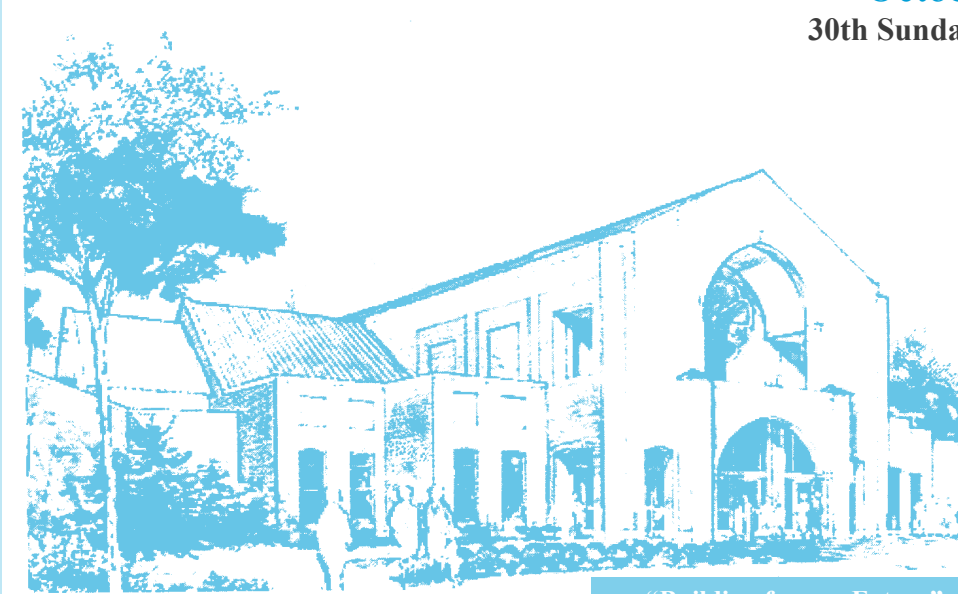


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

October 28, 2007
30th 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. November dates: 7 & 21.

Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM— November class dates: 5, 12, 26

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — November class dates: 7, 14, 28

First Reconciliation Preparation: Parent Meetings

- **Monday, November 12, 6:15PM**
- **Wednesday, November 14, 4:00PM**

All parents of children in First Reconciliation preparation are expected to attend **ONE** of these meetings in the Social Hall

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES

Classes **Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM** — November dates: 7, 14, 28

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

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

9th Grade Class: November 7, 7-8:15PM, Social Hall

Junior/Senior Bible Study: November 4, 11:30AM, St. Clare Room

Glory: November 21, 7-9PM, Social Hall

Please pray for the NCYC participants on their trip to Columbus, November 8-11: Adam Halbur, Katlin Clancy, Kali Short & Mark Gilarski.

High school parents: Please continue to register your ninth through twelfth graders! **Only registered ninth graders will be eligible for Confirmation next year.**

Advent Mini-Retreat: December 8. Come decorate for Christmas and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception! Cost: \$15 (includes Purity Ring!) 5 Worship Hours for Freshmen & Sophomores. Sign up this week in the R.E. 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: October 29.

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 30.

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.

Holy Day Mass Times

All Saints Day

Wednesday, October 31, 5:30PM

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

Clergy Appreciation Day is in October. Please let Fr. Nienhaus and all of the Deacons know how much we appreciate all that they do for our parish.



MEETINGS/EVENTS

Parish Fundraiser Breakfast

Following the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses This Weekend

Enjoy authentic Mexican egg casseroles and other delectable home made sweets. Breakfast sponsored by Catholic Family Missions, Conquest Boy's Club and Challenge Girl's club. Free will donations will help fund a Family Mission Trip to be undertaken by a number of Saint Cecilia families planning to serve the Mayan Indians this spring.

St Gerard's Circle will meet Thursday, November 1, 7:00PM at the home of Nancy Habing, 2220 Hayes Ave. We will be making Christmas decorations for the residents of The Abington On Grand. If you would like to attend a meeting, or if you need a ride, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

St. Mary Circle will meet Thursday, November 1, 1:30PM in the A/Y room. Program: *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate* by Beth Fleming of Story County Extension. Guests are welcome.

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.

Deacon Masses of Thanksgiving & Reception

Congratulations to Ron Smith, who was ordained to the Diaconate, October 20. Deacon Ron will assist 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.

