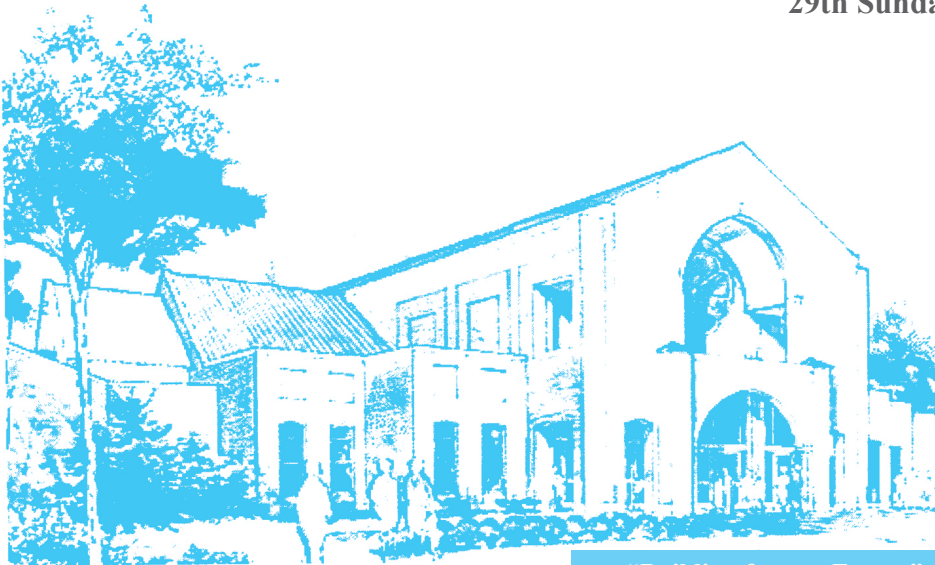


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 21, 2007

29th 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: 21

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM: October date-22

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

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

October 27: Halloween Lock-in. 6:00PM-Midnight. Meet at Saint Cecilia Education Center. Join us for a hotdog roast/bonfire, and a haunted house. Cost is \$20. Call the Religious Education office by **October 22 to register**. Must have attended one YIKES activity this year and wear a YIKES t-shirt. Join us—it will be a blast.

Wednesday, November 14: 7:00-9:00PM. Regular YIKES night in the Multi-purpose room. Come for friendship and faith building.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Sunday, November 4: 5-7:30PM Sacrament preparation, A/Y room.

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 22.

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 23.

RCIA

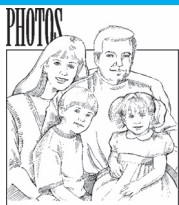
For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

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.

Directory Pictures

If you were unable to schedule a time to have your portrait taken for the directory, Busson Photography has agreed to return on December 3 and possibly December 4 (if December 3 appointments fill). Pictures will be taken from 2:30-9:00PM. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses October 27/28. You may also call the parish office (233-3092) beginning October 22 to schedule an appointment. We would like as many individuals/families as possible in the directory so please participate if you can.



Now being taken for the Church Directory

Holy Day Mass Times

All Saints Day

Wednesday, October 31, 5:30PM

Thursday, November 1, 7:00AM & 9:00AM

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, October 23, in the South Social Hall for a potluck lunch. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Plan to eat at noon. Anne Schmidt of Stevens Memorial Chapel will present a program, **Planning Ahead For All the Right Reasons.**



POTLUCK

All Saints Day Family Party

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. Games & prizes. Pizza will be served. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is November 7. 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.

Questions and Answers About Annulments

October 25, 7:30PM in the Social Hall. Sr. Maureen McPartland, O.P., J.C.L. a judge on the Metropolitan Tribunal will conduct an open question and answer session for all who are interested.

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass Friday, November 2, 7:30PM

November is the month set aside for remembering the dead and praying for them. Those in the parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. There will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle for their deceased loved ones no matter how long ago they died. All of us who are part of the communion of saints on earth join in prayers with the saints in heaven.

Support the Iraqi Women Project November 2, 5:00-8:00PM

Worldly Goods store on Main Street will donate 20% of sales during this time toward the building of a kitchen in the church basement of Fr. Haddad's church in Amman, Jordan. Iraqi Catholic women and children have fled to Jordan for safe haven and many are without income. The construction of the kitchen will enable them to become self-sufficient along with providing help in dealing with the trauma of war.

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

School News

Thursday, October 25: 9:00AM Mass
Grades 3 & 5

Fundraiser delivery in the Social Hall

Friday, October 26: End of 1st quarter



Saint Cecilia Preschool is looking for a "gently used Rubbermaid storage unit to store playground toys...and is also looking for a couple of "gently used" tricycles. If you can donate these items, please call the school at 232-5290 and leave a message for Mrs. Wirth.

