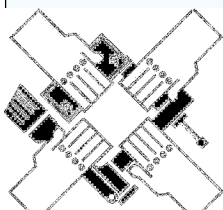


## Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

### From The Pastor

Members of Saint Cecilia Parish who have visited Cedar Rapids in recent days have conveyed to me the horrendous damage they saw first hand. Even a month after the worst of the flooding most areas in downtown Cedar Rapids are still without electricity. People wait for news that their homes can be cashed-out. It is a wait and see game. People's patience is wearing thin. Please remember in your prayers, these individuals who have lost everything.



Aid for Victims of Iowa Storms

The disasters of 2008 affected 11 parishes. The 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 15, Saint Cecilia parishioners have generously contributed \$7866.00 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 made out to Saint Cecilia and 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 20, 2008**

**16th 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

### Pastoral Staff

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[nienhaus@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:nienhaus@stceciliaparish.org)

Office 233-3092; Rectory: 233-9477

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Ron Smith, Richard Tondra

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**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

Anna Steele, [asteele@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:asteele@stceciliaparish.org)

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### School

(515) 232-5290

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### Parish Office

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[jjones@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:jjones@stceciliaparish.org)

### Rent Our Facilities

**Parties/Weddings/Birthdays**

Call the Parish Office: 233-3092

**Reception Coordinators**

**Judy Trumpy:** [jmtrumpy@gmail.com](mailto:jmtrumpy@gmail.com)

**Jane Baty:** [jbaty1@aol.com](mailto:jbaty1@aol.com)

## 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](http://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](http://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 21.

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

### 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.

### 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**



**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.

**Social Concerns** will meet Monday, July 21 at 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**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](mailto:merton420@hotmail.com)

**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 August 6. 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. Meet at the play area near the 6th St. parking lot.

### SCRIP

**Remember to order by 9:00AM, Monday, July 21**

Orders can be turned in to either the Parish Office, the Education Center Office, online at [scrip@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:scrip@stceciliaparish.org) or by contacting Connie Vaclav (232-8343). Order forms are available at the Education Center Office, the Parish Office or near the bulletin board in the East Social Hall corridor.

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, Valentinos, Ville Day Spa, Dairy Queen, JCPenney, Kohl's and many, many more.

Next ordering date during summer months: Monday, August 11. Thank you to everyone who supports Saint Cecilia education by using SCRIP.

Archaeologists working for the Vatican have unearthed a sarcophagus containing what they believe are the remains of St. Paul the Apostle. The tomb dates back to at least AD390 and was found in a crypt under a basilica in Rome. It has long been thought that the crypt contained the tomb of St. Paul but the altar had hidden it. St. Paul was an influential early Christian who traveled widely in the Mediterranean area in the 1st Century. Excavations at the site began in 2002 and were completed last month.

The Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls is the largest church in Rome after St. Peter's. For the past three years, archaeologists have been excavating underneath the altar to remove two huge slabs of marble and now, for the first time in almost 1,700 years the sarcophagus of St. Paul is on public view. The original inscription on the top reads: Paulo Apostolo Mart—Latin for "Paul Apostle Martyr"

The holes through which the ancient pilgrims would have pushed pieces of cloth to touch the relic are clearly visible. "What we can see at the moment through a grating, a new grating that's been put there, is the side of the sarcophagus of Paul which seems to be white marble-like material," said Father Edmund Power, abbot of the nearby Benedictine monastery.

St. Paul traveled widely through Asia Minor, Greece and Rome in the 1st Century. His letters to the early churches, found in the Bible's New Testament, are arguably some of the most influential on Christian thinking. St. Paul is said to have been beheaded in AD65 by the Roman Emperor Nero. His sarcophagus will be on public view for the foreseeable future but the church is yet to rule out the possibility that one day the interior itself will be opened and examined.

## 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.

## Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Please continue to save Campbell soup labels and Box Tops for Education all year long. A collection box is located in the usher's room. Funds from box tops and labels are used by Saint Cecilia School for additional equipment and supplies. Over \$1100 was raised this school year to benefit the children. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Neppel at 663-9742 or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511. Thank you!

