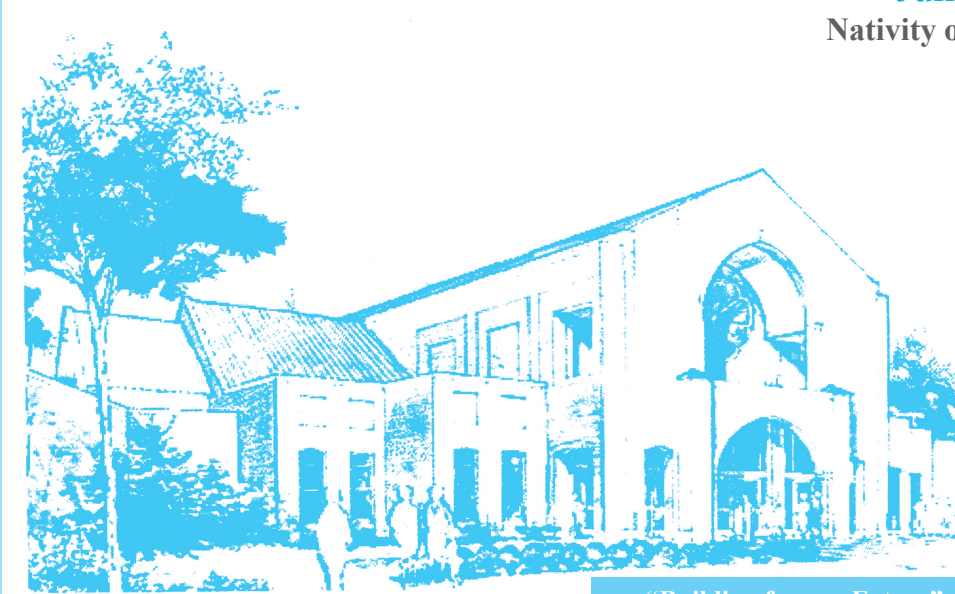


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

June 24, 2007

Nativity of John the Baptist



“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 tener 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 requiere que los padres reciban instrucciones.)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

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

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

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Registration for Fall Classes

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration forms for 2007-2008 classes are available in the Parish Office.

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

ADVENTURELAND TRIP— Wednesday, June 27. Bus leaves at 9:00AM. Register Now. There are a few spots left. Permission slips can be picked up at the **Parish office.**

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.

For information regarding 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: June 25.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Next session: June 26.

RCIA: Inquirer sessions for those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith will be held on alternate Wednesdays this summer. **Next session is June 27, 7:30PM** in the Library Conference room. Contact John at 232-3514 for more information.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, August 2, 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.



Youth Group Car Wash

Youth Fundraiser

A car wash will be held during all masses July 7 & 8. Free will donations accepted. Proceeds will help fund the Appalachia Service trip July 21-28. Thank you for your continued support.

Link Hallway Cleaning

Morning Mass and Adoration will be held in the Church on Tuesday, June 26; Wednesday, June 27 and possibly Thursday, June 28 while the hallway is stripped and rewaxed.

Adoration will resume in the Chapel as soon as the work is finished.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup once each month during the summer. **Next meeting is July 11, 10-11:30AM** at Brookside Park. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 thatchmd@yahoo.com. All are welcome to attend.

Sixty Plus Group will not meet during the summer months.

Sanctity of Life Committee will meet Sunday, July 1, 9:30AM in the St. Francis Room (Library).

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 at: www.stceciliaparish.org. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, returned in person or by mail.

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Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

The ads on the back of our bulletin make it possible to provide a weekly bulletin at no cost to Saint Cecilia Parish. We owe special thanks to our parishioners and friends of the parish who provide this service. Please take time to look at the ads and support the businesses listed.

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Bulletin Deadline

Deadline for articles to be included in the July 8 bulletin is Thursday, June 28. The normal bulletin deadline is the Monday preceding the weekend in which the article will appear. Due to closings for the July 4th holiday, the schedule has been changed.

Children Learn What they Live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

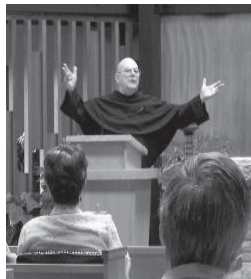
Visit our website www.stceciliaparish.org

- The parish bulletin may be found under **Parish Office**
- Look up **Parish Council & Board of Education Minutes**
- Information on **Parish organizations and committees**
- Links to **St. Thomas Aquinas**, the Archdiocese of Dubuque, other dioceses and other Catholic resources
- **Fr. Howard's daily Homilies:** . Click on **Other resources & Links** and scroll down to Fr. Howard's Homilies. The Homily for June 20 follows:

Wednesday

A couple of weeks ago when we were speaking of the necessity of the spiritual in our lives, the topic of today's Gospel selection came up. We must be spiritual but at the same time we must be real. We are not to be pretentious or phony in our spiritual efforts. The Gospel today is the same Gospel we read year after year on Ash Wednesday. It warns us of being hypocritically phony in performing righteous deeds, in praying, in fasting. We can't play games with God. The Gospel tells us, as we all know, that God sees what is hidden. The Christian is not only to talk the talk, as the old saying goes, but he/she is also to walk the walk. Lord, help us to be free of the phony in our lives and actions and to serve you openly and honestly.

