



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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Eucharistic Adoration

Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament, because of His infinite love for you! "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world." Because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is my affection for you." (Mt 28:30, Jer 31:3) "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40).

This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent anyway you want. You can bring your own prayer books or use books in the sacristy, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the presence of God. You may feel you can't pray well. Don't be discouraged. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much, and it is in itself a prayer of great faith.

Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe." (Jn 20:29)

**Next weekend, September 20/21, is
Eucharistic Adoration sign-up weekend**

**Schedule your weekly hour with the Lord
and let your life be transformed**

September 14, 2008

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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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Call the Parish Office: 233-3092

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Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Register for Programs in the Religious Education Office
Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. First class is September 22.
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. First class is October 2.

Middle School Youth

First Official Class for 6-12 Grade Religious Education:

Wednesday, September 24, 7-8:15PM

(Middle School: Education Center; 9th Grade: Music Room; 10th Grade: A/Y Room; 11th & 12th: Sun Room)

Fall Youth Rally Monday, November 10, 6:30PM, Narthex. \$10

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

GLORY: Drive-in Movie featuring BELLA! Sunday, September 14, 7PM (St. Cecilia Parking Lot. Bring chairs, blankets and your own snack!)

Discover the Sacred, Sunday, September 21, 7:00PM. Meet in the Narthex. Latin: *sacrum*—the state of being holy or sacred, that is, set apart for the worship or service of God.

World Youth Day 2011 will be held in Madrid, Spain. Youth who will be at least 16 by the summer of 2011 are eligible to attend. Fundraising will begin soon for those who would like to attend this life-changing event.

Fall Youth Rally for High School: Sunday, November 9, 7:30AM-6:00PM, Waterloo. *Obey Your Thirst* featuring Fr. Tony Ricard (from New Orleans) & Andy Cloninger. Visit www.thirstrally.com. \$45. Sign up with Anna by October 15.

The pop machine is gone! We no longer have a pop machine in the A/Y room. Please continue to bring your recycling to Ames Redemption Center and have them send the funds to Saint Cecilia Youth Ministry. Thank you for your donations!

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, October 2**, 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: September 15.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

Adult Education presentations are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. **Next presentation: October 1, Fr. Brian Dellaert, Humanae Vitae**

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Kick-off

All religious education and youth ministry programs will begin with a parent/child potluck

Wednesday, September 17, 6:00PM
Social Hall



Chicken, beverage and table service provided. Please bring salad, side dish or dessert to share. After the meal children will meet with their catechists; John Hayes and Anna Steele will meet with parents.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf collection. Suggested food items include baby



Food Shelf Collection

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.

Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, September 15, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, September 16, 9:30AM at the home of Bea Gibbons. Please bring your rosary making kit with you.

Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors will meet at Café Shi, September 21, 11:45AM. To make reservations or for information, call Pat Rood at 232-3594.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup every Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. Next playgroup will be **September 17**. 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.

Interfaith Dialogue Continues at the Mosque, Darul Arqum Islamic Center 1212 Iowa, Avenue, September 28, 2:00-4:00PM. Please bring a bible. Download chapter 3 from the workbook. Call Sue Stanton at 233-4762 with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

September 21: Coffee & Donuts Resumes

October 14: Parish Potluck

November 23: Christmas Market



Saint Cecilia School News

September 16: Fundraiser packets due

September 18: 9:00AM, Mass grades 2& 4

6:30-8:00PM, Ice Cream Social

Multi purpose Room

Look for our school link on the parish website:

www.stceciliaparish.org



Fundraisers

The Family School Association's annual fundraiser is underway. Frozen foods (featuring pizzas & cookie dough); dip, spread & soup mixes; candy; nuts; magazines; gift wrap; and gift items (including holiday) are just some of the items available. Order packets are available in the school office.

You may order online at www.choice-products.com. Click on the *order online* tab and enter code 63437. Contact Angi Nespor at 232-6683 with questions. **Please place orders by September 16.**

Barbeque Dinner

Catered by Smokin Caboose BBQ Team

Saturday, September 27

Serving 5:30-7:30PM

Saint Cecilia Social Hall

BBQ Beef Brisket, beans, chips & lemonade

Adults: \$8

Children: \$5

Families: \$25

All proceeds go to 5th grade class trip.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Night

Are you being called to serve as a Liturgical Minister or currently serving as a Liturgical Minister? If you said YES, please mark your calendar for **Monday, September 22.**

Fr. John Haugen, Dean of Campus Spirit and Life at Loras College will present **Radical Hospitality** at 7:30pm in the Church Sanctuary. This will be followed by an updated training session for all parishioners who are currently or newly involved in any of the liturgical, hospitality, or music ministries. New and currently serving Liturgical Ministers attending the formation night will be commissioned at the weekend Masses on September 27/28.

