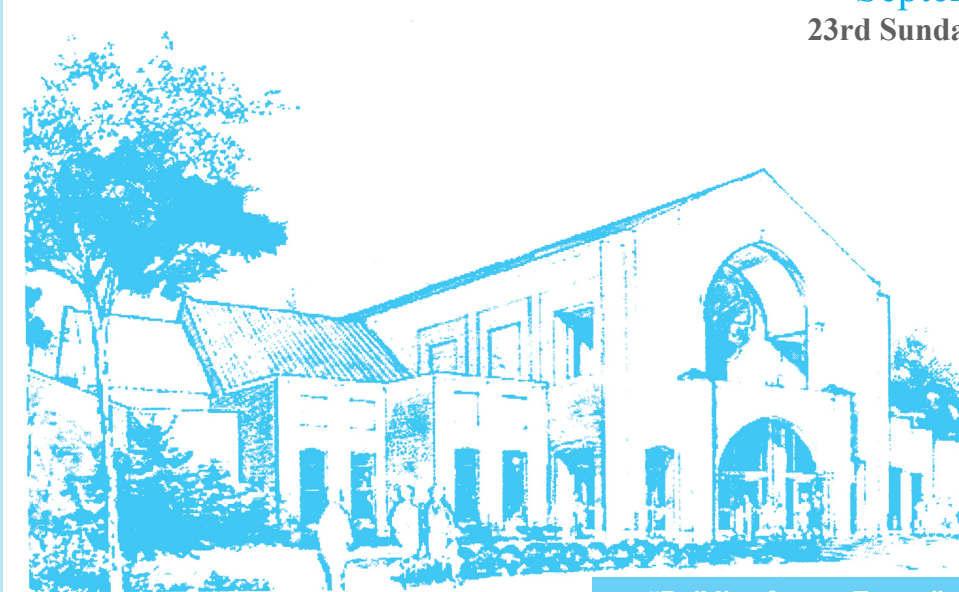


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 9, 2007  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary time



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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. Individual classes for grades 1-5 meet Wednesdays, 4-5:15PM beginning October 10. Grades 6-8 meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7-8:30PM beginning October 17. **All are expected to attend the kickoff on October 3.**

### Religious Education Kickoff 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!

**Wednesday, September 12, 7-9:00PM.** Meet in the Education Center Multi-purpose room for the first regular session this year. New YIKES t-shirts 4 sale (\$7). CU there. **A mandatory parent meeting will be held 7-7:45PM in the A/Y room.**

**Wednesday, September 26:** Roller skating with St. Thomas middle school youth group. Final details coming soon.

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

**Confirmation Class: September 9, 5-7:30PM, A/Y room**

**Grades 9-12: Wednesday, September 19, 7-9:00PM, South Social Hall.** All aboard for GLORY! Join us for fondue, our version of "speed-dating" and pick up your "Passport to Glory" to record your travels with us throughout the year. Please bring a "dippable" snack and as many friends as you want!

For Youth Ministry information please visit the new website [www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth](http://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.

**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 11.

### 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



## Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up



At all Masses this weekend  
Schedule an hour in your week  
to be with your **Best Friend.**  
You will be glad you did.

Coffee and Donuts served  
after Sunday Masses  
starting this weekend.



## MEETINGS/EVENTS



### EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

### 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.

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

**St. Anne Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at 9:00AM in the St. Clare Room. The speaker will be Kathy Hanson from Birthright. Members please bring items for donation to Birthright. St. Anne's welcomes visitors and new members.

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 11, 1:30PM in the St. Clare Room.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, September 13, 6:00PM for dinner in the A/Y room. Business meeting and program by Fr. Nienhaus will follow. Guests welcome. Call Betty Waters at 232-8175 to make a dinner reservation.

### Saint Cecilia Widows,

**Widowers, & Single Seniors** will meet for breakfast Sunday, September 16, 9:45AM at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee (640 Lincoln Way). Call Pat at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is September 19. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or [thatchmd@yahoo.com](mailto:thatchmd@yahoo.com). All are welcome to attend.

**If you attend Saint Cecilia Parish but have not registered as members, please contact the Parish Office or download a registration form from the Parish Website.**

## SCHOOL NEWS



**September 10:** School Pictures  
**September 10:** 7:00PM-Parent Night  
**September 13:** 9:00AM, Grades 2 & 5 Mass, Chapel

### Informational Meeting Pilgrimage to Poland, May 2008

**Tuesday, September 11, 7-8:00PM in the A/Y room.**

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).

