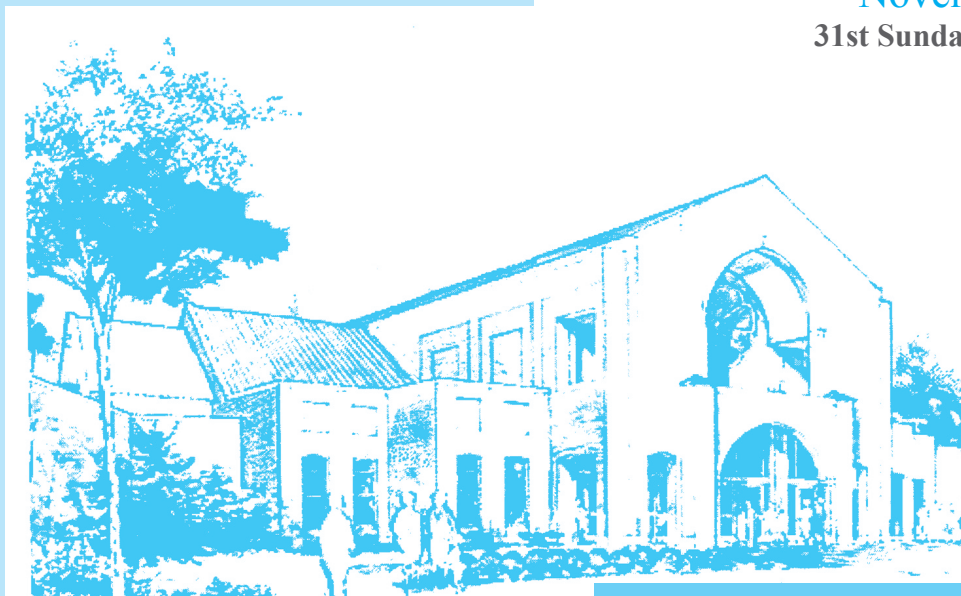


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 4, 2007  
31st Sunday in Ordinary time



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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: 4 & 18.

### 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](http://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. Retreat, November 16-18.

**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](http://www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth)

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: November 5

**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: November 6.

### 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.

## Fundraiser Breakfast

Following the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses,  
November 11

Enjoy pancakes, egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, and fruit. 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. Thanks to all who support the fundraiser.



## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, November 8, in the A/Y Room. Dinner served at 6:00PM. A program about Martha & Gatkek's Habitat House and a business meeting will follow. Guests welcome. Call Rose Warren at 232-7600 to make dinner reservations.

### Father & Son Retreat

ConQuest Catholic boys leadership club is hosting a father and son (ages 9-14) retreat the weekend of November 17/18 in Indianola. Activities include daily Mass, sporting events, talks, recreation and prayer. This is a great opportunity for fathers and sons to spend time with other men and boys who share the same Catholic faith. For more information, call or e-mail Bud Montang: 292-5086 or [cmontang@msn.com](mailto:cmontang@msn.com)

**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](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net). All are welcome to attend.

### The Advent/Christmas

**Arts & Environment Committee** will meet Thursday, November 8, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room.

**Saint Cecilia Choir** will practice Saturday, November 10, 9:00-10:30AM in the Music Room. The choir is currently preparing for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 21 as well as the Advent/Christmas season. New members always welcome. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated. Call Bob at 233-3092 if interested.

### Note from the pastor:

We want to thank Deacon Ron Smith for answering the call to serve the Church as Deacon. May God pour out His many Blessings upon Deacon Ron and his family as he begins the Ministry of Deacon assigned to liturgical, charitable and pastoral ministry in our wonderful parish.

In conjunction with Deacon Ron's ordination to the Diaconate, the parish, through the generosity of Phil and Rita Baumel, purchased a matching set of green vestments to be worn by the Priest and Deacon at official Church Liturgical functions. We look forward to Deacon Ron serving as deacon in our parish.



## School News

**November 6—November 8:** Parent Teacher Conferences with early dismissal at 1:30PM



**Friday, November 9:** NO SCHOOL

### Your Gift is Working

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque make a difference: be part of the success. Make your contribution today to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization. Your gift will be used to support qualifying families to afford a catholic education. Your gift will give you not only the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a family, but will also qualify for a federal income tax deduction. In addition, your gift will also give you an Iowa income tax credit equal to 65% of your gift. Don't wait—thousands of students are counting on your support to continue attending the school of their choice in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Visit [www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us) or call 563-556-2580, ext. 307 to get an application.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you Saint Cecilia Parish for your wonderful response to Sign-up Weekend and your support of Eucharistic Adoration. Thirty nine new adorers have been added to the schedule including 17 in the afternoon hours. Follow-up calls and orientations have been completed. New adorers are always welcome because of the number of adorers who move or whose circumstances change. Adorers are still needed for the nighttime hours: Thursday—1:00AM & 2:00AM; Saturday—1:00AM. If you would like one of these hours, either weekly or once or twice a month, or if you signed up but have not been contacted, please call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267.

