

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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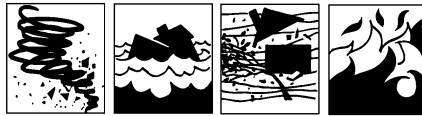
From The Pastor

As many of you know our weather in the latter part of May and the early part of June has produced horrendous amounts of rain and tornadic destruction. We are experiencing wide-spread property losses due to flood damage in the Archdiocese that news reports say happens only once every 100 years.

Our brothers and sisters are in need of our generosity. We were generous at the time of the Katrina Hurricane as well as the Tsunami in Indonesia. One national news network reported that Cedar Rapids could have \$1 billion worth of losses in property alone. The Archdiocese of Dubuque has no estimate yet of the material damage to churches and other properties in Cedar Rapids and elsewhere in the Archdiocese. The total cost will be huge.

The Archbishop has encouraged all parishes to contribute to an Archdiocesan wide collection for the victims of tornado and flood damage. Donations, designated **Disaster Relief**, may be sent to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket. These donations will be sent to the Catholic Charities Office in Dubuque.

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

Thank you for your generosity,
Fr. Nienhaus

June 29, 2008

Solemnity of Peter & Paul, apostles

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

5:00 PM. Misa en Español

Tuesday thru Friday

7:00AM, 5:15PM Chapel

Reconciliation *(Reconciliación)*

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM

and by appointment

Pastoral Staff

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Rent Our Facilities

Parties/Weddings/Birthdays

Call the Parish Office: 233-3092

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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

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Monday, July 14: Steubenville Meeting & Pizza Party 6:00PM, A/Y Room. Please bring final payments!

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 30.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Will not meet in July. Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 10:00AM, A/Y Room.

Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul June 28, 2008-June 29, 2009

"Dear brothers and sisters, as in early times, Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul. Paul, a former violent persecutor of Christians, when he fell to the ground dazzled by the divine light on the road to Damascus, did not hesitate to change sides to the Crucified One and followed him without second thoughts. He lived and worked for Christ, for him he suffered and died. How timely his example is today."

Pope Benedict XVI, June 28, 2007, First Vespers of the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul



July 4
Mass, 9:00AM, Church

Parish, School &
Religious Education

The Annual I-Cubs Appreciation Trip For Youth Wednesday, July 9

Youth attend free
Adults \$6

All Parishioners Welcome!

The bus will leave the church 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. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Saint Cecilia Staff.

The bus holds 55 passengers. **LET'S FILL IT!!** Call Bob Dahlgren (232-0916) by June 30 to make reservations.



Eucharistic Adoration is not scheduled from

7:00AM- Thursday, July 3, until
7:00AM, Tuesday, July 8.

Lost and Found Items have been placed on tables in the Social Hall. **Any items remaining after June 29 will be discarded/given away.**



Meet the Crossroads Walkers Sunday, July 6

after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses
Coffee & Donuts Served, Social Hall

Each summer, young adults walk from the Pacific coast to Washington D.C., witnessing to the dignity and sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death as a response to the Holy Father's call to take an active role in the pro-life movement in order to establish a culture of Life. This year these pilgrims will pass through Ames on their yearly walk across the United States.

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.



Cookbooks Available in the
Parish Office
\$10

Save the date: Cornfest, August 24

Did you ever wonder why you remain in a church that is filled with perplexing diversity?

We have news mongers who feed on the latest Vatican gossip and church scandals, and we have Catholics who don't know the name of one cardinal in Rome, and who could care less.

We have outraged Catholics who have appointed themselves watchdogs of our U.S. bishops. And then there are Catholic who don't know the name of their diocesan bishop.

We have dioceses that refuse Communion to public figures because of their voting on abortion, and we have dioceses where such figures are allowed Communion.

We have priests and laity who are forever ruffling feathers, and then there are some who have never ruffled a feather in their life.

Within our dioceses the flavor of the Mass may be European, American, African American, Latin American, Asian American, and

Eastern Rite American.

Within our parishes, we have people who receive Communion in the hand and those who receive it on the tongue. And then there are some who genuflect before receiving it.

There are liturgical hawks who are forever looking to criticize flaws in the Mass, and there are others who are there solely to pray in silence.

Some parishioners can be heard above the entire congregation when partaking in the Mass, and there are some who never open their mouth.

We have music at its best and at its worst.

We have fundamentalists who are to the right of Attila the Hun and liberals who are as free as a bird forever flying into glass plated windows. The list of contradictions in our church is unending, leaving us to wonder if the unity we pray for at Mass is a lost cause. Before leaving our church, we need to ask, "What exactly is

this church to which we belong?"

Among its many profound definitions, we need to remember it is a pilgrim church.

Throughout the pilgrimage of the Hebrews to the Promised Land, Moses had nothing but headaches, trying to keep them unified. They were forever murmuring and going in different directions. Not only did they possess hard hearts, they were also hardheaded.

If we are looking for a diocese or parish where everyone is in unison, we need to correct our perception.

A pilgrim church is anything but perfect; it is forever on its way. To accept this helps us to be more tolerant and understanding of church perplexities. We need to be realistic, understanding this fact of being on a perpetual pilgrimage in search of the tolerance and understanding needed to get to the Promised Land as one people of God.

