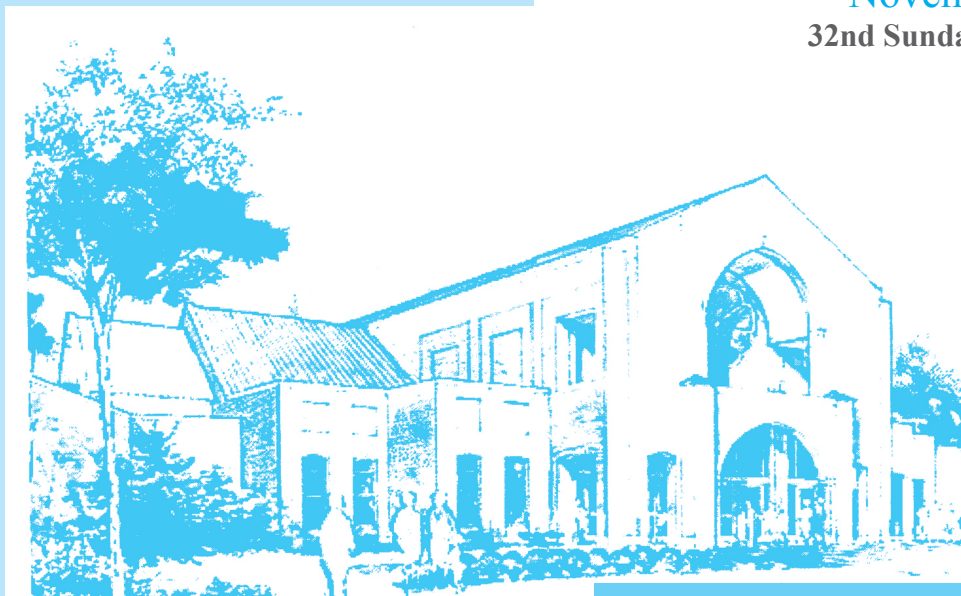


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 11, 2007
32nd 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 date: 18.

Grades 1-5

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

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — November class dates: 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. Meeting is for parents only. Children attend their regular class.

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM — November dates: 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: Retreat, Friday, November 16, 7:00PM to Sunday, November 18, 10:00AM. Parents, please meet the Candidates for the 10:30AM Liturgy.

Please continue to pray for the Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for their retreat.

9th Grade Class: November 28, 7:00-8:15PM

Junior/Senior Bible Study:

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

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: November 12

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 13.

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.

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MEETINGS/EVENTS

Fundraiser Breakfast

Following the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses,
This weekend

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 trip.

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



St. Anne Circle will meet Tuesday, November 13, 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. Fr. Nienhaus will speak. St. Anne Circle welcomes visitors and new members.

St. Gertrude Circle will meet Tuesday, November 13, 1:30PM in the St. Clare room.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers

& Single Seniors will meet Sunday, November 18, 11:45AM at Valentinos Restaurant on Wheeler St. Call Mary Wirth at 232-9462 for reservations and information.

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

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is November 21. 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 Choir will practice Saturday, November 17, 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.

Adult Education

Precepts of the Church—What are They?
November 14, 7:30PM, Social Hall
Presented by Deacon John McCully

School News

Thursday, November 15: 9:00AM
Grades 1 & 4, Paralyturgy

November 22/23: Thanksgiving Break



How Your Gift Works

A contribution of the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* works as follows: if an Iowa taxpayer contributes \$1,000 to the school tuition organization program in 2007, he/she will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to \$650. This \$650 tax credit reduces the individual's Iowa income tax liability by \$650. In other words, if this Iowa taxpayer owed \$2,000 in Iowa income tax and contributed \$1,000 to the School Tuition Organization, his/her tax liability would now be \$1,350 instead. If that same Iowa taxpayer itemizes his/her federal income tax he/she may deduct the \$1,000 gift as a charitable contribution on their 2007 tax return. In addition, to the tax advantage received, the contributor receives the satisfaction of knowing that at least 90% of the gift will go directly to support a qualifying student attending a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Visit www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us and click on the School Tuition Organization link or call 563-556-2580, ext. 307 to get an application.

Viva La Arc Casino Night

Saturday, November 17, 6:30-9:30PM

Saint Cecilia Social Hall

Tickets \$15 per person at the door

All are invited to a fun evening of casino games, good food and great prizes to benefit persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please join the Arc of Story County and the Knights of Columbus for this fun event.

