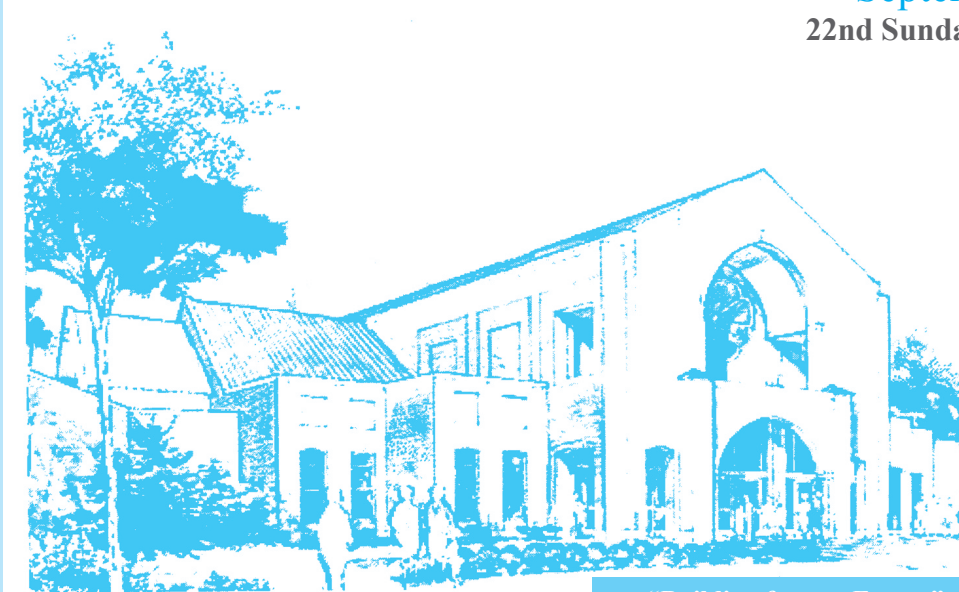


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 2, 2007
22nd 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 2007-2008 Classes

Registration for Religious Education Classes for youth from Grade 1 to High School is available in the Religious Education Office.

Classes begin October 3

Religious Education classes will begin for all ages with the Generations of Faith event on October 3, at 5:30PM. Families of all those registered in Religious Education programs are expected to attend. Parishioners not registered are invited to attend. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you are not registered but will be attending. The topic for this session will be Intercultural Images of Mary.

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

9th Grade Religious Education Class: Wednesday, September 5, 7:00-8:15PM in the South Social Hall.

Grades 9-12: Wednesday, September 19, 7-9:00PM, South Social Hall. Join in for "Speed-dating" and fondue.

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.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: September 10. (No Bible Study on Labor Day.)

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: September 4.

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.

RCIA

A **Rite of Welcome** for those who have been participating in the RCIA inquiry class this summer will be part of the **8:30 liturgy on September 9.** Following the liturgy, all are welcome to participate in Mystagogical Reflection on the Rite in the A/Y Room.

Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

Next weekend, September 8 & 9,
at all Masses.

Schedule an hour in your week
to be with your **Best Friend.**
You will be glad you did.



Dignity in Work

When the alarm sounds off on Monday morning,
I wish for a time when I will never have to work.
When I encounter difficult people at my job,
I long for the day when I can be as alone as I wish.
But later, I recall how work has always been part of life.
Even before the Fall, Adam had to tend the garden.
After the Fall Christ himself took a profession
and supported himself and others through it.
Lord help me to see the dignity and purpose
that work gives to all people.
And when I do not like my job,
help me to offer it up as a sacrifice for souls' salvation.
Remind me always that I am valued, not because of my job.,
but because you chose to create me, and love me still.

Parish Offices Closed Monday, September 3 No Mass on Labor Day

Adoration suspended until Tuesday,
7:00AM, September 4,

MEETINGS/EVENTS

St. Gerard's and St. Mary's Circles will meet on September 6, 6:30PM for Mass in the Chapel. Each circle will then meet in the A/Y room. Please be prepared to pay dues. Any parish members who are not in a circle would like to attend, or need a ride, please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4500.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. 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.

Sanctity of Human Life will meet September 9 at 9:30AM in the St. Francis Room.

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

The Iowa Right to Life Book Sale will be held on September 12-18 at the Apollo Building on 114th St. in the Aurora Business Park off I-80 and Douglas Avenue. in Urbandale. The sale will raise money for the Iowa Pregnancy Centers and Education.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

September 3: Labor Day, No School
September 4: Preschool Begins
September 5 at 2:15PM: Early Dismissal
September 6: Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
September 7 at 9AM: All-school Mass
September 10: School Pictures
September 10 at 7PM: Parent Night



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, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Wawel Castle and many other sites. For more information, attend an informational meeting on September 11 at St. Cecilia Church 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 on-line at www.FranciscanRetreats.net or call David or Laura Bernemann 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 in the North Social Hall starting September 4. 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](tel:800-685-3002).

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: We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return—a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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.

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.



Thank You to all parishioners who donated books, CD's, DVD's etc. to the Iowa Right to Life Book Sale. Donations may be placed in the drop box until Tuesday morning, September 5.

Community

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 26 contribution	\$ 12,391
Fiscal YTD	\$150,704
Budget YTD	\$163,953
August 26, Building Fund	\$ 1,069

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 (\$965,500).

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Do you consider yourself a good judge of character? More specifically, are you a good judge of your own character? Many of us try to acquire "things" as a way of showing others who we think we are. Others spend their time trying to impress the wealthy and powerful while ignoring the everyday people around them. Unfortunately, these character traits only serve to show our true selves, and it is not a flattering picture.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, we are given two examples of character traits most cherished by God. The first is humility, which allows us to truly see ourselves for who and what we are inside. We are truthful, and in doing so free ourselves to serve others. The second trait is generosity, the kind reserved for giving to others who cannot repay you and for which you do not expect repayment.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus, through such teachings as the Beatitudes, wants us to renounce all of our earthly possessions and desires in order to be more charitable and to love him. St. Gregory of Nyssa calls this the "poverty of the heart." (CCC 2545-6) Look inside your own heart; would you freely give up everything you have, including your place in society, for the love of Jesus Christ? Perhaps you should ask yourself, what did he give up for you?

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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 2

The Transmission of Divine Revelation. The Relationship Between Tradition and Sacred Scripture. One common source . . .

80. "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together and communicate with one another. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move towards the same goal." Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age."

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.



The Catholic Daughters wish to thank all of the generous people who donated items to our garage sale. It was a great success!

Please remember in your prayers:

WILLIAM MARTIN, RUTH BREMER, JACQUELINE

SCOTT, and FRED SWANK 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 1

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)

Tuesday, September 4

7:00AM: Don Finnegan

Wednesday, September 5

7:00AM: Rita Voss

Thursday, September 6

7:00AM: Magdalene Walsh

7:00PM: St. Gerard Circle, Chapel

Friday, September 7

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, September 8

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, September 9

8:30AM: Rose Marie Amtower

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

5:00PM: Rita Voss

(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 September 2, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33