A New Commission Organizational Chart is available for viewing in the Narthex. One will notice that there are SEVEN different commissions on the chart. The Catholic School Ministry Commission will be launched this fall. Please contact Emil Polashek (emil.polashek@siemens.com) for any corrections or suggestions to improve the chart.

Wanted: Room to Rent

A new Saint Cecilia School second grade teacher (female) is looking for space to rent in someone's home for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are interested, or know someone who might be contact the Parish Office.

Urgent Need: ESL Tutors

Tutors are needed in the English as a Second Language program. Meetings are held Thursdays at 10:00AM and 7:00PM in the St. Clare 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 Gwasda (232-7582).

Mass Times at churches throughout the USA and foreign countries can be found at www.masstimes.org or by using the **Mass & Reconciliation Times** link on the Saint Cecilia website. This is also an easy way to find phone numbers and addresses for churches around the country.

Your Financial Stewardship (June 16-June 22)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 14,093

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 2,200

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.

COMMUNITY

**Faith, Farming, Sustainability, Social Justice
Mustard Seed Farm, Field Day and Open House
Sunday June 29, 3:00-6:00PM**

366 W Avenue, Boone County
(2 miles west of R 38, 1/2 mile south of E18)

Farm tour at 4:00PM, snacks, games

Guided by our faith and ethics, we are dedicated to simple living and also grow food for area shelters, soup kitchens and Food For First. Questions? Call Alice McGary 460-1467 (parishioner Sts. Peter & Paul).

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The St. Thomas Aquinas Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet Thursday, July 10, 7-8:30PM in the Bethany Room. Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf, a counselor with Catholic Charities, will speak about *Healthy Boundaries—Guidelines for Building Effective Relationships*. All are welcome. Questions:? Contact Carol Pearson at 296-2250 or Jo Myers Walker at jomeyerswalker@gmail.com.

At the Book Shop

20% off these Resource Materials Titles

Handbook for Catholic Youth
Catholic Catechism
Pocket Catechism
Handbook for Today's Catholic
Catholic Source Book
Catholic Manual
Catholic Doctrine in Scripture
Study Guides to Matthew, Acts, St. John

Summer Hours

**Open First & Third Weekends of June, July*, & August
Saturday: 1:00-6:00PM, Sunday: 9:30AM-12:00PM**

***Closed July 5**

SHOP WILL BE OPEN JULY 6, 9:30AM-N00N

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

Chapter Three: Man's response to God, Article 1, I BELIEVE

I. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

144 To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to "hear or listen to") in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Abraham—"father of all who believe"

145 The *letter to the Hebrews*, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: "By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go." By faith, he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land. By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.

146 Abraham thus fulfills the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen": "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Because he was "strong in his faith," Abraham became the "father of all who believe."

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

On October 12, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the "Bronze Door," the nearly 400-year-old but newly refurbished principal entrance to the Vatican Apostolic Palace in Rome. In his remarks, the Holy Father said, "this door assumes a symbolic and spiritual significance. Those who come to meet Peter's successor pass through here." It is Benedict's hope that those who pass through these doors will feel his embrace.

Jesus asks his disciples two very important questions: Who do the people say the Son of Man is, and who do you say that I am? Imagine Jesus' joy in Peter's response—"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter didn't hesitate in speaking from his heart, and was rewarded with the embrace of Jesus Christ and the authority to govern the Church. What can we learn from Peter's immediate, heartfelt response?

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we renew to ourselves our mission as members of the Church to be apostolic, to carry out the message of Christ's love to the world (CCC 863). Just as Peter was acknowledged for his true faith received from God, and just as Paul and the apostles traveled throughout the land, we are called to know the gift of God's grace, and to share our gift whenever and wherever possible.

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Liturgy of the Hours

Would you like to learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours? You are invited to join others in praying the Morning Prayer from the Christian Prayer book at 7:00AM every Saturday in the Chapel.

Birthright,

108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414

Free Pregnancy tests & counseling

Please remember in your prayers:

ELSA SEVDE, 16 month old daughter of Randy & Katerie Sevde, **TOM WEIGEL**, brother of Pat Weigel and son of Laurence & Eileen Weigel and **MARGARET DOUD**, mother of Eileen Tramp. 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 28

5:00PM: Teddy Legg

Sunday, June 29

8:30AM: John & Mary Croker

10:30AM: Manuel B. Gonzales

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, July 1

7:00AM: Mary Oberding

5:15PM: Jessie Carroll

Wednesday, July 2

7:00AM: Mary Picotti

5:15PM: Margaret O'Connor

Thursday, July 3

7:00AM: Ray Uthe

5:15PM: Ted Schmitt

Friday, July 4

9:00AM: Harry Moore

Saturday, July 5

8:30AM: Nels & Pat Lersten
(50th Anniversary)

5:00PM: Edward & Beuhla Lukes

Sunday, July 6

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Ben & Mary Bruno

5:00PM: Robert Floyd
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, (the rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month).

Tuesday-Friday, before 7:00AM Mass.

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 29, 2008

Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday:

Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Friday:

Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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