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.



Saint Cecilia School

Beginning July 2, school office hours will vary.

Please call ahead and/or leave a voicemail for Mr. Siepker or Mrs. Vidimos, as they will be checking their messages frequently. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Christmas in July

New and gently used toys and small appliances for Appalachia will be collected during the month of July. Please place your donations in the collection box located near the coat racks in the Narthex. The donations will be taken to the Ames Appalachia warehouse and distributed to the people of Appalachia during the Christmas season.

Prayers for those in the Military

If you have family members or relatives serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please consider sending their names and their relationship to you, to the parish office to be added to a special prayer list.

Is God Calling?

Saint Cecilia Parish is forming a Vocations Committee to promote personal and community prayer, discernment and nurturing for all God's callings to holiness and especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Do you hear a call to serve on the committee? Do you know of another who may have a calling to such service? If so, please call the parish office at 233-3092 or Bill Haas at 232-7138. We'd love to share information about how the committee might operate.



New Rules for Donations

Cash donations now require specific documentation. All charitable donations of cash must be substantiated with a bank record or written communication from the recipient, regardless of the amount of the donation. Previously, contributions of less than \$250 did not require a receipt or other documentation. Contributions made by check or in a commitment envelope will be acknowledged by statement in January 2008. Contact the parish office if you have questions.

- Pictures will be taken in the **Education Center Music Room** across from the A/Y room. You may park in the back.
- **Tuesday thru Friday check-in** will be in the **south half of the A/Y room.**
- **Saturday check-in** will be in the **hallway near the Music Room.**
- The Busson company will call to remind you of your appointment. **Please call 800-685-3002 ext. 416 if you have any questions about, or need to change your appointment.**

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Are you a namesake? Were you named for your father, or some long-passed uncle? If you have young children, were you "influenced" a bit by your relatives when it came time to name your child? Many of us have first and last names that just sound good together; others have creative and fun names. Imagine being told ahead of time what you were going to name your baby.

Zechariah and Elizabeth held a very special promise in their unborn child. Remember, the angel Gabriel had appeared to Zechariah as he prayed in the temple, promising the couple a child to be named John, which means "God is gracious." But Zechariah had questioned Gabriel, who in turn made him mute until John's birth. The restoration of his voice was a miracle to their friends and family, causing them to wonder what greatness lay in store for this child.

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded of God's covenant or promise of heavenly glory by revelations, such as Gabriel appearing and speaking to Zechariah. God so loves us and wants us to live peaceful, faith-filled lives that we are forgiven of our sins when we are truly sorry. (CCC 54-55) We were promised John the Baptist, and he came. We were promised Jesus Christ, and he came. When God promises glory in heaven, I 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, III. CHRIST JESUS—"MEDIATOR AND FULLNESS OF ALL REVELATION"

God has said everything in his Word PARAGRAPH 65: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in those last days he has spoken to us by a Son." Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one. St. John of the Cross, among others, commented strikingly on Hebrews 1:1-2:

In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word—and he has no more to say....because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him. By not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty.

Traveling This Summer?

Use our website www.stceciliaparish.org to find out information about church locations and mass times world wide. Click on Mass & Reconciliation Times and scroll to the last entry Mass Times Around the Nation. The default country setting is USA so you need only type in the name of the town/city, choose the appropriate one, and a list of all Catholic churches in the area will come up. If you are traveling outside the United States, just select the country and follow the same procedure.

Please remember in your prayers:

DORIS KLEINSCHMIDT, 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.



Saturday, June 23

5:00PM: Roman & Audrey Dankbar
60th Anniversary

Sunday, June 24

8:30AM: Frank Pershern
10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
5:00PM: Felipe Gonzales
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, June 26

7:00AM: Frederick Wirth

Wednesday, June 27

7:00AM: Joanne Jaco

Thursday, June 28

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Friday, June 29

7:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Saturday, June 30

5:00PM: Jo Newell

Sunday, July 1

8:30AM: Mary Lee
10:30AM: Harry Svec
5:00PM: Christopher Dunphy
(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

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Requests remain on the list for six weeks.

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2007

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62