



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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Something to Think, Ponder and Pray About

If we shrank the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following. There would be: 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, 8 would be Africans, 52 would be female, 48 would be male, 70 would be non-white, 30 would be white, 70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian, 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States, 80 would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition, 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education and 1 (yes, only 1) would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding, and education become glaringly apparent. And therefore: If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If you can attend a church meeting without fear, harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare in the United States. If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can but most do not. If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all. As we read this message and are reminded how life is in the rest of the world, it behooves us to remember just how blessed we really are!

June 8, 2008

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
5:00 PM. Misa en Español
(Burke Memorial Chapel)

Tuesday thru Friday
7:00AM, 5:15PM Chapel

Holiday
Check the bulletin

Reconciliation *(Reconciliación)*

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
and by appointment
cualquier horario para una cita

Pastoral Staff

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Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs for Fall 2008 is now taking place.

Forms available on the parish website or stop by the Religious Education Office

Middle School Youth

Mark your calendars: YIKES Adventureland Trip, Wednesday, June 25, 9:00AM-5:00PM. Permission form and \$25 needed. Bus seats 50. First come, first served.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

For Youth Ministry information please visit the website www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth

Help Needed! Seeking catechists and youth group leaders for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit the above website for a full description of volunteer positions. Contact Anna if interested.

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, August 7, 6:30-9:00PM** in the A/Y 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.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the A/Y room. Next session: June 9.

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: June 10

SCRIP

Scrip ordering dates during summer months:

Monday, June 16

Monday, July 21

Monday, August 11

Please turn in orders by 9:00AM to either the Parish or School Office.

Orders may also be e-mailed to scrip@stcames.com

SCRIP is an on-going fund raising program with no out-of-pocket expense. Local and national businesses donate funds to support school educational programs based on purchased gift cards and certificates. Businesses that participate include Hickory Park, Cub Foods, Walmart, Hansen's Sinclair, Casey's, Valentinis, Ville Day Spa, Dairy Queen, JCPenney, Kohl's and many, many more.

Contact Connie Vaclav at vaclav@iastate.edu or call 232-8343 with any questions. Thank you to everyone who supports Saint Cecilia education by using SCRIP.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers

& **Single Seniors Group** will meet June 15, 11:45 AM at Valentinis Restaurant. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for information or to make reservations.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10:00-11:30AM at Brookside Park during summer months. Next playgroup will be June 18. 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. Meet at the play area near the 6th St. parking lot.

Catholic Daughters will hold their annual family picnic at Walunt Shelter in Inis Grove park, 6:00PM-7:30PM, Thursday, June 12. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. Beverages provided.



Saint Cecilia Pictorial Directories

If you had your picture taken you receive a free directory. Directories may be picked up in the Parish Office. Those who did not have their picture taken but wish to have a copy, may purchase a directory for \$10.

The Slide Show Presentations of Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ are now available for check out in the Parish Office. The slides show how Feast Day Scriptures have been depicted in art throughout the ages. Thanks to Irmi Miller for creating this prayerful, educational material.

Interfaith Dialogue Presents New Format

Bring your Bibles and study with your Muslim and Jewish neighbors. You do NOT need to be well versed in your religion to attend. The Dialogue will take place, **Sunday, June 22, 2:00-4:00PM at the Darul Argum Islamic Center, 1212 Iowa Avenue.** An Interfaith dialogue book will be used in the discussions. If you wish to attend and would like a printed copy of the lesson before the meeting, contact Sue Stanton at merton420@hotmail.com or call 233-4762 and leave a message that you need a copy (copies to be picked up at Saint Cecilia). Everyone age 16 or older is welcome. No previous experience needed. Come share your friendly smile with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors as we discuss issues and ideas common to our world.

Baptism Mentor Parents Needed

Parents who have celebrated baptism in the past 5 years are sought as mentors to parents of the newly baptized. This is a telephone ministry. Call John at 232-3514 for more information.



Parish Cookbooks Available in the Parish Office Only \$10

Teaching Positions Open Saint Cecilia School

Second Grade: full time, sacramental preparation required.

Technology: full time, computer classes (K-5), maintaining server and troubleshooting.

Preschool: one-fifth time.

Send cover letter, credentials, transcripts, and references to:
Dr. Tom Budnik, Saint Cecilia School, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames,
IA 50010. Closing date: June 12, 2008

The Annual I-Cubs Appreciation

Trip for youth will be Wednesday, July 9. Youth attend free, tickets for adults are \$6. The bus will leave the parking lot at 5:15PM. Youth through 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult. Youth entering 6th grade or older need to have a parental consent form if attending without an adult chaperon. Consent forms are available on the Saint Cecilia Website or by the bulletin board in the corridor East of the Social Hall.

The bus holds 55 passengers. LET'S FILL IT!! Call Bob Dahlgren at 232-0916 to make reservations.



Monument to Victims of Abortion

The Knights of Columbus recently erected a beautiful monument to commemorate victims of abortion. The Sanctity of Life Committee invites anyone who wishes to honor these victims with prayer or by leaving flowers in their memory, to visit this monument. The tricolored monument can be found in the Catholic Section (far north side) of the Ames Municipal Cemetery located at 13th Street and Maxwell Avenue. Let us always pray for an end to abortion. Thank you and God bless you.



Lost and Found Items and dishes left from funeral lunches can be found in the usher's room in the back of the church. Items not picked up by June 20 will be placed on tables in the Social Hall June 21-29. Any items remaining after June 29 will be discarded/given away.