## 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).

**Mass Times** at churches throughout the USA and foreign countries can be found at [www.masstimes.org](http://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.

**Cookbooks Available in the Parish Office**  
**\$10**

## Your Financial Stewardship (July 6-13)

**Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 16,344**  
**Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 19,648**  
**Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 1,819**

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

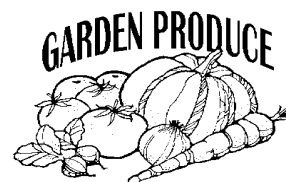
### Hospice Volunteers Needed:

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](mailto:kfleming@wesleyservices.org)

### Plant a Row for the Hungry

Gardeners can make a difference in their community by donating extra garden produce. Clean, quality fruits and vegetables as well as simple recipes for the produce will be accepted each Monday morning 7:00-8:30AM at the Reiman Garden Maintenance Building. 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](http://www.reimangardens.iastate.edu)



### The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

will hold its annual Garage Sale Fundraiser on Friday, August 1, from 4:00 PM to 7:00PM, and from 8:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturday, August 2, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave., Ames. Please bring items to be donated to the church on July 30 or 31, from 9:00-3:00. We do not accept adult clothing, computers, or dehumidifiers. Tax letters are provided for donations. NAMI-CI is a United Way of Story County agency. We will be receiving a matching grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For more information, call Deb Niehof, 515-292-9400.

## SACRED HEART BOONE

Position Available for 2/5 time Spanish teacher at Sacred Heart School in Boone. Please contact Duane J. Siepker, Principal 432-4124 or [dsiepker@sacred.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dsiepker@sacred.pvt.k12.ia.us). Sacred Heart has openings for students at all levels—Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.



## 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

##### III THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

##### Faith is a Grace

153 When St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood," but from "my Father who is in heaven." *Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him.*

"Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'"

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As part of Passover, today's Jewish community recognizes Hag haMatzot, the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when they cleanse their homes of any leavening products and consume only unleavened matzah bread for seven days. This is in recognition of their hasty exodus from Egypt, when they had no time to allow their bread to rise. But it is also to purge symbolically all sins before they are allowed to grow.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus offers us three parables—the sowing of weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the leavened bread. How do these parables affect our lives today? In our secular world, we receive words of "weeds" along with the word of God. Like yeast in bread, it is up to us to allow which ones to grow within us. But like even the tiniest mustard seed, if we nurture God's word in our hearts, it will grow greater than we could imagine.

Remember the master's admonition to wait until the time was right to gather the weeds separately from the wheat. So, too, does the Church in practicing penance and renewal with her members (CCC 827). It is not yet the time for our harvest, but we know that if we stand strong to the weeds around us through our faith, we will finally be gathered separately and welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

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## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Come view the first in-depth documentary about Dorothy Day, co-founder of The Catholic Worker, who is now being considered for canonization.

**Don't Call me Saint** will be shown Monday, July 21, 7:00PM in Prophets and Martyrs Room in the lower level of St. Thomas. Refreshments and discussion will follow the one hour film, a dramatic picture of an heroic life faithfully lived. "Dorothy was determined, absolutely determined—and I use that beautiful quote of hers, 'to create a world where it is easier for people to be good.'" Studs Terkel, author. For more information call Linda White, 292-8741.

## Birthright

108 Hayward Avenue, 292-8414  
Free Pregnancy tests & counseling

## Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

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### 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)

### Tuesday, July 22

7:00AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:15PM: Gertrude Austin

### Wednesday, July 23

7:00AM: Stephen Asjes

5:15PM: Christina Krolczyk

### Thursday, July 24

7:00AM: St. Anne Circle

5:15PM: Helen Michaud

### Friday, July 25

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

5:15PM: Kent & Donita Oberg Family

### Saturday, July 26

5:00PM: Arnold Winslow

### Sunday, July 27

8:30AM: Raymond Evans

10:30AM: Teddy Legg

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](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com) or call  
Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

## Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46