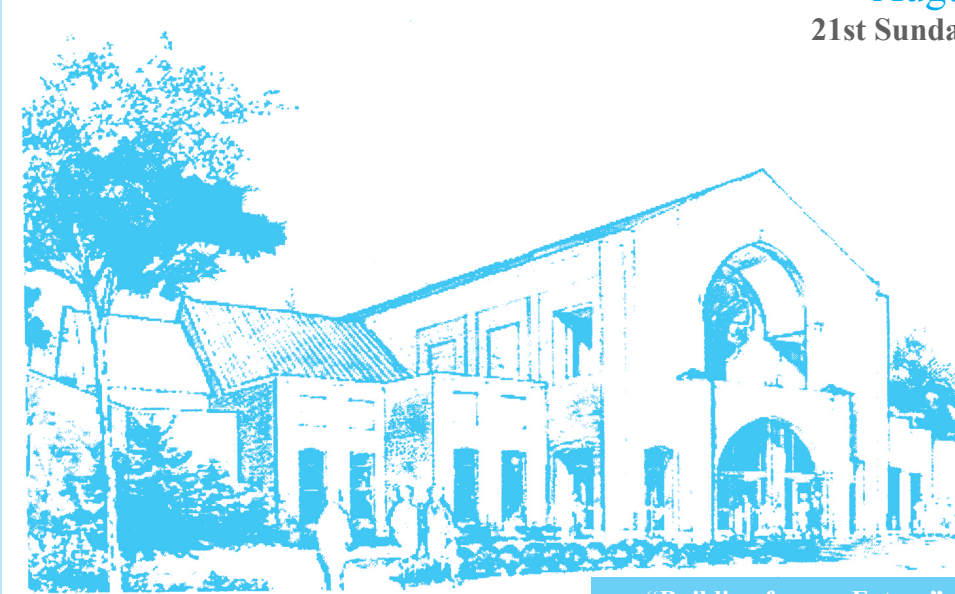


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

August 26, 2007

21st 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 require 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 2007-2008 Classes

Classes for grades 1-5 will be held at 4:00PM, Wednesday afternoons. Monday evening classes will be added if demand is sufficient. Classes for grades 6-8 will meet on Wednesday evenings. Register in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-4:00PM, Monday-Friday. Fall events start with a Generations of Faith event on October 3.

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

Check out the YIKES display on the Narthex bulletin board.

Wednesday, August 29, 6-8:00PM **BACK TO SCHOOL COOK-OUT** at the Inis Grove Park Walnut Shelter. **Please bring food as follows: 6th graders**, chips; **7th graders**, side dishes, **8th graders**, desserts. Also bring balls, Frisbees, etc. your friends and an appetite!

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Mandatory meeting for Grades 11 & 12

Sunday, August 26 following 10:30AM Mass.

Find out how you can stay involved this year. The meeting will conclude with a senior picture and "Entrance" interviews for juniors. Pokey Stix and lemonade provided.

Appalachia trip pictures are posted on the bulletin board in the Link Hallway.

For Youth Ministry information please visit the new website www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth

Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan for Life & Love. Parent Meeting, Sunday, September 9, 7:30PM.

This 12 week program is open to all high school students. Curriculum is based on John Paul II's Theology of the Body and helps teens understand the significance of their sexuality and the purpose of their lives. Call Anna (232-3514) to register.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: August 27.

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: August 28.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, October 4, 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.

An Information Night

for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith will be held, Wednesday, September 12, 7:30PM in the Music Room of the Education Center.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

St. Gerard's and St. Mary's Circles will meet on September 6 at 6:30PM for Mass in the chapel. Each circle will have their own meeting, and then will have treats together in the A/Y room. If any parish members who are not in a circle would like to attend, or need a ride, please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4500.

Stewardship Group

A small group of people is meeting on the first Thursday of each month as part of an effort to improve their understanding, appreciation, and practice of stewardship. If you would like to be part of such an activity, please call the parish office, 233-3092, for additional information.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup will meet in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month beginning in September. September dates are the 5th & 19th. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or thatchmd@yahoo.com. All are welcome to attend.

Golf Tournament

Make your reservations NOW for the annual Saint Cecilia Best Ball Golf Tournament to be held Sunday, September 9 at Veenker Memorial Golf Course starting at 1:00PM. \$45 per person includes eighteen holes of golf, cart and a meal. Foursomes preferred. Guests may attend the meal for \$6. Registration forms available near the east corridor bulletin board in the Social Center or on the website at www.stceciliaparish.org.



Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

September 9 & 10 at all Masses

Schedule an hour in your week to be with your **Best Friend**.

You will be glad you did.



Scott Hahn is Coming to Des Moines!

Teresa Tomeo and Scott Hahn, world-renowned Catholic authors and public speakers, will be at Vets Auditorium on Saturday, September 29. The event takes place from 7:00AM-5:00PM including three talks from Dr. Hahn and two by Teresa Tomeo, as well as lunch and Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Archangels. The bus will leave Ames at 6:45AM. Cost for transportation is just \$1. The 50 seats on the bus are open to all parishioners on a first come first serve basis. Call Anna at 232-3514.

SCHOOL NEWS

August 28 from 6:30-8PM: Preschool Visit

August 29 at 2:15PM: Early Dismissal

August 30 at 9:00AM: All School Mass—

Church

September 3: Labor Day—No School

September 4: Preschool Begins (regular day, no early dismissal)

A volunteer is needed to assist classroom teacher Monday-Friday 8:30-11:30AM. More than one volunteer could share the position. Please call Mr. Siepker at 232-5290.



Pilgrimage to Poland, 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. For more information, **attend an informational meeting on September 11** in St. Cecilia’s A/Y room from 7-8PM. You may also contact 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).

