

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 7, 2007

27th 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

Preschool & Kindergarten

Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during the 10:30AM Mass. October dates 7 & 21

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM: October dates-8, 15 & 22

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM: October dates-10, 17 & 24

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

October 17: Regular Religious Education class, 7:00-8:30PM

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. 6:00PM-Midnight. Meet at Saint Cecilia Education Center. Join us for a hotdog roast, bonfire, haunted house and more. Cost TBA.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Confirmation: Sunday, October 14—Rite of Entrance at 10:30AM Mass followed by retreat with sponsors in the A/Y room.

Wednesday, October 17: Glory

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: October 8.

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: October 9.

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, December 6, 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.

Mark Your Calendars

The annual All Saints Party for parish families and their children will be held Friday, October 26, 5:30-7:00PM in the Education Center Multi-purpose room. Plan now to come dressed as your favorite Saint. Sponsored by Family Life Committee.



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.

**Blessing of Religious Items
Will Take Place in the Narthex
After all Masses
October 13 & 14**

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Committee will meet Sunday, October 7, 9:30AM in the St. Francis Room.

Parish Pot-luck Dinner, Tuesday, October 9, 6:00PM. Fried chicken, rolls, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a large side dish, salad or dessert to share. All parishioners are invited but those new to our parish are especially encouraged to attend.



Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is October 17. 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.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors will meet for lunch Sunday, October 21, 11:45 at Village Inn, 524 Lincoln Way.

Catholic Daughters

Meeting: Thursday, October 11, in the Adult/Youth room. Dinner at 6:00PM, Program by Sue Stanton with meeting to follow. Guests are welcome. Call Cheryl Carlile to make dinner reservations.

Mother-Daughter Breakfast: October 14, South Social Hall following the 8:30AM Mass.

Craft Workshops: Monday, October 8, 9:00AM, 1:00PM & 7:00PM at the home of Peggy Jacobson, 2732 Thompson Drive. Call 232-0431 with questions.

Interfaith Meeting for Catholics, Muslims and Jews October 21, 2:00-4:00PM, 3721 Calhoun Avenue at the Ames Jewish Congregation. If you need information or a ride, contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762. New members from Saint Cecilia are always welcome. Join us for dialog and fellowship.

Rosary

Please join in praying the rosary on Saturday, October 13, 2007, the 90th anniversary of the miracle of the sun Fatima, Portugal. The miracle was witnessed by 70,000 people and all the popes since that time have recognized the miracle as authentic. Meet on church property at the corner of 30th and Hoover Streets. at 12 noon when all 4 mysteries (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious) will be prayed.



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School News

Monday, October 8: NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 11: Mass, 9:00AM, Grades 2 & 5

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, October 10-15 for grades 2-5



Pilgrimage to Poland, May 2008

Join Fr. Nienhaus from May 5 – 12. Seven days six nights in Krakow. 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. An optional Post Tour is also available to Prague, Czech Republic (May 12 – 16).

SCCW Celebrates 75 Years

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will celebrate its 75th Birthday at the biennial General Assembly Day at St. Francis Xavier Basilica in Dyersville, Saturday, October 27. The day will include Mass with Archbishop Jerome Hanus, and the Deaconate Ordination of seminarian Rodney Allers. Rosslind Moss from Catholic Answers will give two talks. A morning layette collection, lunch, silent auction and display of ACCW works and projects will also take place. Early registration (by October 9) is \$25. All women and men of the Archdiocese are invited to the celebration. Contact Ann Dietrichat at 563-923-5415 or lorann@iowatelecom.net for registration information.

American Martyrs Retreat House—Cedar Falls

October 26-28: Women & Catholic Daughters with Fr. Pat Geary as Retreat Master. One time offer: new retreatant may pay half price. Call Priscilla Matt at 232-7688.

November 2-4: Knights of Columbus with retired Archbishop Daniel Kucera as Retreat Master. Suggested Offering \$105. Call Dick Matt at 232-7688.



