

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

July 15, 2007

15th 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, 5:00PM

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)

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Monday, July 16: Appalachia Trip meeting, 7:00PM Social Hall.

Wednesday, July 18: Peer Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, A/Y Room.

Attention High Schoolers!

This year's exciting new Youth Ministry program is called GLORY. **For information about retreats and upcoming events, including service and leadership opportunities, please visit the new website www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth**

For information regarding Youth Ministry activities please contact Anna Steele, Youth Minister at 232-3514 or asteele@stceciliaparish.org

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: July 16.

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: July 17.

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 July 25, 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.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!!

Iowa Resource for International Service is looking for host families for high school students from Tanzania and Nigeria. IRIS is a non-profit funded by the U.S. State Department and has been placing students for the past four years. IRIS is looking to place students in North Ames so they can attend school in Gilbert. If interested contact Nicole Pitts at nicole@iris-center.org or at 515-292-7103.

Saint Cecilia School

Office hours will vary during July.

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



MEETINGS/EVENTS



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; laundry detergent; and disposable diapers.

Social Concerns Committee will meet, Monday, July 16, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room (Church library). All are welcome to attend.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors Group

will meet for brunch at Olde Main Brewery, July 15, 11:45AM. Reservations are not necessary.

Come One and All

Interfaith Gathering Time Again

A meeting for continuing discussion with members of the Muslim community will be held at the mosque, 1212 Iowa Street, Sunday July 29, 2:00-4:00PM. Men and women over the age of 16 are invited to attend. Refreshments provided. For more information call Sue Stanton at 233-4762 or e-mail merton420@hotmail.com

Marshalltown Deanery Meeting

The Council of Catholic Women of the Marshalltown Deanery will meet Thursday, July 19, at St. Joseph Church in Chelsea, IA. Liturgy at 9:00AM, Meeting at 10:00AM, lunch at noon with program to follow.

August 7: I Cubs Ball Game Youth Appreciation Trip

Children free, Adults \$6. Bus loading at 5:15PM, north parking lot. Call Bob Dahlgren at 232-0916 to make reservations. Youth through 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult. Youth 6th grade or older need a parental consent form. Consent forms may be found in the east corridor by the bulletin board or online at www.stceciliaparish.org

WERE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Parish Staff

August 18/19: Cornfest

September 9: Golf Tournament

Garage Sale

The Catholic Daughters will hold a garage sale in early September. Call 233-1393 if you have items to donate. **No** clothing, please.

Custodial Position(s) Available

Saint Cecilia Parish seeks to fill the position of custodian(s). The parish would entertain candidates who might be interested in a position that could be 1/2, 3/4 or full time. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and availability. These positions are responsible for all custodial cleaning, meeting room set-up, security, along with equipment, facilities and grounds maintenance. Send letter of application with qualifications to Jerry Greving, Business Manager, Saint Cecilia Parish, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010, by July 17th or until position is filled.

"Mary of Magdala, The Misunderstood Woman" will be presented by parishioner Sue Stanton, Sunday, July 22, 2:00PM at the Ames Public Library. Stanton will clarify the Biblical "Mary Magdalene" and also relate personal stories of today's misunderstood women based on her own recent travels through the Middle East and India. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. Discussion and Middle Eastern refreshments will follow. For more information, please call Linda White at 292-8741.

Knights of Columbus

New Haven, Conn. (CNS) The Knights of Columbus, the largest lay Catholic organization in the world, has announced that it set new records of giving and volunteer service in 2006. Data from the order's annual survey of fraternal activity showed that total contributions to charities reached close to \$144 million. The amount exceeded the previous year's donations by more than \$4million. Of this total, the supreme council donated about \$35 million. And donations from state and local councils, fourth-degree assemblies and squire circles gave more than \$108 million. The number of volunteer hours performed by Knights for charitable causes surpassed the 2005 figure by more than 4 million hours, amounting to more than 68 million. Many volunteer hours were spent serving the Gulf region after hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused devastation in the area in 2005. Soon after the hurricanes the Knights donated more than \$10 million to relief efforts and continued to make donations of time and money to those affected by the hurricanes through 2006.

Locally the Rev. Zachary Kucin Council 2230 supports Saint Cecilia by providing our Lenten Fish Fries, serving coffee & donuts monthly, assisting with the Corpus Christi Procession, assisting with the I-Cubs baseball trip for our youth, taking the October Mass Count, handing out Right to Life Roses, serving beverages at parish events such as Cornfest, and helping out with parish projects in addition to giving a monetary donation. In the community, the Council supports Persons with Intellectual Disabilities at Mainstream Living, and the ARC of Story County. They contribute to the Matthew 25 House. Fourth Degree Knights (in full formal regalia) assist with the Special Olympics ceremonies. Their Last Supper Dramatization is presented at Saint Cecilia and area churches each Lenten season. The Pennies for Heaven collection supports vocations and Council 2230 had the 3rd highest donation(\$1,500) in the state of Iowa this year. The Knights honor a "Youth of the Month" and host both the local and state spelling bee. This year, as part of a nationwide program, Council 2230 purchased a wheelchair to be used in an underdeveloped country. Catholic men interested in joining may call Tracy Laws at 232-3733.

