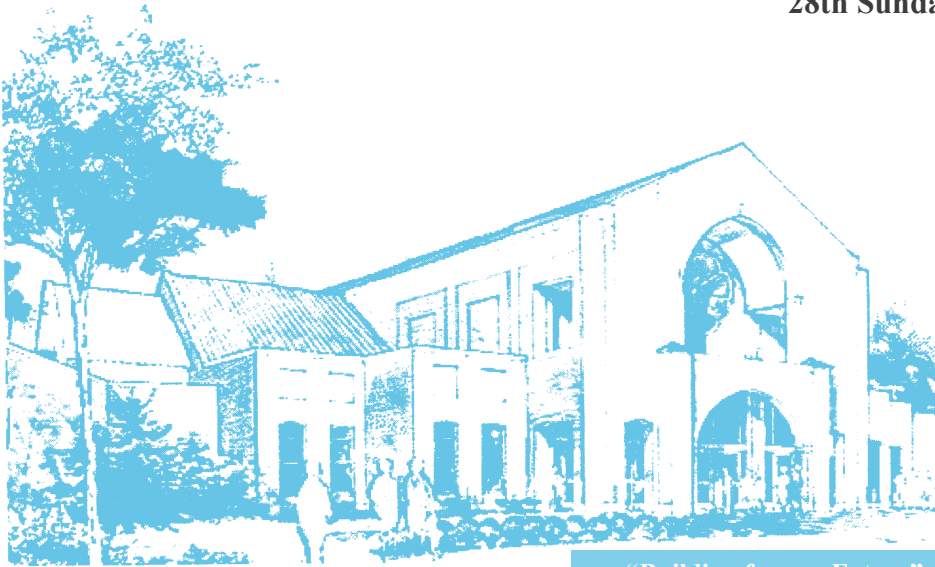


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 14, 2007

28th 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

Preschool & Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM: October dates- 15 & 22
Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM: October dates- 17 & 24

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

October 17: Regular Religious Education class, 7:00-8:30PM
October 27: Halloween Lock-in. 6:00PM-Midnight. Meet at Saint Cecilia Education Center. Join us for a hotdog roast/bonfire, lunar mini-golf, and a haunted house. Cost is \$25. Call the Religious Education office by October 19 to register. Must have attended one YIKES activity this year and year and wear a YIKES t-shirt. Join us—it will be a blast.
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 15.

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 16.

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

Domestic Abuse Fundraiser

Members of Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women will collect money for domestic abuse victims after all Masses on October 20 & 21. Please be generous.

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, October 15, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room Library. All are welcome to attend.

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; ham-

burger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; laundry detergent; and disposable diapers.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, October 16, 9:30AM at the home of Bea Gibbons. Please call 233-1393 if you are interested in making rosaries.

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. Call Pat Rood for reservations at 232-3594.

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.

Living With Grief: A community of support where you will find others who have experienced the death of someone loved. Meetings will be held the first and third Thursday of each month beginning October 18, 6:30-8:30PM in the Rose Room at Northcrest Community, 1801 20th Street. Bonnie Riphagen of Homeward Hospice and Pastor Wight-Hoogheem of Bethesda Lutheran Church will facilitate.

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

School News

ITBS Testing: Grades 2-5

Thursday, October 18: 9:00AM, Paraliturgy for grades 1 & 2.



One Student at a Time

Thousands of students and their families in the Archdiocese of Dubuque desire an education rich in faith formation and academic excellence. Students and their families desire an education in a Catholic school where they can worship, be part of a community and reach out to those in need. With your support, students and their families may receive such an opportunity no matter their socio-economic situation. As a taxpayer you can contribute to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization*. By doing so you will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your gift and the entire donation qualifies for Federal income tax deductibility. Act now. This is an outstanding way to make a difference in the life of a child. For more information, or to download a donor application visit www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us and click, on the School Tuition Organization icon. Educate yourself on this outstanding opportunity and then help us educate Catholic school students-one student at a time.