Couples Retreat

September 21-23 at Prior Lake, Minnesota. The time together is always relaxing, prayerful and very affirming to a marriage. Check it out online at www.FranciscanRetreats.net or call David or Laura Berenemann at 641-423-0817.



Spirit and Truth Conference

Come to the **Spirit & Truth Conference** and enrich your faith on **Saturday, September 15**, Loras College, Marie Graber Ballroom, Dubuque. Open to adults, young adults, and teens. Nationally known speakers include Steve Ray, Teresa Tomeo, and Fr. Richard Simon. For details or to register, call Springtime of Hope, 563-583-6117 or go to www.springtimeofhope.org



Portraits will be taken again in September. If you have not had your picture taken or had to cancel your appointment and need to reschedule please call the Busson company at 800-685-3002 ext. 416.

Many hosts/hostesses are needed for the September sessions. Volunteer for 2 hours and receive a 20% discount on your portrait purchase. Call the office at 233-3092.

Stewardship: Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Catechists Needed

Catechists are needed for grades 1 through 5 Religious Education classes. Classes will be held Wednesdays at 4:00PM. Monday evening classes at 6:15PM may be added. Training will be provided. Contact John at 232-3514.

Musicians for Spanish Mass

Guitar and piano players are needed for the Spanish Mass, 5:00PM, Sundays. Call the parish office 233-3092 if you are interested.

You Can Help

Please continue to donate cans and bottles to support Youth Ministry. Collection box located near the A/Y room.

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.

Community

The Gilbert Lutheran Church will have its 34th Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, September 22, at the church, located at 135 School Street. The meal will be served from 5:00-7:00PM. Ticket prices are: Adults \$7.00, Senior Citizens \$6.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00, and Children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office at 233-2421.

The **National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Iowa (NAMI-CI)** is offering **Family-to-Family**, a free, twelve-week course for family members of individuals with severe brain disorders (mental illnesses) on Monday evenings in Ames from 7-9PM, beginning September 10. NAMI-CI is also offering **Visions for Tomorrow**, a free, eight-week course in Ames on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9PM beginning September 11, for parents, foster parents, and caregivers of children who are overly anxious, have anger problems, or are hard to handle. To register for either course, contact Fran Berger at 515-292-9400.

Your Financial Stewardship

August 5 contribution	\$ 18,595
Fiscal YTD	\$138,333
Budget YTD	\$145,736
August 5, Building Fund	\$ 2,614

Use your IRA for Charitable Giving — avoid the most tax. Become “smarter” with your donations. Take advantage of appreciated stock as a charitable gift or IRA dollars can be given in 2007 TAXFREE (you must be 70 1/2 years of age) . Visit with your financial advisor about giving through your IRA.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you are presented with a group of tasks, how do you prioritize which to do first? By difficulty or by convenience? Some of us choose the easy tasks first, because it gives us some sense of accomplishment to finish something, but if we are honest with ourselves, nothing is more satisfying than taking on a difficult task, working hard at it for as long as it takes, and completing it.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus is again given one of those questions which require an answer other than what the questioner was seeking: "Will those who are saved be few?" This had to be frustrating to Jesus; remember the shepherd who leaves his flock to find the one lost lamb. To God, even one lost soul will be too many! Jesus' time on earth to proclaim salvation was short, but his Word lives on in us to help fulfill his promise.

There is perhaps no more difficult task than prayer. All of our earthly concerns are merely distractions which, when pushed aside for truly honest prayer, attempt to push themselves back into our consciousness. (CCC 2732) Are we guilty of attempting to deal with those concerns first because they may be easier than true and honest prayer? Do not speak to God as a last resort; pray first, and you will be amazed how many of those earthly concerns disappear!

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PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN, 2

The Transmission of Divine Revelation. The Apostolic Tradition.

79. The Father's self-communication made through his Word in the Holy Spirit, remains present and active in the Church: "God, who spoke in the past, continues to converse with the Spouse of his beloved Son. And the Holy Spirit, through whom the living voice of the Gospel rings out in the Church—and through her in the world—leads believers to the full truth, and makes the Word of Christ dwell in them in all its richness."

Bible Study, Full of Grace

For Women — a 9-week offer to learn how to make a difference in your world today— "Women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling. It is for you to save the peace of the world." This is one of many focuses in the Full of Grace study series, which also includes information on several women saints who lived the Gospel and made a difference in their time. If you are interested in discovering genuine femininity and living the spirit of the Gospels, join us and learn how you can make a difference in our time. The study will begin in late September. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact the facilitators: Janine Greenwood (232-1359), Saint Cecilia; Lynn Lynch (233-6057), St. Thomas Aquinas; or Char Van Kerckvoorde (233-2695) at the Story Marshall Cluster for more information. The registration deadline has been extended to Wednesday, August 29.

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Requests remain on the list for six weeks.

Please remember in your prayers:

Doris Schaeffer 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, August 25

5:00PM: Harry Svec

Sunday, August 26

8:30AM: Richard & Mary Novak
(50th Anniversary)

10:30AM: Stan Olsson

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

Tuesday, August 28

7:00AM: Wesley Hotka

Wednesday, August 29

7:00AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Thursday, August 30

7:00AM: Julie Weldan

9:00AM: Albert Siepker

Friday, August 31

7:00AM: Michael Welsh

Saturday, September 1

8:30AM: Charlie Walsh

5:00PM: Jo Newell

Sunday, September 2

8:30AM: Doris Kleinschmidt

10:30AM: John & Katie Milleman

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(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

Feasibility Study

A copy of the Feasibility Study Report for the Phase 2 Building Campaign is available on the parish website, www.stceciliaparish.org. For those without internet access, printed copies of the same report are also available in the parish office. Thanks to all who participated in the feasibility study. Your input is critical.

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2007

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14