At Bethesda Lutheran Church

A time for widowers to get together with other men who have lost their wives will be held 7:30-8:30AM, July 19, August 2 & 9, in the Conference Room. There will be time for conversation and prayer. You may attend any or all sessions. Contact Pastor Joel at 232-6256 with questions.

Stewardship: The Good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers— and us— to go and do the same!

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.

Book Sale Donations

Donations of books, DVD's, CD's and VHS tapes and cassettes are being accepted for the Pro-Life Book Sale (sponsored by Iowa Right to Life Committee) to be held September 12-18. Please place donations in the collection box near the coat racks in the Narthex.

Feasibility Study

Copies of the feasibility study can be reviewed at (but cannot leave) the parish office. Thanks to all who participated in the feasibility surveys. Your input is critical in developing a strategic plan for the future of our parish.

Pray For Those Serving in the Military

Col. Michael Rauenhorst, Lt. Col. Robert Rauenhorst, Major Joel Rauenhorst, Lt. David Rauenhorst, T. Sgt. Paul Rauenhorst, nephews of Tom & Evelyn Thielen, *Adam Giroux*, son-in-law of Bob & Peggy Jacobson, *Brian Frees*, cousin of Joyce Sullivan, *Wes Vansickle*, neighbor of Karen Wagner, and *Darren & Sonya Larson*. Darren is the grandson of Rose Warren, Sonja is his wife. Please remember these people and all others who are serving our country, especially those who are stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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.

Your Financial Stewardship

July 8 contribution	\$13,965
Fiscal YTD	\$33,633
Budget YTD	\$36,434
July 8, Building Fund	\$2,558

An estimated average weekly offering of \$18,217 to the general operating fund is required to balance the Saint Cecilia Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008



The Family of Doris Kleinschmidt would like to thank Father Nienhaus, Deacon John McCully, the staff at Saint Cecilia Church and the entire Saint Cecilia community for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness following her recent death.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of the Good Samaritan comes at a point in Jesus' life where he had recently been rebuked by a town of Samaritans who would not allow him to stay with them because he was a Jew. Still, he chose a Samaritan as the example of the compassionate stranger in his story. Jesus wants us to know that there is good in everyone regardless of their background, and it is that goodness that leads us to help others without questioning the circumstances of their situation.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that through the sacraments of healing, we are continuing the work begun by Jesus Christ. (CCC 1421) Like that Good Samaritan, Jesus came upon us, found us broken, hurt, and in need and gave us comfort, never giving thought to our background or what brought us to this point. He did not raise his voice and demand that something should be done by someone. He simply gave his all.

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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"

In Brief PARAGRAPH 68: By Love, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. He has thus provided the definitive, superabundant answer to the questions that man asks himself about the meaning and purpose of his life.

69: God has revealed himself to man by gradually communicating his own mystery in deeds and in words.

70: Beyond the witness to himself that God gives in created things, he manifested himself to our first parents, spoke to them and, after the fall, promised them salvation and offered them his covenant.

Fr. Nienhaus is Sponsoring a Poland Pilgrimage in May 2008

Consider joining Fr. Nienhaus from May 5 – 12 and travel to the Land of Pope John Paul II. William Feldman said, "Anyone who wants to get to know the soul of Poland should look for it in Krakow, Poland." Cost \$2,499 per person. This includes 7 days and 6 nights at the comfortable Atrium Hotel in Krakow. We will travel to the Shrine of Divine Mercy, the Shrine of the Black Madonna, Auschwitz, Tieliczka Salt Mines, Wawel Castle and many other sites. A visit to Catholic Poland is a life-changing experience. For more information contact Fr. Nienhaus, Joan Jones or Sail Aweigh Travel (515-233-5203). Sign-up soon before this Pilgrimage is extended to individuals outside of Ames, Iowa. An optional Post Tour is also available to Prague, Czechoslovakia (May 12 – 16)

ST. Thomas Aquinas

Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure

Monday, July 23-Friday, July 27, 9:00AM-Noon, in the Lower Lounge. Ages 3-10, \$25 per child. Registration forms available on line at www.staparish.net/religious/VBS. Contact Kathy at 292-3810 or kathy@staparish.net if you have questions.

Please remember in your prayers:

SR. JANET SCHEWE, aunt of Kathleen Burke and Karen Burianek and sister-in-law of William Burke, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 14

5:00PM: Sr. Gene Marie OSF

Sunday, July 15

8:30AM: Tom Remmes

10:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

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

Tuesday, July 17

7:00AM: Nicholas Herrick

Wednesday, July 18

7:00AM: George Lemanczyk

Thursday, July 19

7:00AM: Magdalene Walsh

Friday, July 20

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

Saturday, July 21

5:00PM: Harry Svec

Sunday, July 22

8:30AM: Paul & Irene Maggio

10:30AM: Doris Kleinschmidt

(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

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite)

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 July 15, 2007

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42