



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

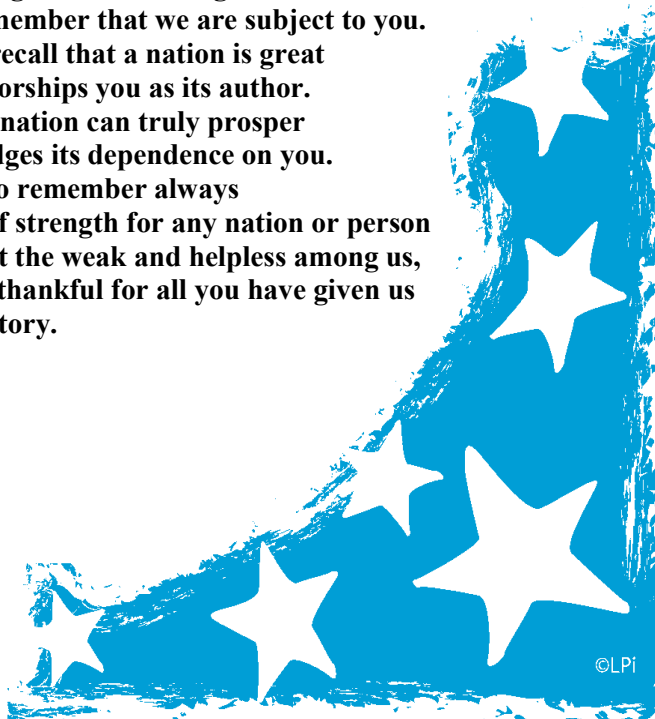
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Prayer for Our Nation

Dear Lord,

We call our country
"one nation under God"
when we pledge allegiance to our flag.
May we always remember that we are subject to you.
Help us always to recall that a nation is great
only so long as it worships you as its author.
Remind us that no nation can truly prosper
unless it acknowledges its dependence on you.
Give us the grace to remember always
that the true sign of strength for any nation or person
is how well we treat the weak and helpless among us,
and make us truly thankful for all you have given us
throughout our history.

Amen.



July 6, 2008

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM

and by appointment

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Rent Our Facilities

Parties/Weddings/Birthdays

Call the Parish Office: 233-3092

Reception Coordinators

Judy Trumpy: jmtrumpy@gmail.com

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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: July 8

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

SCRIP Orders may be turned in to the Parish or School Office anytime. Deadline for July orders is 9:00AM Monday, July 21. Call Connie Vaclav at 232-8343 if you have questions

FEMA Disaster Assistance

For home owners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding beginning May 25. If you live in any county designated as part of the Federal Disaster Declaration you can apply for assistance

Apply by Phone: 1-800-621-3362

Apply online: www.fema.gov

A temporary office has opened in Story County at the:
Story County Administration Building 2nd Floor
900 Sixth St., Nevada

Open daily 8:00Am-7:00PM until further notice.

After registering with FEMA, if you have questions about Other Needs Assistance (ONA) call 1-866-434-4692.

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

Our brothers and sisters are in need of our generosity. 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 Du-buque.

Eucharistic Adoration

resumes

7:00AM, Tuesday, July 8.

Sunday, July 6
after the 8:30 & 10:30AM

Masses
Social Hall

Coffee & Donuts Served

Meet the
Crosswalkers



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.

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 July 16. 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.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors Group

Meet for brunch at HyVee Lincoln Center, Sunday, July 20, 11:45AM. Call Pat Rood at 232-2594 for information and reservations.



Cookbooks Available in
the Parish Office
\$10

Save the date: Cornfest, August 24

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some time ago Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be proclaiming a special jubilee year in honor of St. Paul on the occasion of the two thousandth anniversary of the saint's birth. The year began June 28, 2008 and runs through June 29, 2009.

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries often. The year 2000 was a special jubilee year commemorating the historic importance of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. This Year of Saint Paul will help us appreciate the important role that Paul of Tarsus played in spreading the Good News about Jesus in the first decades of Christian History.

Saint Paul did not experience the historical Jesus. But soon after the resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared to Paul and called him to become the great apostle, missionary, and martyr whom we all know. In proclaiming the year, Pope Benedict XVI noted that "as in the Church's beginning, today, too, Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St. Paul."

