

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 16, 2007
24th 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. 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 also 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.

★ **Required Meeting for parents of children involved in Alternative Religious Education Program: Tuesday, September 18, 7:30PM, A/Y Room.**

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

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

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

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!

Adult Chaperones needed for this event. Call Anna at 232-3514.

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

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: September 17.

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 18.

RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

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.

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.



Eucharistic Ministers

Renewal, Training & Commissioning
Sunday, September 23, 11:30AM

Light Lunch Provided

RSVP for lunch (233-3092) by September 20

All current Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend and renew their ministry. Other confirmed members of the Parish interested in this ministry are invited to attend this training and commissioning.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, September 17, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room (library). All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, September 18, 9:30AM at the home of Carol Catus. Anyone wishing to help make rosaries may call 233-1393.

Dr. Alveda King Lecture

Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present Life, Liberty and Justice on Wednesday, September 26, 8:00PM in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union. Alveda is an outspoken promoter of civil rights and defense of the pre-born. The free event is sponsored by ISU Students for Life, ISU Committee on Lectures, Saint Cecilia Sanctity of Life Committee and Catholic Daughters.

Saint Cecilia Widows,

Widowers, & Single Seniors will meet for breakfast Sunday, September 16, 9:45AM at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee (640 Lincoln Way).

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 or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or sjryan2@isunet.net. All are welcome to attend.

12th Fiesta Latina

Let's Celebrate with the Lord!

Sunday, September 16,

Saint Cecilia Church

For the communities of Ames, Marshalltown,
Tama and Grinnell

2:00PM Mass (there will be no 5:00PM Mass)

Followed by a **Grand Fiesta**

with lots of **food, music** and **prizes**

Sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Dubuque Archdiocese

Coffee and Donuts served
after Sunday Morning Masses



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,

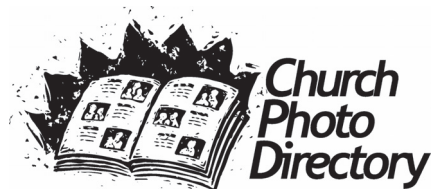
Mass at 8:00AM

Visit www.stceciliaparish.org 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. **A generous donation has been made to cover costs for teens ages 13-18 and also for those who would like to attend but find the \$40 registration fee an obstacle. Call Joan at the parish office by September 24 to take advantage of the this offer.**

Pilgrimage to Poland, May 2008

Join 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. Contact Joan at the parish office or Sail Aweigh Travel (515-233-5203). Sign-up now. Ten slots left. An optional Post Tour is also available to Prague, Czech Republic (May 12 – 16).



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.

Thank You

The 10th Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament for Saint Cecilia Parish on September 9 was another successful parish event. Ninety golfers enjoyed an afternoon of competition and fun. Thanks to all who participated. This year we want to extend special thanks to Dick Matt and his "secretary", Priscilla, who have spearheaded this event for the last 10 years. Take a moment to extend a hearty thank-you to Dick & Priscilla for their love of Saint Cecilia parish and their involvement golf tournament.

Stewardship "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15: 31

Our heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value?

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.

Donate Coupons

The national brand coupon fliers that come in weekend papers can be donated for use by military families. The clipping is done locally by disabled adults and given to the American Legion for distribution to military families serving in four countries overseas. Local coupons not accepted. Place the coupons in the basket in the old ushers' room. **The value of coupons donated so far totals over \$56,435. Thank you for your contributions.**

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	\$ 14,902
Fiscal YTD	\$ 186,304
Budget YTD	\$ 200,387
August 26, Building Fund	\$ 2,539

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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Perhaps you've heard this story, but it fits well with today's readings: An older gentleman out for a stroll along the beach comes upon a little boy throwing beached starfish back in the water. He explains he is saving their lives. The man exclaims that there are thousands of starfish along the shore; he can't possibly save them all. The boy picks up another, says "No, but I can save this one," and throws it into the ocean.

Jesus' lesson from today's reading from the Gospel of Luke is to ask us to sometimes not look at "the big picture." All too often, we find ourselves upset at a particular social problem such as homelessness or bigotry, but never actually get around to doing anything to help improve the problem. If we can show the love of Jesus Christ to just one person today, who knows where it could lead?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches a great deal on the subject of respect for the human person. In God's eyes, we are all equal neighbors and should look to each neighbor as 'another self.' In doing so, we must keep in mind our neighbors' right to live life in dignity and do what we can to help them live that way. (CCC 1931) We may not be able to save a neighborhood, but we can surely turn to a neighbor in need.

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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

As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the Holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.

Fall 3-in 1 Appeal.

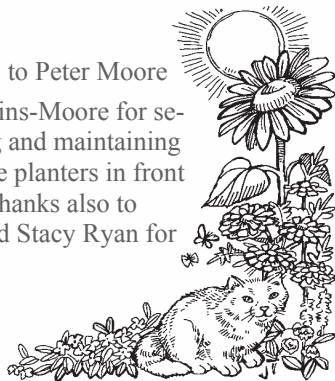
This is a combination of collections that were traditionally taken up separately and are now combined into one spring and one fall appeal. The combined collections for fall include: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic University of America and Missions Collections. Parishioners should receive 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.



Thank You to Peter Moore and Sharon Jenkins-Moore for selecting, planting and maintaining the flowers in the planters in front of the Church. Thanks also to Sarah Kaspar and Stacy Ryan for their help.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 15

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

Sunday, September 16

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Magdalene Walsh

2:00PM: Albert Smith
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, September 18

7:00AM: Fred Swank

Wednesday, September 19

7:00AM: Charlie Walsh

Thursday, September 20

7:00AM: Marge Colantino

9:00AM: Msgr. William Schulte

Friday, September 21

7:00AM: Rita Voss

Saturday, September 22

5:00PM: Harry Svec

Sunday, September 23

8:30AM: Dan & Patricia Maher

10:30AM: George Lemanczyk

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. Printed copies of the same report are also available in the parish office.

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2007

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

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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