year. If the past ten years has been kind to you, why not celebrate that by giving a gift to Good Neighbor. With the help of good neighbors like you, we can help make sure that no one is cold, hungry, or homeless in Story County.

Ascension of the Lord

Radio legend Paul Harvey coined the phrase "And now you know the rest of the story." It has always been a great source of debate as to the reasons why the writers of the Gospels described some events in great detail, yet left others with the barest of details. In doing so, we sometimes are forced to use our imagination, wondering what exactly took place at a certain time or place. Luke's description of the Ascension is one such event.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus' final prayer with his disciples is recounted with great detail; he leaves them with God's promise that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit. Luke's writing continues, however, with the matter-of-fact statement that at Bethany, Jesus raised his hands, blessed them, and was taken up to heaven. At first, we want more detail; perhaps, such an important and beautiful event should be personalized by each of us.

The Ascension is celebrated near the end of the Easter season. When we remembered several weeks ago, the lifting up of Jesus on the cross, we recognized that it signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven (CCC 662). Today, remember this final event in Jesus' earthly life and try to imagine what it might have been like to witness it. Would it have been possible to describe it in words? Or would it have been so powerful that your transformation would enable others to believe?

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN, ARTICLE I

THE REVELATION OF GOD, II. THE STAGES OF REVELATION

THE COVENANT WITH NOAH PARAGRAPH 58:

The covenant with Noah remains in force during the times of the Gentiles, until the universal proclamation of the Gospel. The Bible venerates several great figures among the Gentiles: Abel the just, the king-priest Melchizedek—a figure of Christ—and the upright "Noah, Daniel and Job." Scripture thus expresses the heights of sanctity that can be reached by those who live according to the covenant of Noah, waiting for Christ to "gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad."

St. Thomas Aquinas

SCUBA: Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure

Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27, 9AM-12noon.

If interested, please contact Kathy: Kathy@staparish.net or call 292-3810

Catholic Charities is Sponsoring a Self-Esteem Group called "Ten Days to Self Esteem". The group(s) will meet for ten weeks beginning the week of June 4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The ten weeks will teach you how to defeat depression and break out of a bad mood; enjoy greater happiness, productivity, and intimacy; and find causes and cures for low self esteem, feelings of inferiority, perfectionism and procrastination. E-mail Lisa Turner at DBQCCCAmes@archpvt.k12.ia.us with questions and for more information about days and times. \$25 fee includes a workbook.

Please check the ushers' room for:

- **Lost items**
- **Dishes from funeral lunches etc.**

Items not picked up by June 4 will be given away/discarded.



Saturday, May 19

5:00PM: Edward & Beulah Lukes

Sunday, May 20

8:30AM: Marian Putz

10:30AM: Harry Svec

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, May 22

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

Wednesday, May 23

7:00AM: Lee Boyer

9:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Thursday, 24

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

Friday, May 25

7:00AM: Francis Hornby

Saturday, May 26

5:00PM: Jo Newell

Sunday, May 27

8:30AM: Jim Olsson

10:30AM: Melvina Wasel

5:00PM: Jorge & Ivan Perez
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities

(Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

Evening Prayer: Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration: The chapel is open for adoration.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM

Rosary: Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday

before 7:00AM Mass. The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday, 3:00PM

Birthright, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414

Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and

confidential. www.birthright.org

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Requests remain on the list for six weeks.

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2007

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Mass in the morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39