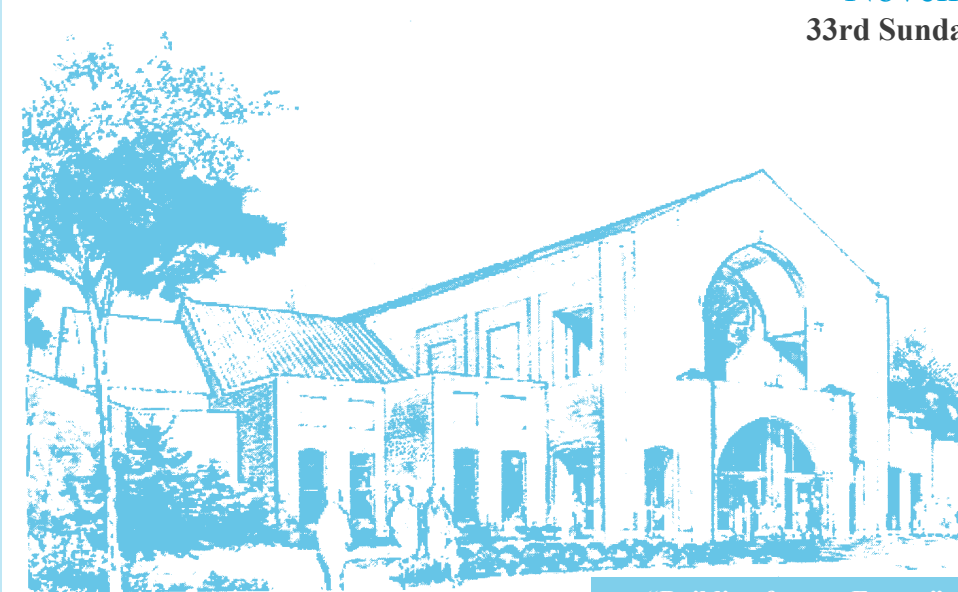


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 18, 2007  
33rd 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

## Thanksgiving Day

Dear Lord,  
on this Thanksgiving Day,  
please bring us not only good food and memories  
but help us remember that it is you we are thanking.  
When we enjoy our meal with our relatives,  
may we thank you, who brings all food from the earth.  
When we enjoy the company of relatives and friends,  
may we thank you, the source of all life and happiness.  
And when we pray our prayer of blessing,  
may our hearts be on you,  
who is the source of all holiness, joy,  
and every blessing that is showered on us.  
Amen.

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## 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; December dates: 3, 17

### Grades 1-5

**Monday, 6:15-7:30PM**— November class date: 26  
**Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM** — November class date: 28

### Middle School Youth Group - YIKES

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

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, December 2, 5-7:30PM, A/Y Room

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

**Glory:** November 21, 7-9PM, A/Y room

**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 19

**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 20.

### 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.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL MASSES NOVEMBER 17/18



**Parish Cook Books**  
**\$10**

Available in the Parish Office



**MASS: 9:00AM NOVEMBER 22**

(Weekday mass will not be held on Friday, November 23)

**All School, Parish, and Religious Education Offices will be closed November 22 & 23.**

**Adoration suspended from 7:00AM Wednesday, November 21, to 7:00AM, Tuesday, November 27.**

### 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*.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers

**& Single Seniors** will meet Sunday, November 18, 11:45AM at Valentin's Restaurant on Wheeler St.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, November 19, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, November 20, 9:30AM at the home of Mildred Finnegan. Anyone wishing to make rosaries may call 233-1393.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is December 5. 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.

**Saint Cecilia Choir** will practice Saturday, November 24, 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.

**Religious Goods, Book and Gift Sale** following all Masses December 1 & 2. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase Advent reading materials as well as Christmas gifts.

## School News

November 22/23: Thanksgiving Break



### Take the Tax Credit

Contribute to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. You may also save more by itemizing the contribution as a charitable deduction on your Federal income tax return. At least 90% of the money raised by the School Tuition Organization is awarded to Catholic school students who qualify for tuition assistance in the Archdiocese. Please consider participating. For more information or to contribute, contact Jeff Henderson, Superintendent of Schools at 563-556-2580 or simply download a donor application at [www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us) and click on the School Tuition Organization link. Deadline is December 31.

### Social Concerns Report

Through the first 9 months of 2007, the Social Concerns committee has dispensed \$36,609 to charities. This figure includes your generous donations to the Black Bag or Good Samaritan Collection, Food Shelf donations as well as the Rice Bowl donations. The Social Concerns Committee will also process the donations that will be given to the Giving Tree. THANK YOU!!!

### End of Year Giving

Many of our parishioners re-evaluate their giving to Saint Cecilia Parish at year end. For some families, it may be in thanksgiving for the many blessings they received during the year. For others, it is to take advantage of tax incentives. Whatever the case, and because IRS regulations are strict and date sensitive, it is important for you to give your monetary donations on or before December 31. The church can only acknowledge gifts received or postmarked on or before December 31. This is also true of stock donations. Thank you to all those who support Saint Cecilia in time, talent and treasure.

