



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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Dear Saint Cecilia Parishioners,

You are invited to a Saint Cecilia's Tailgate Gift-Gathering Party at Ames Golf & Country Club, 5752 George Washington Carver Ave., the evening before the ISU v. Nebraska game!

The Saint Cecilia Gala is an annual fundraising event to grow the Educational Endowment Fund, ensuring sustained excellence and growth for Saint Cecilia's School and Religious Education programs into the future. The 2009 St. Cecilia Gala is planned for Feb. 7, at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center.

Your help is sought in generating items for the silent auction held at the Gala. NEW this year, we are pleased to offer an "auction item registry," where you can choose your item to donate - online - and/or at the party. Of course, if you already have a great auction item idea of your own, we appreciate those, too! To view the registry, visit www.stcamesgala.org All items are welcome and we appreciate every gift.

You're Invited!

saint Cecilia's Tailgate

The One and ONLY

Gala Gift-Gathering Party!

Friday, October 17th

6:30-9:30 pm

Please respond by October 15th

For information or to RSVP, contact
Jennifer Stark Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858.

October 5, 2008

27th 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

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Religious Education

for the whole parish family



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

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. October dates: 6, 13, 20

Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. October dates: 8, 15, 22

1st Reconciliation Parent Meetings

Monday, October 6, 6:15-7:30PM Social Hall

or Wednesday, October 8, 4:00-5:15PM, Social Hall

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, October dates: 15, 22

YIKES Bonfire: Wednesday, October 8, 6:30-8:30PM. Bus leaves at 6:30PM. Permission forms **MUST** be presented before boarding. Optional Hayride, \$5.

YIKES Lock-in with St. Thomas Aquinas, November 2, 6PM-Midnight.

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

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, October dates: 8, 15, 22

Glory: Sunday, October 12, 7-9PM, A/Y room. Give it Away Now Clothing Drive— Sunday, October 19, 7-9PM Can I Get a Witness? (1 worship hr for grades 9/10).

Confirmation Rite of Entrance & Afternoon Retreat, Sunday, October 19. Meet for 10AM Mass with your sponsor. Meet in Education Center Multi-purpose room following Mass.

Archdiocesan Fall Youth Rally: Obey Your Thirst, Sunday, November 9, 7AM-6 PM, (includes Mass) in Waterloo, featuring Fr. Tony Ricard (from New Orleans) & Andy Cloninger. Visit www.thirsttrally.com. \$50. Sign up with Anna by October 15.

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, December 4**, 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.

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

Altar Server Training

Youth 5th grade and older may consider an altar serving ministry. Training sessions will be held in the Church.

Please choose ONE of the following sessions

Monday, October 13: 7:30-8:15PM

Wednesday, October 15, 2:15-3:00PM or 5:15-6:00PM.

Call Wayne Baumhover (290-8586) with questions.

Pray the Rosary Before Mass

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of The Rosary. The recitation of the Rosary is considered to be one of the most beautiful devotions to Our Lady. Prayer will begin 25 minutes prior to the start of the 5:00PM, 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses throughout the month of October.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Guest Night

Catholic Daughters will meet October 9, 6:00PM in the Adult/Youth room for dinner at 6:00PM followed by a business meeting. Program: Homeschooling Panel. Please call Radka Steffes (268-9145) for dinner reservations.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Marshalltown

Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Thursday, October 16, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church near Gilbert. 9:00AM, Registration; 9:30, Meeting; 11:00, Liturgy; Noon, Luncheon with program to follow.

Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors Group

will meet Sunday, October 12, 11:45AM at Perkins restaurant. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or more information.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup

every Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. 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.

Weekend for Widows/Widowers

This weekend is an opportunity to move forward after the death of a spouse; chance for personal growth with new friends and a time to renew hope. October 17 and/or 18 at the beautiful YMCA Camp in Boone. For more information, contact Judy Anderson at judy00050@yahoo.com or 290-3268.

Saint Cecilia Parish Potluck

Tuesday, October 14
6:00PM, Social Hall.



Parish Potluck

Fried chicken, cheesy potato casserole, beverages and tables service provided. Please bring a large salad, sidedish or dessert to share. Parishioners who registered in 2008 are especially encouraged to attend.

A Christmas Market will be held the weekend of November 22/23. Groups wishing to have a fundraising event should plan to do it this weekend. Opportunities include a table, Saturday meal or Sunday breakfast/brunch. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Blessing of Religious Items will take place in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of October 25/26.



Saint Cecilia School News

Monday, October 6: No School, Teacher In-service
Thursday, October 9: 9:00AM Mass, grades 3 & 4
Friday, October 10: 9-11:05AM Fire prevention assemblies
October 10-13: Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, Grades 2-5

The **Preschool** currently has openings in the 3 year old Tuesday, Thursday morning class and 4 year old Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning class. Please contact the school office at 232-5290.

Look for the school link on the parish website:
www.stceciliaparish.org

Be Part of the Success

Catholic Schools make a difference. 99% of all Catholic high school students graduate and 96% of those graduates go on to pursue post secondary education. Be a part of the success! Make your contribution today to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and help us continue offering this tradition of excellence in education. Your donation earns you a 65% Iowa income tax credit and qualifies as a federal charitable deduction as well. Don't wait—thousands of students are counting on your support to continue attending the school of their choice in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Call 800-876-3546 ext. 256 or visit www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/sto for more information or to make a contribution.

Memorial Dedication

All Parishioners are encouraged to join Fr. Nienhaus, the Knights of Columbus, and the Sanctity of Life Committee in the dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn at the Ames Municipal Cemetery, 13th and Maxwell, on **this Sunday, October 5, 12:00PM**. The monument was completed in May and is located on the north side of the cemetery in the Catholic section east of the Monsignor Supple Cross.