If interested in becoming a new member of a Liturgical Ministry, please contact the coordinator:

Usher - Marion Kresse (292-7251)

Hospitality Ministers— Janet and Rick Brimeyer (296-2990)

Lectors - Mike Vaclav (232-8343) and Sandy Fagan (233-0200)

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EME's) - John and Janine Greenwood (232-1359)

EME's to the Homebound - Julie Haas (232-7138)

EME's to the Hospitalized— Judy Trumpy (292-4499)

Music - Bob Hauser (233-3092)

Mass Coordinator - Jerry Portis (388-4015)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers Needed

Team Leaders, Assistants

& **Substitutes** are needed as cooks, servers and clean-up crew for *Food at First* on the first and fifth Tuesday of each month at First Methodist Church. Hours are 3:30-5:30 (cooks) and 5:30-7:00PM (servers and clean-up). Please call Janet Kazwell (451-3766) for more information. *Food at First* provides free meals to those in need. Once each week, Saint Cecilia volunteers purchase the food, cook, set up and serve the meal. *Food at First* is supported by our Good Samaritan funds.

Children's Liturgy leaders needed during the 8:30 & 10:30 AM masses during the school year. Please contact Janet Kazwell at 451-3766 to help out with this worthwhile ministry.

Catechists and Youth Group Leaders for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth for a full description of volunteer positions. Contact Anna if interested.

ESL Tutors

Tutors are needed in the English as a Second Language program. Sessions are held Thursdays at 10:00AM and 7:00PM for 90 minutes. There are 25-30 students in the two sessions. Most activity is one-on-one or tutor and two students and involves visiting, helping with reading or edition writing. Knowledge of a second language is NOT needed. Please call Palmer Holden at 231-5543 (morning) or Karl Gwiasda at 232-7582 (evening) for information. Those interested may visit one of the sessions to see how easy it is and how much the students appreciate the tutors.

Couples Small Faith Groups are now forming in the Ames area. Teams of Our Lady small faith groups strengthen the faith life of married couples. Each team (5 to 7 couples and a spiritual advisor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and discussion. Couples of all ages enrich their marriages and spirituality in the worldwide movement. Teams are a great support for family An informational wine and cheese gathering will be held at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Friday, September 26, 7:00PM.** All married couples are invited to come. For more information, contact Natalie and Duane Short at 292-3024.

Book and Gift Shop

Over 100 new titles from Our Sunday Visitor and Ignatius Press, including the Magnificat for September and October AND Magnifikids. Pope Benedict Rosaries and St. Benedict Medals just in.

Open During the Miracles Exhibit

Your Financial Stewardship (Sept. 1-7)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 18,725

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 19,648

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 2,048

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.



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 - the beginning of eternal life

163 Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face," "as he is." So faith is already the beginning of eternal life:

When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Take a good look at the world around you today. What do you see? A society wracked with crime, selfishness, hatred, and it only seems to get worse every year. It's a hard world to love, isn't it? Not for God. This world is his creation, something to be cherished for all time. And in giving us his only Son so that our sins are forgiven, we must understand that Jesus doesn't just cleanse the sins of the past, but also of every sin to come. Our responsibility? To believe.

Many a popular song contains a variation on the phrase, "I would do anything for love." That is exactly what God did for us. He loved the world and all of its children so deeply that he sent his Son, Jesus, literally to save us from ourselves. Even though the Father and the Son both knew the fate that waited on a stony hill called Calvary, this most beautiful mission was begun. "For God so loved the world?" And while we may be willing to do anything for love, we need only to have faith and belief in God and we will be loved for all eternity.

By giving us his Son, God has revealed to us the very essence of his truth. "Full of grace and truth," he came as the "light of the world." By believing and following Jesus, we are living in the spirit of the truth (CCC 2466). On this the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are reminded that this most powerful and most recognized symbol is a part of our lives as believers in the truth that is Jesus Christ. Just as we are sealed with the sign of the cross at baptism, we begin and end our conversations with God with the sign of the cross. Today, examine your heart and understand what Jesus was willing to do for you. What are you willing to do for him?

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Congratulations to Hans David and Ardyce Madonna (Weigel) Petersen who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 21.



CEW Leadership Conference

A CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) will be held September 20, 9:00AM-3:00PM at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish in Ankeny. A RSVP is requested by September 16. Contact Deacon Ron Smith (515-441-0480) for more information.

Parish Library

Our Parish Library was recently the topic of a paper given to an international group of scholars. The library was analyzed by means of its philosophic, theological and practical tradition. Since our parishioners contributed most of the books, you should know that the parish received many good comments.

For your convenience a wooden box containing a sampling of books to borrow has been placed in the New Usher's Room located in the Northeast corner of the Narthex. Books may also be returned there.

The library, located in the St. Clare room, may be visited during parish office hours M-F. Please check out a key if you wish to use the library weekend or evening hours.

This month's feature Book: **Render Unto Caesar** by Bishop Charles W. Chaput

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 13

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, September 14

8:30AM: Raymond Evans

10:30AM: John Conley

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

Tuesday, September 16

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

5:15PM: Jane Traub

Wednesday, September 17

7:00AM: Jim Kearney

5:15PM: Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Lowery

Thursday, September 18

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

5:15PM: Msgr. William Schulte Family

Friday, September 19

7:00AM: Janet Ghiloni

5:15PM: Harry Moore

Saturday, September 20

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

Sunday, September 21

8:30AM: Amelia & Fred Habing

10:30AM: George Rickerl

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:
stceciliapraychain@gmail.com or call
Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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