### Seven-Day Pilgrimage to Catholic Poland

**May 5– May 12, 2008**

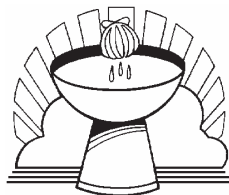
**“With an Optional Post Tour to Prague, Czech Republic” (May 12-16, 2008)**

**\$2,499 per person based on double occupancy**  
Six nights at the 4 star Hotel Atrium in Krakow  
Breakfast and Dinner included on a daily basis

For more information or to request a brochure contact:

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus 515-233-3069 or  
Sail Aweigh Travel-Ames, Iowa 515-233-5203

## Baptisms



**Dillan Nicole**, daughter of Eric & Allison Cochren  
**Jackson David**, son of Justin & Natalie Kepley  
**Blake Joseph**, son of Brett & Autumn Krogman  
**David Minh Nhat**, son of Huy Nguyen & Huong Tran  
**Ella Kathryn**, daughter of Todd & Stephanie Strudthoff  
**Kaitlyn**, daughter of Bruno and Alissa Zugay

**Stewardship:** Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Eucharistic Ministers for Shut-Ins Needed

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

### 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. Names must be received by Monday, November 5. 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.

### Do You Feel Called to be a Deacon?

The office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. Everyone is invited to attend an Informational Meeting, November 8, 7:00PM in Webster City at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

### Welcome Ministry (Greeters)

If you are interested in welcoming parishioners and visitors to Saint Cecilia Parish before weekend Masses, please call the parish office (233-3092) to volunteer. Individuals and families welcome. You would be scheduled for one Mass per month.

### Altar Server Training

Youth 5th Grade and older may consider an altar serving ministry. Training sessions will be held in the Church. Please choose **ONE** of the following sessions for training:  
Monday, November 12: 7:30-8:30PM  
Tuesday, November 13: 3:30-4:30PM  
Wednesday, November 14: 5:15PM-6:15PM  
Thursday, November 15: 3:30PM-4:30PM  
**Please return the registration form that you received from school/ Religious Education or call Bob Hauser at 233-3092 to sign-up.**

## At St. Thomas Aquinas

**African Children's Choir**

**Friday, November 9, 7:00PM**

**Free-will donation**

### Your Financial Stewardship

October 28, contribution	\$ 11,296
Fiscal YTD	\$ 307,255
Budget YTD	\$ 327,906
October 28, Building Fund	\$ 2,322

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).



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

If your house is like mine, many hours if not days are spent by my loving wife preparing for a family gathering. The vacuuming, the dusting, the shopping, the food preparation, and everything else connected take a great deal of her time and effort. Though often no one will comment on how nice the preparation is, I notice how she has prepared a comfortable, loving environment for everyone.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, we hear the story of how Jesus chose a sinner such as Zacchaeus to share his evening meal at this tax collector's home. Considered a sinner by others, Zacchaeus immediately recognized that he needed to make restitution for his past. By opening his home to share a meal with Jesus, he was making room and preparing his heart for accepting the love of the Lord.

What is a virtue? As we are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of themselves. (CCC 1803) Zacchaeus, despite a life of sin, found virtue simply by allowing himself to live in the loving arms of the Lord. Every minute of every day, we are given that same opportunity. It is never too late to prepare ourselves and our hearts for the greatest loving environment of all!

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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 89

There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith.

## Community & Area Churches

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

Tuesday, November 6, 5-7:00PM  
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.

### Sacred Heart Church Annual Bazaar

11th & Marshall Streets in Boone

**Sunday, November 11,**

Swiss Steak Dinner Served 11:00AM-1:00PM

Adults,—\$8.50; Children 12 & under—\$3.50

Home-made craft and baked goods sale starts at 8:30AM

## Directory Pictures

Time slots are still available on December 4. Call the Parish Office(233-3092) to schedule an appointment to have your portrait taken. We would like as many individuals/families as possible in the directory so please participate if you can.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 3

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)

### Tuesday, November 6

7:00AM: Betty Doran

### Wednesday, November 7

7:00AM: Bob & Mary Myers

### Thursday, November 8

7:00AM: Tom Remmes Family

### Friday, November 9

7:00AM: Gladys Wheelock

### Saturday, November 10

5:00PM: Ann Nostwich

### Sunday, November 11

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Lory Mullaly & Marian Putz

5:00PM: Patricia Spychaj

(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: [steciliapraychain@gmail.com](mailto:steciliapraychain@gmail.com)

## Readings for the Week of November 4, 2007

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10  
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/  
Jn 2:13-22  
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/  
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38