Tornado & Flood Relief

The tornado victims of Parkersburg are still in need of help. Suggested donations include paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, formula, batteries, sheets, towels, pots/pans, kitchen utensils, battery operated clocks or clock radios. Collection boxes for the items can be found in the Narthex.
Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 12.

Director of Development

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is seeking a Director of Development. The Director is responsible for fundraising activities to include: annual giving, anticipated building campaign, planned giving and major gift coordination. Three to five years of development experience working with Church/School or higher education is preferred. An undergraduate degree is required. To further explore this opportunity, candidate should send a cover letter and resume by October 10 to Jerry Greving, Business Manager, Saint Cecilia Church, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010 or email jgreving@stceciliaparish.org.

Stewardship: In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Give It Away Now—Clothing Drive Collection Table at all Masses October 11/12

Clean, laundered, shirts and pants for all ages are being collected by our high school students to send to Zimbabwe. Items will be packed for shipping October 12, 7:00-9:00PM in the A/Y room. (Donation receipts will not be given).

Volunteers Needed

Wedding Receptions and Parties Committee

Jane Baty and Judy Trumpy are recruiting parishioners (men as well as women) for a committee to serve wedding receptions, anniversary receptions, birthday parties and other special events. This is a large committee so members can be expected to be called 2 or 3 times a year for approximately 3 hours. It involves table setting, simple cold food preparation, serving food, making coffee and dishwashing. We hope to make wedding receptions and parties at Saint Cecilia an attractive and economical option for parishioners. If interested, call Jane (292-9071) or Judy at (292-4499).

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 involving 10-12 phone calls per year. Call John at 232-3514 for more information.

Book & Gift Shop

Open October 11/12 & October 25/26

Saturdays 3:00-6:00PM, Sundays. 9:30AM-Noon

20% off all Instock Items during October

Magnificat for October & November now available.

Open by appointment Thursday and Friday Noon to 1:00PM
Call Char for appointment at 233-3092 or 232-2695

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine Trip LaCrosse, Wisconsin

October 15: 7:30AM-10:30PM

Price of \$79 includes bus, noon lunch, Mass, tour, & time to tour grounds. Registration forms can be found on the west bulletin board in the Narthex or Contact Sandi at Sail Aweigh (233-5203). **October 10 deadline.** You may bring food items on the bus. There will be a stop for the evening meal but it is not included in the above price.

Your Financial Stewardship	September	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 68,570	\$ 222,679
Needed to meet expenses	\$	\$ 255,425
Contributions (building)	\$ 32,153	\$ 79,638

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.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

166 Faith is a personal act—the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone. You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others. Our love for Jesus and for our neighbor impels us to speak to others about our faith. Each believer is thus a link in the great chain of believers. I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are few things more hurtful than a love that is rejected. Early on, we learn rejection; you've waited all year to work up the nerve to ask that cute girl to the big dance, only to have her tell you that she's already going with someone else. You date someone for months, even years, and dare to dream that this might be forever, only to have your heart broken as you go your separate ways. The one who vowed to love you until death decides that he or she doesn't want to wait that long. Yes, it hurts, but do you stop loving?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading from Matthew tells of a very generous vineyard owner who gave his tenants everything they would ever need to survive. And how did they repay him? By killing not only the servants who went to the field to help, but also the owner's son. Clearly, Jesus was again foretelling of God's gifts to us and our rejection of his love, of his early messengers, and the rejection of his Son. God so loved us that he would give us Jesus Christ; not even our rejection, however, staves off God's love. It is enduring, clear, and for all times.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that even in the face of the greatest moral evil—the rejection, persecution and death of Christ—God brought by his grace the greatest of goods: the glorification of Christ and our redemption (CCC 312). Throughout our lives, time and again we will suffer rejection and the pains of unrequited love. To be truly in communion with God, the love in our hearts for each other must never diminish; it is a flame that cannot be extinguished.

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Mass Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have a Mass said for someone or for a special intention. Masses may be said for a special event such as a birthday or anniversary, for healing or for the deceased. Most openings are for the 7:00AM or 5:15PM weekday Masses.

Faithful Citizenship

Are you looking for a guide on what issues Catholic voters should be considering this coming election. Use the link on the parish website or go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

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

AT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Jubilee Year of St. Paul—Series of Talks

A six-week series of talks addressing teachings of St. Paul meets Thursdays, 7:00PM in the Prophets and Martyrs room. The series began October 2. All are welcome to come for one or all of the talks. Babysitting provided. For more information, call Nannet Horton at 292-5486.

Sponsored by STA Prayer Group.

Week 2: Living in the Holy Spirit

Week 3: Embracing the Cross of Jesus Christ

Week 4: Learning to Pray Without Ceasing

Week 5: Living a Virtuous Life: Faith, Hope and Love

Week 6: Rejoicing in the Victory of God



Saturday, October 4

5:00PM: St. Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, October 5

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

10:30AM: George Lemanczyk

5:00PM: Juanita Dubon,

Maria Jose Dubon

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 7

7:00AM: Shirley Sibley

5:15PM: Emmet & Agnes Brady

Wednesday, October 8

7:00AM: Linda Wienhardt

5:15PM: Joe Buboltz

Thursday, October 9

7:00AM: Martha Galecki

9:00AM: Clarence & Francis Thole

5:15PM: Nick & Francis Kuennen

Friday, October 10

7:00AM: Increase in Religious Vocations

5:15PM: Mike Rolling

Saturday, October 11

5:00PM: Mark Wessman

Sunday, October 12

8:30AM: Fred Swank

10:30AM: John & Mary McKinney

50th anniversary

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

Liturgy of the Hours: Saturday, 7:00AM

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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