



Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

www.stceciliaparish.org

The Perfect Pastor

- The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes.
- He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings.
- He works from 8:00AM until midnight and doubles as the church janitor.
- The perfect pastor makes \$400 per week, wears good clothes, drives a nice car and donates \$100 a week to his parish.
- He is 29 years old and has 40 years experience.
- The perfect pastor makes 15 house calls a day and is always in the office.

If your pastor does not measure up, send this to six other parishes that are dissatisfied with their pastor, then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors – and one of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in 3 months.

★ The weekend of November 15/16 Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic women will host receptions for our clergy following the 5:00PM, 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses. Please be sure to let Fr. Nienhaus and our Deacons know how much we appreciate them.

October 26, 2008

30th 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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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

Pre-School & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. November dates: 3,10,17

Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. November dates: 5,12,19

No Classes October 27 or 29

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, November dates: 5,17

YIKES Lock-in with St. Thomas Aquinas, Saturday, November 1, 6PM-Midnight at Saint Cecilia. Bring a snack to share. Sign up in the Religious Education office by October 29.

Fall Youth Rally Monday, November 10, 6:30PM, Narthex. No sign-up necessary just \$10 at the door.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, November dates: 5,12,17

Glory: Sunday, October 26, 7:00-9:00PM. A/Y room, Vote JESUS! (1 worship hour for grades 9 & 10)

Teen Mass: November 2, 7:00PM, Education Center Multi-purpose room.

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.

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 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

Adult Education Presentations are held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall

CHURCH, CHAT & CHOW

The Catholic Perspective on End of Life Issues

Presented by

Rev. William Joensen, Ph.D.

Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion and Theology,
Loras College, Dubuque, IA

Wednesday, November 5, Social Hall

Soup Supper: 6:15PM

Talk 7:00PM

All Saints Day

Holy Day Mass Times

Friday, October 31, 5:30PM

Saturday, November 1, 8:30AM

Blessing of Religious Items

Will take place in the Narthex
After all Masses this Weekend



MEETINGS/EVENTS

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass Sunday, November 2, 7:30PM

November is the month set aside for remembering the dead and praying for them. Those in the parish who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. There will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle for their deceased loved ones no matter how long ago they died. All of us who are part of the communion of saints on earth join in prayers with the saints in heaven.



Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, October 28, 12:00 noon in the South Social Hall for a Potluck dinner. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. Story County Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald will present the program.

Sanctity of Life will meet Sunday, October 26, 9:30AM in the Sun Room.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup every Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. **All are invited to attend a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 29, during playgroup.** Costumes optional. Contact Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or sjryan2@isunet.net or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome 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. Groups may request a table, or a Saturday evening fundraising meal. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Knights of Columbus Fish Supper

Friday, November 7

Serving 5:00-7:00PM

Saint Cecilia Social Hall

Adults: \$7 Ages 4-12: \$4 under 4: free

Meal includes baked fish
macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked potato
coleslaw, coffee, punch or milk
Desserts available for a free will donation.

Saint Cecilia School News

Thursday, October 30: School picture retakes (If you were not satisfied with your child's school picture, please send the picture envelope with your child and their picture will be retaken)

Friday, October 31: 9:00AM, All School All Saints Day Mass

Week of November 3: Bookfair

November 4-6: Parent-Teacher conferences
with 1:30PM early dismissal

Friday, November 7: NO SCHOOL

COMMUNITY

The Matthew 25 House

Dinner of Thanksgiving & Celebration

Monday, November 17

Gathering at 5:30PM; Complimentary dinner, 6:00PM

Program at 6:45PM

Members of the four mentoring churches (Saint Cecilia, St. John's Episcopal, Collegiate Presbyterian, and Evangelical Free) are invited to a dinner of Thanksgiving and Celebration of one year of operation. Saint Cecilia, through the Social Concerns Committee and Knights of Columbus has assisted with this program. **If you would like to attend, please call Patty Rua (296-5043) or the Parish Office (233-3092) by November 3.**

Good Neighbor Fall Concert

November 2, 3:00PM

**Collegiate United Methodist Church
2622 Lincoln Way**

Choirs around town have been practicing special music for the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Fall Concert. Each choir will present selections and then join for two final numbers directed by Carl Bleyle. A free will offering will be collected to benefit Good Neighbor of which Saint Cecilia Parish is a member. Thrivant Lutheran will match the donation.