### Coupon Update

Thank you to those who bring in the national brand coupon fliers from weekend newspapers. To date, 61,849 coupons have been clipped with a total value of \$67,061.75. Please continue to leave coupon fliers in the old ushers room.

### Saint Cecilia 5th Grade Fundraiser

A BBQ dinner will be served by the Saint Cecilia 5th grade class Saturday, December 1, 5:30-8:00PM in the Social Hall. The menu includes apple & hickory smoked brisket sandwiches, Smokin Caboose BBQ apple baked beans, potato chips and dessert. Cost is \$8 per person or \$20 per family. Proceeds will go to the 5th grade class trip. Food prepared by Smokin Caboose BBQ Competition Team and Catering.

### Directory Pictures

Due to the response, Busson Photography will add **December 10** as an additional day to have portraits taken if enough people sign up. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) **very soon** if you wish to schedule an appointment for the 10th

A few afternoon time slots remain for **December 4**.

**Stewardship:** Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Appalachia Committee** is collecting new and quality used toys for its annual toy drive. Toys along with clothing and household furnishings are sent to the Appalachia region of South East Kentucky (Williamsburg). This Ames nonprofit organization has been sending items to Kentucky since 1968. Donations can be dropped off at the Appalachia Committee warehouse 2019 Pullman on Saturdays, 9:00AM-Noon. Gifts are tax deductible. Questions? Call Dan Bahr at 292-6784 or visit [www.appalachiacommittee.org](http://www.appalachiacommittee.org)

### 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.

### 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 third Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:30PM in the Rose Room of Northcrest Community, 1801 20th Street.



Please check the box in the old ushers room for missing items.

Many dishes and containers left from funeral lunches are also on shelves in the old ushers room. If you are missing dishes, please check the shelves.

### Your Financial Stewardship

November 11, contribution	\$ 17,288
Fiscal YTD	\$ 347,288
Budget YTD	\$ 364,340
November 11, Building Fund	\$ 1,934

An estimated average weekly offering of \$18,217 to the general



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Would it be fair to say that we have all heard or even used the saying, "All good things must come to an end?" Too often, an enjoyable experience such as a vacation is tempered as the end draws near; we are sad that it is almost over. But consider how much fun it is to relive it over and over again with family and friends! Wouldn't it be better at the end of vacation to say "I can't wait to get home and tell everyone about this?"

Today, the Gospel of Luke foretells of the end of times and the persecution of those who walk with Jesus Christ. While it is true that we have recently seen a moral decay in society unlike any other time in history, we have the duty and responsibility to draw upon our faith and to take the hand of all who would join us in our walk. We cannot afford to be discouraged; rather, we need to work that much harder.

Within that work, we must act to express our passion of love. Love causes us to bring about the good that may be missing around us; we seek to bring out the best in everyone. (CCC 1765) Similarly, we must reject the passion for evil and sin that surrounds us; turn off that television, soften that hateful argument with calm reasoning. We cannot change the element of sin, but we can surely reject it.

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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 supernatural sense of faith paragraph 91.92** All the faithful share an understanding and handing on of revealed truth. They have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who instructs them and guides them into all truth. "The whole body of the faithful...cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (sensus fidei) on the part of the whole people, when, 'from the bishops to the last of the faithful,' they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals

**An Alternative Gift Market** You are invited to stop by the Alternative Gift Market located in the Gathering Space after all Masses December 1 & 2. The money you donate in the name of your friends and relatives will be used by non-profit organizations to assist people in crisis overseas as well as in the U.S. and the Ames area. You'll receive holiday cards to send to those on your gift list with inserts explaining your gift and how it will be used. Instead of buying yet another sweatshirt or electronic gadget, a shopper might purchase construction materials to stop degradation of watersheds in Afghanistan, buy a cow to improve the lives of poor families in Mozambique, or provide shelter for the homeless at Emergency Residence in Ames. Shoppers get an attractive card to send to the person on their holiday lists, telling them about the gift given in their honor. All donations through the program are tax-deductible. Shopping lists are available now and are with the Alternative Gift Market poster near the church entrance.

## Saint Thomas Aquinas

**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?

### Please remember in your prayers:

**GLORIA PICONI**, mother of Karen Kerns, & **SISTER**

**NICOLA HEIL O.S.F.** (Mount St. Francis, Dubuque)

sister of Carolyn Toppenberg 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, 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)

### Tuesday, November 20

7:00AM: Bob & Mary Myers

### Wednesday, November 21

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

### Thursday, November 22

9:00AM: Frank Pershein

### Friday, November 23

NO MASS

### Saturday, November 24

5:00PM: All the Poor Souls

### Sunday, November 25

8:30AM: Deceased Members of the  
Judge Family

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

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

**The Military Section** of the bulletin board in the Narthex will remain up through November. Please feel free to write names of veterans on the posterboard as well as of those currently serving in the military. Pictures may also be added.

## Readings for the Week of November 18, 2007

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/  
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43