Following his own conversion to Christ, St. Paul led a life of total dedication to Christ, despite the problems and persecutions discipleship would bring. He journeyed to many places in the area of the Mediterranean Sea, boldly proclaiming the Gospel to any who would listen.

We are blessed to be able to experience Paul's spirit and teaching through several letters in the New Testament and in the accounts of his life and journeys as described by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. As we begin this jubilee year, I invite the people of the Archdiocese to join with me in making it a time of spiritual renewal. I would like to suggest some specific ways to observe the jubilee year.

First of all, I encourage you to devote time to studying and reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures, particularly the letters of St. Paul. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul affirmed that "faith comes through hearing, and what is heard is the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Meditating on the

words of the bible can change our lives. "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Secondly, I invite you to consider ways that you can assist in proclaiming the Gospel to others. Reach out to others who may have become inactive in the practice of their faith or to those who have yet to hear the word of God.

Thirdly, I invite you to examine your attitudes toward others and the kind of welcome you extend. One of the traits of faithful stewards is hospitality. Paul was very open to others regardless of who they were.

"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

Finally, in the spirit of Paul, a self-proclaimed pilgrim on a journey, I invite you to journey to one of the designated pilgrimage churches in the Archdiocese. Information on these designated churches, as well as other activities planned for the year, can be found on the Archdiocesan Web site. As you journey to one of these sites in a prayerful spirit, enter into the life of St. Paul so that through the experience, you may grow in your relationship with Christ.

May this year be a time when our commitment increases and the Gospel grows stronger.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Dubuque

<http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/YearofStPaul/index.html>

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.

Appalachia Truck Loading

Please come to the Appalachia Committee Warehouse, 2019 Pullman Street, (just off Dayton) Saturday, July 12, 8:30AM, to assist loading a semi trailer with furniture and clothes bound for Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Pictorial Directories available in the Parish Office

Your Financial Stewardship	June	YTD
Contributions (general)	\$88,331	\$968,865
Christmas & Easter	-0-	67,773
Needed to meet expenses	77,166	965,500
Contributions (building)	16,678	478,360

More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the parish office. For your convenience, automatic contributions can be set up or changed by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your generosity to Saint Cecilia Parish.

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.

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
Summer Sale
20% off Books, 30% off Gifts
Summer Hours
Open First & Third Weekends of June, July*, & August
Saturday: 1:00-6:00PM, Sunday: 9:30AM-12:00PM
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 Mary — "Blessed is she who believed"

148 The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. By faith Mary welcomes the tidings and promise brought by the angel Gabriel, believing that "with God nothing will be impossible" and so giving her assent: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word." Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary blessed.

149 Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary's faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfillment of God's word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a popular television show in which contestants compete to lose the most weight. Each week, their progress is broadcast for the entire world to see, and interspersed throughout the show various contestants will relate how their lives will be so much better if only they can lose their extra pounds. Such pride; one wonders how successful a game show might be if it followed contestants' paths to spiritual healthiness!

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is both a prayer and a request. Jesus gives thanks to his Father in heaven for revealing his word and truth to the "child-like," whose hearts are not burdened by pride. He then asks for us to put aside once and for all times the burdens of sin which we carry, and take him up as our yoke, because with him we are freed from guilt and shameful desires.

How do you pray? Do you ask for God's favors because you feel you need them or deserve them, or do you acknowledge a humble and contrite self, and welcome God's will? The Catechism reminds us that Jesus Christ taught that "he who humbles himself will be exalted," therefore humility is the foundation of prayer (CCC 2559). In your prayers today, acknowledge the uselessness of pride, and that you are helpless without God's love and Christ's guidance.

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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:
LOIS BROWN. 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, July 5

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)

Tuesday, July 8

7:00AM: John Elbert

5:15PM: Brian Eslick

Wednesday, July 9

7:00AM: Germain Mullenbach

5:15PM: Jim Kearney

Thursday, July 10

7:00AM: Marie Baldus

5:15PM: Elsa Sevde

Friday, July 11

7:00AM: Rosemary Beaty

5:15PM: Earl Lynch

Saturday, July 12

5:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt

Sunday, July 13

8:30AM: Edward Baker

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: All the Poor Souls

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:

stceciliapayerchain@gmail.com or call

Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2008

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

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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