Invest in Your Community

A proud past; a promising future. A Catholic school fosters the education of the whole child: mind, body and spirit. The Archdiocese of Dubuque and our parish believes that every family should have the choice of selecting a Catholic school regardless of their socio-economic situation. With your support, we will secure that right for every family-one student at a time. Make your contribution to the **Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization**, by December 31, 2007 and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of the donation. Any amount contributed also qualifies as a charitable deduction for federal income taxes as well. We guarantee that at least 90% of each gift will go directly to support qualifying families in the Archdiocese of Dubuque in sending their children to a Catholic school. Download a donor application at www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us or call 563-556-2580, ext. 307.

Matthew 25 House

An open house and a special House Blessing will be held on Sunday, October 28, 1:00-3:00PM at 330 South 2nd Street. All are invited.

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 churches and the Ames community. Other participating churches are St John's Episcopal Church and Evangelical Free Church.

Items needed (new or used) include a snow shovel, snow blower, an answering machine, a large clock and a set of encyclopedia. Please call John Severson at 232-2195 if you can donate items.

Community

The Annual Good Neighbor Mass Concert will be held at Collegiate Presbyterian Church, November 4, 3:00PM. Church choirs throughout Ames dedicate many hours of preparation for this worthy cause. Free will donations accepted. Good Neighbor, of which Saint Cecilia parish is a member, provides emergency rent, utility, and food assistance to our neighbors in need in Story County.

Fall Festival, St. Mary Parish, Williams, Iowa
Sunday, November 4, serving, chicken & homemade noodles, meat loaf, real mashed potatoes, corn, salad, pie and beverage. Adults, \$7; children 4-12, \$4; 3 and under, free. A variety of homemade crafts and baked goods for sale. Raffle prizes.

Stewardship: Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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

Congratulations to Ron Smith, one of ten men ordained to the Deaconate, October 20. 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 14, contribution	\$ 15,381
Fiscal YTD	\$ 276,355
Budget YTD	\$ 291,472
October 14, Building Fund	\$ 1,086

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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The movie "The Pursuit of Happiness" portrays the true-life story of Chris Gardner. Despite suffering many setbacks, Chris never lost sight of his dream of providing a better life for himself and his son. His perseverance and faith kept him looking forward to the goal; he had a responsibility to his son and to himself, and not even homelessness could move his eyes from that goal. He endured, and today gives all of his thanks to God.

Some people mistake perseverance with stubbornness. Jesus' parable of the poor widow who persistently sought justice from a judge teaches us that above all things, we must persevere in our faith. Just as she lived most of her life enduring an injustice before she was rewarded, we must also return day after day, hour after hour to the belief that God is with us and will welcome us into his arms on that last day.

Jesus Christ, from God, gave us the Our Father, containing seven petitions. The fourth petition, "Give us this day our daily bread?" refers not only to the food we need daily to survive, but also refers to the Bread of Life needed to sustain our faith. (CCC 2861) Through this petition, we seek all that we need to find true joy and contentment in our lives. We only need to ask, and we will receive. We can persevere!

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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, paragraph 87

Mindful of Christ's words to his apostles: "He who hears you, hears me," the faithful receive with docility the teachings and directives that their pastors give them in different forms.

At St. Thomas Aquinas

Faithful Citizenship:

Action for the Common Good (AMOS)

The third session about what it means to be a faithful citizen within the context of Catholic social teaching, **Bring it all Home: Opportunities for Local Action** will take place Monday, October 22, 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.

African Children's Choir, Friday, November 9, 7:00PM

The choir is composed of 26 children ages 7-12 many of whom have lost one or both parents to extreme poverty or AIDS. The program features well loved children's songs, hand clapping, traditional spirituals and contemporary tunes. The primary goal of the concert is to raise awareness of the need of destitute and orphaned children in Africa—a video and presentation about the work of the choir is included. A free will offering will be taken.

St. Thomas Church and Student Center, as part of its 60th Anniversary, feels blessed to share this experience with you and we hope that you can join us for this celebration of song, joy and hope. Visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com/ for more information

Please remember in your prayers:

BROTHER DON HART, who recently passed away. Brother Don was a pastoral associate at Saint Cecilia from 1988-1992. 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, October 23

7:00AM: Susan Tstronis

Wednesday, October 24

7:00AM: Ed & Marcella Noethe

Thursday, October 25

7:00AM: Stanus & Lena Martin

9:00AM: Anne Katherine Keppel

Friday, October 26

7:00AM: Charlie Walsh

Saturday, October 27

5:00PM: Edward & Buelah Lukes

Sunday, October 28

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Harry Svec

5:00PM: Joseph Uthe
(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: stceciliapraychain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2007

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/
Lk 18:9-14