At St. Thomas Aquinas

Faithful Citizenship:

Action for the Common Good

The St. Thomas branch of A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) will host four sessions about what it means to be a faithful citizen within the context of Catholic social teaching. The second session, *Exploring the Dignity of the Human Person* will take place Monday, October 8, 7-8:30PM in the lower lounge at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information about this session of AMOS contact Chris Rehmann at rehmann@isumet.net.



Busson Photographers have scheduled an additional day, Monday, October 8.

If you have not had your portrait taken for the Pictorial Directory, you may call the parish office after 10:00AM, Monday to see if there is a time slot available between 2:30 & 9:00PM.

Stewardship: When will I have given enough of my income, my time, my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Child Care

Child care is needed during the English as a Second Language classes Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) if you can help.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in the Ames area. There are currently two openings: the first Friday and the second Saturday of each month. Time commitment is about one hour per month. For more information please contact Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

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.

The Saint Cecilia Family School Association

has established two ways that people can help the Sillman family. Sign up to take a meal at www.stcomes.com and click on the FSA link. There is also a SCRIP drive to help the family. Call the school office at 232-5290 for details.

Fall 3-in 1 Appeal.

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.

**Parish Cook Books
available in the Parish Office— \$10**

Your Financial Stewardship

September 30 contribution	\$ 16,761
Fiscal YTD	\$ 233,364
Budget YTD	\$ 255,038
September 30, Building Fund	\$ 13,024

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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Many of us have experienced the old cliché about eating at a restaurant, and when we need something our waiter is nowhere to be found. We flag down another waiter and give him our request, only to be told, "Sorry, not my table." Why is it that we remember those experiences, but too quickly forget the waiter who quickly offered his assistance without expectation of a tip? Perhaps because he was just doing a good job?

The parable of the faithful servant in today's reading from Luke reminds us that if we truly recognize the love of God in our hearts, then we will be able to serve others in need without expectation of thanks or reward. God, in the same way, asks us to love one another as faithful servants and to rest assured that we will be rewarded one day in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that through the Beatitudes, we can always be reminded of God's covenant with us, a promise of a heavenly reward in return for a faith-filled life. (CCC 1717) They are clear that this life at times may be quite challenging and even painful when lived in the light of Christ, but each Beatitude is a promise to comfort us and remind us that God is with us now and forever.

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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. III THE INTERPRETATION OF THE HERITAGE OF FAITH The Magisterium of the Church

"The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ." This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

COMMUNITY

You Are Invited to attend a Blessing and Open House for the Matthew 25 House Inc., 330 South 2nd Street, Sunday, October 28, 1-3:00PM. Please come, tour the house, meet the residents and participate in the blessing ceremony at 2:00PM. The Matthew 25 House Inc. is a sponsored activity of the Social Concerns Committee. Come see your Good Samaritan donations at work.

Good Neighbor Fundraiser

The annual Lucullan's fundraiser will be held Tuesday, October 16, Social time, 5:30PM, meal at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 is tax deductible) and may be purchased from Mary Ross (232-5080). Come for fellowship, a meal served family style and to learn more about the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance program. If you are unable to attend, your donation will be graciously accepted.

Monsignor Edgar Kurt, pastor at Saint Cecilia Parish from 1973-1977 passed away last week in Dubuque. He was born in rural Bellevue in 1914 and ordained in 1941. Please remember him in your prayers. Anyone wishing to give a memorial may send it to Saint Cecilia designated "Msgr. Kurt Memorial" and it will be forwarded.

Please remember in your prayers:

JOHN ELBERT, & CAROLYN MARRUJO de O'HARA, 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, October 6

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, October 7

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, October 9

7:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt

Wednesday, October 10

7:00AM: Jack Gibbons (Birthday)

Thursday, October 11

7:00AM: Rose Marie Amtower

9:00AM: Ruth Bremer

Friday, October 12

7:00AM: Fred Swank

Saturday, October 13

5:00PM: Donna Finnegan

Sunday, October 14

8:30AM: Frank Pershem

10:30AM: Mary O'Berg

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.

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciaplayerchain@gmail.com

Birthright,

108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414

Free Pregnancy tests & counseling

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2007

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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