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.

School News

Monday, October 29: 9:00AM—Children's Theater



Thursday, November 1: 9:00AM—All School Mass
Tuesday, November 6 to Thursday, November 8: Parent Teacher Conferences with early dismissal at 1:30PM
Friday, November 9: NO SCHOOL

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.

Be Part of the Success

In 2006, its first year of existence, the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* raised \$1.414 million dollars. Of that money collected, \$1.387 million was distributed to 2869 students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Donors to the program received tax credit totaling \$922,431 and the satisfaction of knowing that 98% of the money contributed went directly to assist qualifying families realize their dream of a Catholic education for their children. This year, the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* is able to raise a maximum of \$2.66 million by December 31, 2007. This money will once again be used to assist qualifying families who send their children to a Catholic school next school year. Be part of something this rewarding by downloading a donor application at www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us or call 563-556-2580, ext. 307.

Living With Grief: A community of support where you will find others who have experienced the death of someone loved. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:30PM in the Rose Room of Northcrest Community, 1801 20th Street.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers for Shut-Ins Needed

Please call Julie Haas (232-7138) if you would like to help with this rewarding ministry.

The 7th Annual Chain of Life, Wednesday, October 31, 11:30AM-12:30PM on central campus sidewalk between Beardshear and Curtiss Halls. Signs provided. Please come stand and give witness to the many lives that have been taken by all elements of the culture of death. Sponsored by ISU Students For Life.

Honoring Those Who Serve in the Military

Please send, email or call the parish office with names of those serving in the military for acknowledgement November 11. Please list branch of service, and indicate if they are serving in Iraq. If you sent names for publication last summer, you do not need to send them again but please call with updates if there have been any changes.

Stewardship:

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

Stewardship Group

A small group of people is meeting on the first Thursday of each month as part of an effort to improve their understanding, appreciation, and practice of stewardship. They welcome additional participants. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

Community

Holiday Shopping Night to Support

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.

Come do your Christmas shopping early and let it help women across the world! For more information contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762.

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.



World Community Day

Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day at 9AM on Friday, November 2 at Unity Church of Ames, 226 9th Street (corner of 9th and Kellogg). The theme of this year's worship service "Embracing Justice Under God's Tent" will address issues of immigration and homelessness. For further information, call 233-1613. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd's 18th Annual Election Night Chili and Chicken Noodle Supper

Tuesday, November 6, from 5-7PM at the Good Shepherd Education Center, 694 Decker Street, Jewell. All the soup you can eat, homemade pies and relishes. Adults—\$6; children 5 and under—\$3.

Your Financial Stewardship

October 21, contribution	\$ 19,604
Fiscal YTD	\$ 295,959
Budget YTD	\$ 309,689
October 21, Building Fund	\$ 1,563

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).

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading from Luke describes a self-righteous man who thinks he is praying because he can list all of the good things he does, and also because he is not like a sinner such as that tax collector. The tax collector, however, knows he has sinned and only asks for God's forgiveness. Where do we stand when we pray? Do we try to justify ourselves, or ask for forgiveness?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, prayer is at once a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. (CCC 2725) It is not a means of making ourselves feel better by our accomplishments or an attempt to make God grateful we aren't like other less faithful people. It is not a habit but rather something we should want and need to do often; prayer is our way of staying in union with God's love, of asking for forgiveness and giving thanks.

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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 dogmas of the faith, paragraph 88

The Church's Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes truths contained in divine Revelation or having a necessary connection with them, in a form obliging the Christian people to an irrevocable adherence of faith.

Directory Pictures



Now being taken for the Church Directory

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) to schedule an appointment. We would like as many individuals/families as possible in the directory so please participate if you can.

At St. Thomas Aquinas

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.

Please remember in your prayers:

MARCELLA STRITZEL, mother of Steve Stritzel & Mary Ann Holland & **ANNETTE HOMER** 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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Tuesday, October 30

7:00AM: Thomas O'Boyle

Wednesday, October 31

7:00AM: Fred Swank

5:30PM: Arnold Winslow

Thursday, November 1

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

9:00AM: Alfred Siepker

Friday, November 2

7:30PM: All Soul's

Saturday, November 3

8:30AM: Magdalen Walsh

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, November 4

8:30AM: Ethel & Pete Grise

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

5:00PM: John Elbert

(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 28, 2007

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/
Lk 19:1-10