### Scott Hahn & Teresa Tomeo

World renowned authors/speakers

**Vets Auditorium, Des Moines**

**September 29, 7:00AM- 5:00PM**

#### Our Own Sound Track Band Featured

3 talks by Dr. Hahn & 2 by Teresa Tomeo,  
**Mass at 8:00AM**

Visit [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org) for registration forms.

A bus will leave Ames at 6:45AM. Cost for transportation is just \$1 tip for the driver. The 50 seats on the bus are open to all parishioners on a first come first serve basis. Call Anna at 232-3514.

### The Iowa Right to Life Book Sale

**September 12-18, Apollo Building on 114th St.**

**Aurora Business Park off I-80 and Douglas Avenue, Urbandale.**

The sale will raise money for the Iowa Pregnancy Centers & Education.



Portraits are taken in the North Social Hall. 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. If you have already had your pictures taken or hosted in June you may still volunteer to help out. Call the office at 233-3092.

**Stewardship** It is difficult to know what God has planned for us. That's why it is easier to put our trust in money and possessions than it is to put our trust in God. The problem is that we become addicted to constantly wanting more wealth and more things. To conquer this materialism and share our gifts as God intended we must trust that God has a plan for us and it is good.

A Christian Steward:

- Receives God's gifts gratefully
- Cultivates them responsibly
- Shares them lovingly in justice with others
- And returns them with increase to the Lord.

*From US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral on Stewardship*

#### 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. They welcome additional participants. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

## 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.

### Funeral Lunch Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed to help set-up and/or serve lunches held after funerals in our parish. This is a very worthwhile service to fellow parishioners. Volunteers need not work at every lunch. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to participate. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) to volunteer.

### 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.

### English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Due to the success of the ESL program, more volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary because the students have a high proficiency and merely need some conversational practice. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

### Your Financial Stewardship

September 2 contribution	\$ 20,678
Fiscal YTD	\$ 171,402
Budget YTD	\$ 182,170
August 26, Building Fund	\$ 8,490

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).



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The late comedian Jack Benny crafted his on-stage persona as a bit of a miser. One famous bit from his radio show had him being held up at gunpoint by a robber. "Your money or your life!" the bad guy snarls. Benny just stands there, not saying a word, pausing for dramatic effect. "Well?" the robber demands. "I'm thinking, I'm thinking," Benny replies. What would you be willing to give up if asked?

Throughout most of the Gospels, Jesus is very subtle in his words and teachings and parables. He hopes that we will all see the truth through our own eyes of understanding. In today's reading from Luke, however, Jesus is as clear and as forthright as he can be. If we are not willing to give up everything, our parents, our spouses, our children, even our own lives, we cannot truly consider ourselves disciples of Christ.

It may be difficult at first to imagine being willing to sacrifice a loved one for something you believe in. But is that not exactly what God did for us? He gave his only son to sinners to be sacrificed for our reconciliation with him. (CCC 614) We are promised the glory of heaven and everlasting life, but Jesus is very clear on this point: In order to attain all, we must be willing to give all, even those we hold nearest our hearts.

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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. ....two distinct modes of transmission: Paragraph 81**

"Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."

"And [Holy] Tradition transmits in its entirety to the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound, and spread it abroad by their preaching."

## Fall 3-in 1 Appeal.

This is a combination of collections that were traditionally taken up separately and are now combined into one spring and one fall appeal. The combined collections for fall include: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic University of America and Missions Collections. Parishioners should receive a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. Please be as generous as possible and remember these important efforts of the Universal Church in your prayers.

## Fr. Haddad's Visit on CD

The April visit of Fr. Nabil Haddad from Amman, Jordan is now available in the St. Francis library. Both his talk at ISU and at Saint Cecilia are available. There is one copy of each for group or individual use. A great agenda item for meetings or for family viewing in case you missed any of the talks or want to hear them again. Call Sue Stanton at 233-4762 for further information.

## Please remember in your prayers:

**HUMBERTO SILVA**, father of Mrs. Mercedes S. Merideth, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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)

### Tuesday, September 11

7:00AM: Willi Tsironis

### Wednesday, September 12

7:00AM: Earl & Helen Crow

### Thursday, September 13

7:00AM: Frank Skopec

9:00AM: Julie Schlichte

### Friday, September 14

7:00AM: Ted Nostwich

### Saturday, September 15

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

### Sunday, September 16

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Magdalene Walsh

5:00PM: Albert Smith

(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](http://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 9, 2007

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

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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