

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

September 23 2007
25th 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

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.

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

Wednesday, September 26: Roller skating in Ogden with St. Thomas middle school youth group. **Meet 6:00PM** at Saint Cecilia, return time, 9:00PM. **Cost is \$10. Permission form required.**

October 10: Bonfire at the Webers. Meet 6:30PM at Saint Cecilia. Pick up 8:30PM at 1403 Top-O-Hollow. (Please note time changes.) Come have s'mores and enjoy the campfire with us!

October 27: Halloween Lock-in. Mark your calendars. Details to come. **Visit the Webpage** at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

All students wishing to be confirmed in the coming year must register by October 1. Forms available in the Religious Education Office.

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 24.

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 25.

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.

Coffee and Donuts served
after Sunday Morning Masses



MEETINGS/EVENTS



POTLUCK

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, September 25, in the South Social Hall for a Potluck lunch and program. **Plan to eat at 12:00PM.** Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share. Brian from Everts

Florist will present a program on fall and Christmas decorations. All parishioners 60 years of age or older are welcome to attend.

Catholic Daughters will hold a special meeting Wednesday, September 26 in the South Social Hall. Dinner at served at 5:00PM, Guest speaker, Dr. Alveda King, will present a program at 6:00PM.

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.

Women of Grace Bible Series will begin Wednesday, September 26, 7:00PM in the St. Clare room.

"Welcome" to both those who are new to the series and those returning. We look forward to sharing time, faith and insights with you. God bless you. If you have questions please call Janine (232-1359), Lynn (233-6057) or Char (233-2695).

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is October 5. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or stark-mortimer@yahoo.com or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or sjryan2@isunet.net. All are welcome to attend.

Fall 3-in 1 Appeal.

The combined collections for fall include: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic University of America and Missions Collections. A brochure and offertory envelope was sent by mail. If you did not receive an envelope and wish to contribute, please use a plain envelope marked **3-In-1. Please make your contribution by October 7.** Be as generous as possible and remember these important efforts of the Universal Church in your prayers.



Cookbooks

Parish Cook Books

Now \$10

Available in the Parish Office

School News

Wednesday September 26: 2:15 dismissal

Thursday, September 27: 9:00AM, Para-Liturgy

Grades 1&2, Church

Friday September 28: Children's theater **CANCELLED**

Sunday, September 30: VIRTUS training at St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center. Call the school office if you plan to attend and have not registered.

Monday, October 1: 7:00PM, Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by FSA



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).

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 this offer.**

Stewardship "If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?"

God entrusts each of us with unique gifts and talents, so that we can make a contribution to God's work here on earth. If we do not use our gifts in the way that God intended we betray the trust God placed in us. When we do share our gifts we feel the joy that comes from making our unique contribution. Giving doesn't hurt. It feels great!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Child Care

Child care is needed during the English as a Second Language classes Thursday mornings at 10:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) if you can help.

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.

Social Concerns Report

Through the first 8 months of 2007, the Social Concerns has dispersed \$25,938 to at least 23 different agencies. This has been through the generosity of your donations in the monthly black bag collections. The Committee and our community thank you.

Your Financial Stewardship

September 2 contribution	\$ 15,385
Fiscal YTD	\$ 201,689
Budget YTD	\$ 218,604
September 16 Building Fund	5,108

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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I have a friend who wanted to be a police officer. Part of the application process involved his participating in a written and psychological battery of questions. The pattern of the questions was such that they would repeat themselves every 10 or so, only in different form; the reason for this was to see if the applicant was consistent in his or her responses. In my friend's case, only three of 35 applicants were found to be honest enough to continue.

Are you a faithful steward of all that God has given you? We would do well to remember that our gifts are not necessarily our material possessions. Many are given the gifts of compassion, honesty, selflessness and generosity. If our hearts are truly filled with the love of God, we will give freely when we can to whomever we can, whether we share our materials possessions, our talents, or our time.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Gospel of the Beatitudes inspired and continues to maintain the church's tradition of love for the poor. (CCC 2444) In fact, we should be motivated to work in order to help the poor, not only to relieve physical poverty, but also to relieve cultural and religious poverty. When called to account for our earthly responsibilities, how will we honestly answer?

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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. Apostolic Tradition and ecclesial traditions. Paragraph 83

The Tradition here in question comes from the apostles and hands on what they received from Jesus' teaching and example and what they learned from the Holy Spirit. The first generation of Christians did not yet have a written New Testament, and the New Testament itself demonstrates the process of living Tradition.

Tradition to be distinguished from the various theological disciplinary, liturgical, or devotional traditions, born in the local churches over time. These are the particular forms, adapted to different phases and times, in which the great Tradition is expressed. In the light of Tradition, these traditions can be retained, modified or even abandoned under the guidance of the Church's magisterium.

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.



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)

Tuesday, September 25

7:00AM: John & Judy Kleinschmidt

Wednesday, September 26

7:00AM: The Vonnahme Family

Thursday, September 27

7:00AM: Vic Ganske

Friday, September 28

7:00AM: Patricia Carroll

Saturday, September 29

5:00PM: Jo Newell

Sunday, September 30

8:30AM: Fred & Amelia Habing

10:30AM: Shirley Reece

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 23, 2007

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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