Pray For Those Serving in the Military

Col. Michael Ravenhorst, Lt. Col. Robert Ravenhorst, Major Joel Ravenhorst, Lt. David Ravenhorst, T. Sgt. Paul Ravenhorst, nephews of Tom & Evelyn Thielen, **LCpl Joel E. Vulgamott**, son of Dennis & Lou Ann Vulgamott, **Adam Giroux**, son-in-law of Bob & Peggy Jacobson, **Brian Frees**, cousin of Joyce Sullivan, **Wes Vansickle**, neighbor of Karen Wagner, and **Darren & Sonya Larson**. Darren is the grandson of Rose Warren, Sonja is his wife. **Kurt Mueller & Christina Running** grandchildren of Beverly Finnegan, **Jamie Murken & Ian Murken** sons of Cheryl Murken and grandsons of Ann Rickert and **Mark Bullen**. Please remember these people and all others who are serving our country, especially those who are stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Remember, too, all veterans who have served our country in the past.



Heavenly Father on this day, help us remember those who give of themselves to keep us safe and secure. Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who serve their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who give and have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas. Let us never forget the bravery they have shown. May we be always mindful of those who pay the price for our freedom, just as your son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

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.

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.

Good Neighbor Fundraiser

Worldly Goods (223 Main Street) will have a special shopping night on Friday, November 23, 5:00-8:00PM. 20% of the sales will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. A Good Neighbor representative will be there (with cookies) to share information and take suggestions. Saint Cecilia is a member of Good Neighbor.

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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

This year the Ames Interfaith Thanksgiving service is being hosted by Saint Cecilia Parish, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00PM. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall. Representatives from different faith communities in Ames will participate. Donations of cash and canned goods will be collected. Make checks payable to Ames Interfaith Council; memo *Thanksgiving Eve*.

Your Financial Stewardship

November 4, contribution	\$ 22,745
Fiscal YTD	\$ 330,000
Budget YTD	\$ 346,123
November 4, Building Fund	\$ 9,598

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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In today's reading from Luke, Jesus is questioned by the Sadducees. They are convinced resurrection is impossible because they could only conceive of heaven in earthly terms. But Jesus is able to show that those who have gone before us in faith are resurrected in the love and friendship of God, such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. How much better it is to live in the anticipation of the Kingdom of Heaven!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains faith as the free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. (CCC 150) Pure faith in God differs from the trust and belief we give to other people. Our faith, a gift of grace, is facilitated by the Holy Spirit who moves us continually forward, enabling us to always know that what may seem like a blind curve ahead to others is truly our awaiting salvation.

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 90. The mutual connections between dogmas and their coherence, can be found in the whole of the Revelation of the Mystery of Christ. "In Catholic doctrine there exists an order of 'hierarchy' of truths, since they vary in their relation to the foundation of the Christian faith."

An Alternative Gift Market will be held in the Narthex after all Masses December 1 & 2. Give gifts with a conscience. Help needy families locally and far away with a wide selection of meaningful life-giving gifts. Shoppers can provide treatment for kids with cancer in Tanzania and East Africa, buy seedlings to reforest Haiti, provide medicines and nutritional supplements to war-torn Darfur. You may also provide support to victimized women at ACCESS or provide food for the hungry through Bethesda Community Food Pantry. Shoppers will receive an attractive card to send to the person on their shopping list telling them about the gift given in their honor. All donations are tax deductible. Shopping lists are available now with the Gift Market poster near the church entrance.

Bella, An Award Winning Movie, opened this weekend at the Fleur Theater (4545 Fleur Drive) in Des Moines. The movie is a rare engaging film that promotes adoption while it honors men. Help promote life by going to an incredible life changing film. Attend soon to keep this movie going.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Workers

A newly released documentary of the life of Dorothy Day, 20th century Catholic lay leader and social justice activist will be shown, Monday, November 12, 7:00PM. The film will be followed by discussion. Share your opinions and hear about a new Catholic Worker farm project in the Ames area. Questions? Call Alice McGary at 460-1467.

What is Restorative Justice? On Thursday, November 29, 7:00PM, a team from the Archdiocese will present information on: What is Restorative Justice? What has prompted the need for this initiative? How is a faith-based community involved? What are the benefits for victims, offenders, their community.

Directory Pictures

Due to the response, Busson Photography has added **December 10** as an additional day to have portraits taken. A few afternoon time slots remain for **December 4**. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) to schedule an appointment.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 10

5:00PM: Ann Nostwich

Sunday, November 11

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Lory Mulally & Marion Putz

5:00PM: Patricia Spychaj
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, November 13

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

Wednesday, November 14

7:00AM: Rose Marie Amtower

Thursday, November 15

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

Friday, November 16

7:00AM: Thomas Sutter

Saturday, November 17

5:00PM: Linus Putz & Lory Mullaly

Sunday, November 18

8:30AM: Knights of Columbus

10:30AM: Paul Dougherty

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.

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: stceciaplayerchain@gmail.com



Mary and I would like to thank Saint Cecilia Parish for a wonderful celebration of the Mass of Thanksgiving and receptions that followed. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue in God's ministry. You will be in our prayers.

Deacon Ron Smith

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2007

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19