Church Women United World Community Day

will be observed at Collegiate United Methodist Church on Friday, November 7. Coffee will be served at 9:00AM with the program following at 9:30. This World Community Day Service is all about freedom and forgiveness. Pastor Linda Butler will talk about the After Care Support for people discharged from prison that is being provided in Ames. With

AREA CHURCHES

Fall Festival

St. Mary Catholic Church of Williams

Sunday, November 2

Serving Sunday, November 2, 4:30-7:00PM

Chicken, and homemade noodles, meat loaf, real mashed potatoes, home frozen corn, salad, pie and beverage

Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$4 3 & Under: Free

Check out the **Country Store** a variety of homemade crafts and baked goods. Raffle! Take Outs!

Stewardship: We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship-joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

One Student at a Time

Thousands of students in our Archdiocese desire an education rich in faith formation and academic excellence. They desire an education in a Catholic school where they can worship, be part of a community, and reach out to those in need. Catholic school students demonstrate high academic achievement and strong character values. We believe every student should have the choice for a Catholic education and with your support we will secure that right for every child—one student at a time. As an Iowa taxpayer, you can contribute to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. Give today. Call 800-876-3546 ext. 236 or visit www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/sto

ESL Tutors

Tutors are needed in the English as a Second Language program especially for the Thursday, 7:00PM session. Call Karl Gwiasda at 232-7582 to volunteer, or for more information. Most activity is one or two students per tutor and involves visiting and helping with reading. Knowledge of a second language is NOT needed. If you can help with the Thursday 10:00AM session contact Palmer Holden at 231-5543. Those interested may visit one of the sessions to see how easy it is and how much the students appreciate the tutors

Priesthood Discernment Group

Are you thinking about the possibility that God might be calling you to be a priest: Even remotely considering it? Young men, age 17 and older, gather monthly at St. Thomas Aquinas to learn more about priesthood and the discernment process. We talk about Holy Orders, religious/diocesan priesthood, prayer, celibacy and other topics. Contact Father Everett Hemann for more information. 292-3810 or revev@staparish.net.

Book & Gift Shop

Open October 25/26

Saturday 4:00-6:00PM, Sunday 9:30AM-Noon

20% off all Instock Items during October

Magnificat for October & November now available. Pope Benedict Rosaries now available. New merchandise arriving weekly.

Open by appointment

Thursday and Friday Noon to 1:00PM

Call Char for appointment at 233-3092 or 232-2695

Your Financial Stewardship (October 13-Oct. 19)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 14,301

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 19,648

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 4,061

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", CHAP. 3, ARTICLE 2, We Believe

170 We do not believe in formulas, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. "The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express.]" All the same, we do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more.

171 The Church, "the pillar and bulwark of the truth," faithfully guards "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." She guards the memory of Christ's words; it is she who from generation to generation hands on the apostles' confession of faith. As a mother who teaches her children to speak and so to understand and communicate, the Church our Mother teaches us the language of faith in order to introduce us to the understanding and the life of faith.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, the Pharisees were again questioning Jesus' knowledge of the laws of Moses and the Jewish faith. When asked which is the greatest, he responded simply but matter-of-factly that "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." He then explained that as a natural extension of this greatest of all commandments, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, meaning no matter who we meet, we are to love them as God loves each of us.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this love of God and each other is known as the path of charity. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of justice. Charity inspires a life of self-giving (CCC 1889). When faced with a difficult situation, if we remember the greatest commandment-to love one another-we will find a clear path to resolving the difficulty.

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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

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend

The Dubuque Archdiocese will host a Beginning Experience Weekend for divorced/widowed persons November 14-16 at the Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque for anyone who has lost a loved one through divorce or death. It is designed to be a time of closure on the past and renewed hope for the future. Participants should be at the point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality. Cost is \$150; financial assistance is available. For more information contact Carol Pearson at 296-2250.

Coffee & Donuts
Served in the Social Hall
after the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses



Available in the
Parish Office
\$10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 25

5:00PM: Charlie Walsh

Sunday, October 26

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30AM: Frank & Opal Vankerckvoorde
5:00PM: Msgr William Schulte & Family
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 28

7:00AM: Eleanor Elbert
5:15PM: George Schmitz

Wednesday, October 29

7:00AM: Teddy Legg
5:15PM: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Collins

Thursday, October 30

7:00AM: Gladys Wheelock
5:15PM: Clarence & Francis Thede

Friday, October 31

7:00AM: Special Needs Children
9:00AM: Rita Schmitz
5:30PM: Ralph & Lilian Svec (All Saints)

Saturday, November 1

8:30AM: Shirley Sibley (All Saints Day)
5:00PM: Alice Eplin Chase (All Souls)

Sunday, November 2

8:30AM: Doris Schaeffer (All Souls Day)
10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(All Souls Day))
5:00PM: Clarence & Francis Thole
(All Souls Day)
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

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:

stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com

or call Marge Sutter at 233-2622.

Readings for the Week of October 26, 2008

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

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