Matthew 25 House

Saint Cecilia parishioners and the Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a local social justice outreach program for men incarcerated in Iowa. It helps integrate them into a local church and the Ames community.

Four men, one of whom is a Catholic, will live in the house at 330 South 2nd street for 12 months. A Resident Director will conduct daily bible studies and oversee the house operation. The director will then reach out to these troubled brothers and point them to a new life with Jesus. Other participating churches are St John's Episcopal Church and Evangelical Free Church.

An open house and a special House Blessing will be held on Sunday, October 28, 1:00-3:00PM. All are invited.



Photography is finished for the Pictorial Directory. If you were unable to schedule a time to have your portrait taken it is not too late to submit a photo for the directory. You may use a digital picture or submit another portrait as long as you have the permission of the photographer/company. The cost is \$6, Pictures must be submitted by Friday, October 19. Call Therese at the parish office for details.

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.

Stewardship: Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank him.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

File Cabinet Wanted

The parish office is in need of a fire proof file cabinet. Four drawer preferred but two drawer accepted. If you have one to donate or know where one could be purchased inexpensively, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

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.

English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Volunteers are needed (especially in the morning session) to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary because the students merely need some conversational practice. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Ordination

Ron Smith is one of ten men to be ordained at the Mass of Ordination to be held, Saturday, October 20, 11:00AM at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque with Archbishop Jerone Hanus presiding. The Mass is open to the public. If you wish to attend and would like to carpool, call the parish office at 233-3092.

Deacon Ron will assist for the first time at Masses of Thanksgiving to be celebrated at the 5:00PM, 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses on November 3 & 4. Receptions will be held in the Social Hall following each Mass. All are cordially invited to attend.

Your Financial Stewardship

October 7, contribution	\$ 27,610
Fiscal YTD	\$ 260,974
Budget YTD	\$ 273,255
September 30, Building Fund	\$ 14,026

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 am often amazed at Mass when dozens of people receive the Holy Eucharist and instead of returning to their pews, they make a beeline for the door, off to something or someplace they've deemed more important. The pastor's face says it all: What could be more important to God than taking that little bit of extra time to kneel back down and give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ?

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke reminds us that gratitude is not just a response to a gift; rather, gratitude can lead to much greater things. It opens the heart to charity and tolerance, among many other things. True thankfulness for our gifts leads us to be willing to share those gifts with others and allows us to dismiss the barriers which prevent us from loving one another. Our gratitude and compassion - love - becomes our way of life.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that because Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. (CCC 1418) Such adoration is an expression of gratitude and love. The body and blood of Christ was given up in exchange for our sins. As the hymn says, no greater love is there than this. Take that extra few moments today and give thanks, not just for your gifts but for the ultimate gift of God's love.

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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

"Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its divine servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it. At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication, and expounds it faithfully. All that it proposes for belief as being divinely revealed is drawn from this single deposit of faith."

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 third session, **Exploring Solidarity and the Option for the Poor** will take place Monday, October 15, 7-8:30PM in the lower lounge at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information about this session of AMOS contact Chris Rehmann at rehmann@isunet.net.

Information Sought

The weekend of October 5-7 there was a small fire in the girls restroom adjacent to the Education Center Multi-purpose room. The Ames Police Department was contacted. The fire did not cause damage but an investigation is underway. Please contact Jerry Greving at 233-3092 if you have any information about the origin of the fire.

Please remember in your prayers:

MARGARET HEINTZ who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 13

5:00PM: Donna Finnegan

Sunday, October 14

8:30AM: Frank Pershern

10:30AM: Mary O'Berg

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, October 16

7:00AM: Tommy & Elizabeth Costello

Wednesday, October 17

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Thursday, October 18

7:00AM: Bernadane Quinn

Friday, October 19

7:00AM: Deceased members of the
Judge Family

Saturday, October 20

5:00PM: Eugene Finnegan

Sunday, October 21

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Bob Best

5:00PM: Fran Livingston
(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

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite)

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2007

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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