Help Wanted: Summer Employment

A custodial assistant needed for Saint Cecilia Church and Education Center. Projects include Education Center cleaning, moving furniture, stripping floors, and general maintenance. June to mid August. Flexible schedule. This is a good opportunity for a high school or college student. Contact Jerry Greving at the Parish Office (233-3092) or jgreving@stceciliaparish.org for more information.

Your Financial Stewardship (May 26-June 1)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 24,101
Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217
Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 7,027

More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office. Remember automatic contributions can be made directly from your bank account on the 1st or 15th of each month.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Urgent Need: ESL Tutors

There is an urgent need for tutors in the English as a Second Language program. Meetings are held Thursdays at 10:00AM and 7:00PM in the St. Clare Room (former rectory living room). Knowledge of a second language is not necessary. Training available for those who wish it. For information on the morning session contact Dr. Palmer Holden (231-5543). For information on the evening session call Dr. Karl Gwiasda (232-7582). You may also contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755.

Parkersburg Tornado Disaster Assistance

The suffering caused by the tornadoes in Parkersburg has prompted inquiries on how people can be of assistance to those affected by the disaster. At this time cash donations can be sent to Catholic Charities c/o Parkersburg Disaster Relief, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.

Volunteers are asked to call prior to arrival at 319-267-9111 or (9112, 9113). Please wear leather gloves and boots. An adult should accompany teenagers. Volunteers are to go to the Methodist Church which is north of the high school in the Northeast corner of town.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

VBS —Fiesta Honduras

July 14-18, 9:00AM-Noon

If you were unable to attend Vacation Bible School at Saint Cecilia, you may want to attend at St. Thomas. Contact Kathy White at kathy@staparish.net.

The St. Thomas Aquinas

Separated/Divorced Group is having a wine and cheese party at the Left Bank Art Studio in Gilbert, Thursday, June 12, 7:00-8:30PM. Jo Myers-Walker will have water colors available for all who want to paint while socializing. All are welcome! Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 10, to Carol Pearson at 296-2250 or to Jo Myers-Walker at jomyerswalker@gmail.com. Can't attend but would like to be on the e-mailing list? Contact Carol at breathe2relax@msn.com.

Book Store SALE

20% off Books

20-30% off Giftware

In stock items only

Saturday, June 14, 1:00-6:30PM

Sunday, June 15, 9:30AM-Noon

Bookstore is located along the corridor
east of the Social Hall

Summer Hours

Open First & Third Weekends of June, July*, & August

Saturday: 1:00-6:30PM, Sunday: 9:30AM-12:00PM

*Closed July 4-7

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 3 Sacred Scripture

V. Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church

131 "And such is the force and power of the Word of God that it can serve the Church as her support and vigor and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting font of spiritual life." Hence "access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful."

132 "Therefore, the 'study of the sacred page' should be the very soul of sacred theology. The ministry of the Word, too—pastoral preaching, catechetics, and all forms of Christian instruction, among which the liturgical homily should hold pride of place—is healthily nourished and thrives in holiness through the Word of Scripture."

133 The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful...to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,' by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'"

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It has been about 2,000 years since Jesus first called his disciples to follow him, a time when his Jewish society was essentially divided into two groups—those who followed each and every law of the faith and those who weren't so attentive to it. Today, we seem to have developed a knack for dividing ourselves among many other stark and diverse groups, whether it be wealth, politics, ethnicity, or religious affiliation, to name just a few.

Matthew was a tax collector, and before Jesus called him, he was considered a part of the society of sinners in the eyes of the religious leaders. So why did Jesus call him, and not one of those who obeyed every law of the Jewish faith? Why did he sit down with Matthew and others who needed guidance in their lives? Very simply, as Jesus put it, one does not see a physician if one is healthy. So too are we called to sit down with Jesus.

Matthew, and the others who followed Jesus, did what the Catechism calls "a radical reorientation of [his] whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all [his] heart" (CCC 1431). Because it is just not enough to say we are sorry for our past sins, the sacrament of reconciliation calls us to begin with a fresh dedication to living our lives each and every moment with the grace of God. Doing so, we will end worldly divisions and achieve the mercy he desires for us.

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COMMUNITY

Lutheran Services in Iowa on the Beloit Campus is looking for volunteers to help us with our lawn care this summer and early fall. We have all the equipment for mowing and weed-eating, but we are low on people-power. We are very thankful for the big grassy areas surrounding our campus for our kids to play on all summer long. We want to make sure the grass is maintained for full playing experience.

Good Neighbor Assistance Inc. will hold its annual meeting Sunday, July 13, 4:00PM at Annex, Collegiate United Methodist Church, 130 S. Sheldon. Reports will be given, new board representatives will be introduced and there will be an election of new officers. The Mission of Good Neighbor is: *To provide emergency rent, utility, and food assistance to our neighbors in Story County, in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement.* Saint Cecilia Parish is a member of Good Neighbor Assistance.

Please remember in your prayers:
GERTRUDE AUSTIN, mother of David Austin, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 7

5:00PM: Mark Wessman

Sunday, June 8

8:30AM: Carl & Cleone Pelzer

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: John Elbert

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, June 10

7:00AM: Poor Souls

5:15PM: Bonita Schmitz

Wednesday, June 11

7:00AM: Gertrude Austin

5:15PM: Joe Buboltz

Thursday, June 12

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

5:15PM: Marie Baldus

Friday, June 13

7:00AM: John Teehan

5:15PM: Jim Kearney

Saturday, June 14

5:00PM: Jerry Finnegan

Sunday, June 15

8:30AM: Germaine Mullenbach

10:30AM: Linus Putz

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities (Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

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

Prayer Hour for Youth & the Future of the Church: Friday, 4:00PM

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:
stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com or call Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

Readings for the Week of June 8, 2008

Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8