

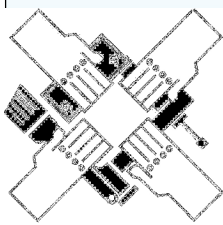


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

www.stceciliaparish.org

From The Pastor

I would like to share with you a brief update on the 2008 flooding throughout the Archdiocese. The disasters of 2008 affected 11 parishes. Insurance proceeds should be adequate to return the parishes to pre-loss conditions or very close, with the exception of St. Patrick's in Cedar Rapids. Please remember those parishioners who suffered personal losses in your prayers.



Aid for Victims of Iowa Storms

The 11 parishes that suffered damage were: Parkersburg—St. Patrick; Cedar Rapids—St. Patrick and St. Wenceslaus; Charles City—Immaculate Conception School and Religious Education Center; Chelsea—St. Joseph; Elkader—St. Joseph (Church, Parish Center, hall and Rectory); Greene—St. Mary; Waterloo—Sacred Heart and Mt. Calvary Cemetery; Waverly—St. Mary.

As of July 9, Saint Cecilia parishioners have generously contributed \$5256.00 to help those who have sought help through the Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese.

Saint Cecilia Parish has 1625 households. I would like to see our parishioners give a combined gift of at least \$10,000 to Catholic Charities.

Here in Central Iowa we escaped major damage. Let us be grateful that we have been spared and seek to help those who weren't so lucky. 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. WE would like to send a gift before the end of July.

Thank you for your generosity,
Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

July 13, 2008

15th 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

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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 14.

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. You may also order by e-mail to scrip@stceciliaparish.org. Deadline for July orders is 9:00AM Monday, July 21. Contact Connie Vaclav at 232-8343 with 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.



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.

Interfaith Dialogue Continues at the mosque, Darul Argun Islamic Center, 1212 Iowa Avenue, Sunday, July 27, 2:00-4:00PM. For more information and to receive free discussion materials, contact Sue Stanton by e-mail at merton420@hotmail.com

Marshalltown Deanery Meeting

The women of the Marshalltown Deanery will meet Thursday, July 17, at St. Boniface in Garwin. The day begins with Mass at 9:00AM. Meeting, lunch and program will follow. Call Ingrid Brady at 232-5451 if interested in attending.

Good Samaritan /Food Shelf Collection

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf collection. Suggested food items include baby foods, canned meat products, packaged shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and canned fruit. The following non-food items are needed: laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, paper towels, and tissues. Thank you for your continued generous support.

GALA

Thanks to all who attended the Gala
"Thank You/2009 Launching Celebration".



The 2009 theme is *Touched by God's Love*.
Gala will be held Saturday, February 7
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center.

Please consider volunteering to help in some way, big or small as we continue to build the Gala's contributions toward the Saint Cecilia Education Endowment Fund which benefits both Saint Cecilia Religious Education and school programs.

Young Adult Faith Sharing Group: All adults 18-35 are welcome to meet for a meal and lively conversation at Okoboji Grill near the intersection of Lincoln Way and Duff Avenue, Thursday, July 24, 6:30PM. Please RSVP to Hannah 515-451-4383 or Dan 515-203-9982 by July 22.

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.

Pictorial Directories

Directories that have not been picked up can be found on a table in the Narthex near the Parish Office. If you did not have your picture taken and wish to purchase a directory (\$10), contact the Parish Office.

Memo to Parish Organizations:

Please contact the Parish Office if your group/organization has new officers/contact persons for the 2008-2009 year.

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 Gwiasda (232-7582).

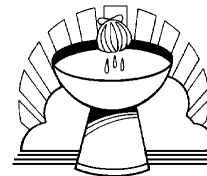
Current and past parish bulletins are available on our website: www.stceciliaparish.org



Cookbooks Available in the
Parish Office
\$10

Baptisms May & June

Alex Marie, daughter of Jerry & Stacey Goeders
Zachary Christopher, son of Kyle & Emily O'Riley



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.

Funeral Liturgy Planning

Some parishioners have expressed an interest and asked for help in pre-planning a funeral liturgy. If you would like such assistance, the Bereavement Committee is available. Call Jacque Zbaracki at 292-1546 or Julie Haas at 232-7138 to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY

Hospice Volunteers Needed:

Wesley Community Hospice
"Nobody can do everything but everyone can do something." Hospice volunteers needed to share conversation, hold a hand, bake a cake, give a hug, touch a heart. For those not previously trained, training available July 24 and July 31, 9:30AM-3:00PM at the Ames Public Library. Contact Kathleen Fleming, Volunteer Coordinator, 515-271-6775 or kfleming@wesleyservices.org

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Gardeners can make a difference in their community by donating extra garden produce. Weekly produce collection begins Monday, July 14, 7:00-8:30AM at the Reiman Garden Maintenance Building. Clean, quality fruits and vegetables as well as simple recipes for the produce will be accepted each Monday morning. The Story County program collected more than 3,500 pounds of produce in 2007. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have questions about the program, call 515-231-5926 or visit www.reimangardens.iastate.edu



Coming to the Book Shop

The Year of St. Paul Jubilee Bible Study by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Learn how Paul's life can lead you to personal growth in your faith. For group or personal study— \$8.95 order now.

The Apostles by Pope Benedict XVI plus Study Guide.

The Fathers by Pope Benedict XVI plus Study Guide.

Ask about group discounts.

Open July 19, 1:00-6:00PM

July 20, 9:30AM-Noon

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

II "KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED"

To believe in God alone

150 Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a *free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed*. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature.

To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

151 For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One sent, his "beloved Son," in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him. The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me." We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known." Because he "has seen the Father," Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him. **To believe in the Holy Spirit**

152 One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For "no one can say 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit," who "searches everything, even the depths of God...No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God." Only God knows God completely: we believe in the Holy Spirit because he is God.

The Church never ceases to proclaim her faith in one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our religious special education classes this past year, we discussed miracles with the kids. But before the year began, each of us catechists was given a "miracle box," a simple wooden box with an inscription on top, asking us to look deeper—to look deeper at our kids with special needs, for in them we would find the miracle of God's true love, a love given freely to the innocent and shared with us.

Jesus' parables are widely known, and most of us can recall them in some detail. But often, we fail to look deeper into their meaning and accept the challenge to apply them to our own lives. As with the parable of the sower and the seed, do we listen to God's word at Mass or are we distracted or uninterested? How many of us can actually recall the readings or the pastor's homily even a few hours after we hear them?

Today, please accept the challenge of looking deeper into the word of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church advises we meditate; this is an opportunity to quiet ourselves to the noise of the world and listen to each and every word given to us (CCC 2707). The beauty of Jesus' parables is that although they are short and to the point, they can have a different meaning to each of us, and can truly be life-changing. Look deeper.

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Saturday, July 12

5:00PM: Doris Kleinschmidt

Sunday, July 13

8:30AM: Edward Baker

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: All the Poor Souls
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, July 15

7:00AM: Tom Remmes Family

5:15PM: Bonita Schmitz

Wednesday, July 16

7:00AM: Magdalene Walsh

5:15PM: Frank Pershern

Thursday, July 17

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

5:15PM: Paul & Stella Volcko

Friday, July 18

7:00AM: George Lemanczyk

5:15PM: Harry Moore

Saturday, July 19

5:00PM: Simon Langel

Sunday, July 20

8:30AM: Doris Schaeffer

10:30AM: John Conley

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, (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

Liturgy of the Hours: Saturday, 7:00AM

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

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-8, 21-22/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30