

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

August 2, 2009

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time




Welcome Fr. Jim

St. Cecilia Parish Potluck

Please join us for the Parish Potluck.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.



As part of the Adult Education Program in the Year for Priests Fr. Jim will speak and take questions.

St. Cecilia Parish
Social Hall

▶ Date: Wednesday
August 5

Time: 6:00PM

Fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, beverage, rolls and table service are provided.

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is currently taking place in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday—Friday.

Register Now!

The Youth Ministry Team is excited to announce the launching of LIFE TEEN in the fall programs. Check out Life Teen at www.lifeteen.com

42 Days till the Life Teen Fall Kick-Off!!

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

The Journey Summer Study Group: Meets at 1:00PM in the A/Y Room to watch the Lord of the Rings movies and discuss hope, courage and the faith journey. Readings are optional! Remaining sessions are August 4, 11 & 18.

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference): 5 spots remain for the NCYC trip to Kansas City November 19-21. Registration open until August 15. Please contact Anna if you are interested in attending. **No cost for chaperones who are 21 or older.**

Website Renovation: Youth Ministry and Confirmation updates and registration forms are posted at www.saintceciliailifeteen.net

Teen Mass-This Weekend

Sunday, August 2, 7:00 PM

Mass will be held on the lawn north of the Education Center. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. All are welcome.

Catechists needed for Grades 1 to 5. Classes meet Monday evenings at 6:15 or Wednesday afternoon at 4:00. Training available. Call John at 232-3514 for more information.

RCIA

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

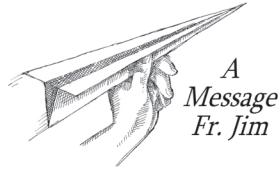
Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, August 6, 6:30-9:00PM** in the A/Y Room. **All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously.** 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.



A
Message
Fr. Jim

This year as we spend time in the Lectionary cycle "B" readings, since the Gospel of Mark which is read on most of the Sundays of "Ordinary Time" is the shortest of the three synoptic accounts

(Matthew and Luke being the other two) beginning last Sunday and continuing through Sunday, August 26th we will hear the great eucharistic teaching contained in the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel. As we spend these next weeks with John 6 some reflection questions for all of us would be:

- Do we approach the Eucharist with joy as well as with reverence?
- Do we celebrate the Mass as what it truly is--a sacrifice and a meal, an encounter with Jesus?
- Christ not only in the consecrated elements but in the Word, presider and assembly?

(See the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" #7 of the Second Vatican Council)

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Annual Knights of Columbus Picnic

August 13 at Inis Grove Park, Walnut Shelter. Mass at 6:00 PM, Potluck Dinner to follow.

A-N: Bring Desert

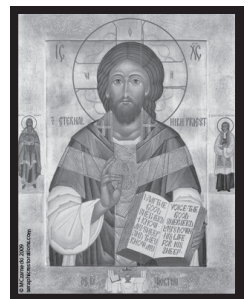
O-Z: Bring Side Dish

Brats, Sweet Corn and Beverages Provided

The Knights also invite all altar servers and their families to attend our annual picnic in recognition of their service to the Parish. Altar server families, please call Bob Dahlgren, 515-232-0916 by August 6 for reservations.

The Year for Priests

On June 19, the Church began celebrating the Year for Priests. In honor of this special year, St. John Vianney has been named the patron saint of all priests. His Feast day is Aug 4. St. John Vianney died at 2 am, August 4, 1859, in Ars, France. In special remembrance of St. John Vianney's sacrifices and the sacrifices of all the priests, you are invited to come to St. Cecilia Church on August 4 from 1 to 2 AM. We will offer a special rosary for all priests and silent prayer. Please mark your calendars for Monday night August 3 going in to the very early morning of Tuesday, Aug 4. Also, please note the location change to the Church due to cleaning of the Chapel hallway. Please park in the back and south of the Church and enter through the doors closest to the social hall kitchen.



The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single group will meet on Sunday August 16, at 11:45 for lunch. Those who wish to will then go to the Heartland Senior Variety Show at the City Hall Auditorium. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations.

Join us for **Coffee and Donuts** served after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses on August 2 in the Social Hall.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Saint Cecilia School Office is open flexible hours during the summer. Please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned. You may also e-mail Dr. Tom Budnik, principal, tbudnik@stceciliaschoolames.org or lvidimos@stceciliaschoolames.org for Lois Vidimos, administrative assistant.

School link on the website: www.stceciliaparish.org/stcschool

The 2009-2010 school year begins on August 20, 2009.
Have a great summer!

Help Wanted

3-Year Old Preschool Teacher Associate for Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Please send letter of application to Dr. Tom Budnik, Saint Cecilia School, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010.

SCRIP REMINDER:

August Order Date will be, August 10 at 9:00AM At:

- School Office
- Parish Office
- Contact Connie @ 232-8343 or vaclav@iastate.edu.

Orders will be ready Friday, August 14

- Pick-up in Parish Office
Monday, August 24, Scrip will be back to regular Monday/ Friday Schedule

Note: JCPenney no longer accepts SCRIP cards as payment on charge accounts.



Mark Your Calendars

St. Cecilia Parish FunFest will be Saturday, August 22 from 6:00PM to 10PM at St Cecilia Church Grounds. Pulled Pork Sandwiches, beans, chips, dessert will be from Smokin' Caboose. A suggested offering

for food \$5 per meal, or \$20 per Family. St. Cecilia 5th Grade Class and parents will be working and hosting the event.

There will be Live Music, Bingo, Casino Games and Family Games.

More details in weeks to come. See you there!!!

Reminder: The Burke Chapel Hallway will be closed for maintenance until Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 AM. Daily Liturgy and Adoration will be held in the Church.

Stewardship: The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Wanted: Adults who love being Catholic and want to share their faith with the young Church. If you are being called to 1-2 year commitment to youth ministry, contact



The Social Concerns Committee continues to fund causes in need of assistance within our community. With your generous contributions to the monthly black bag collection, we continue our monthly distribution of funds to Good Neighbor, Food at First, the Emergency Residence Assistance program and the free medical/dental clinic program. In addition we have provided one time expenditures to fund youth mission trips, St. Bridget's Hispanic Ministry (Postville) and the Boys and Girls Club. In this continuing tough economic environment, we are truly blessed as a community to be able to bring hope and comfort to others in need. Thanks again for your continued support.



Alan Christy was Ordained as Permanent Deacon on July 11 in Dubuque, Iowa. Alan will be celebrating his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Cecilia Parish during the Weekend Masses on August 8 & 9.

There will be a reception following all the Masses. Please stop by and congratulate him and his family.

Planned Giving Tax Tip

Gift Options Bequests - Remembering Saint Cecilia in your will is a simple and creative way to dispose of all or part of your estate if you are satisfied that you have taken care of your family. You can bequeath to your parish a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after other choices have been made. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 515-233-3092.

Your Financial Stewardship

	July 21-27	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 14,879	\$ 71,780
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$ 78,748
Contributions (building)	\$ 300	\$ 5,076

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: SECTION TWO

CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

Article 1— I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven & Earth Paragraph 3. The Almighty

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Of all the divine attributes, only God's omnipotence is named in the Creed: to confess this power has great bearing on our lives. We believe that his might is *universal*, for God who created everything also rules everything and can do everything. God's power is *loving*, for he is our Father, and *mysterious*, for only faith can discern it when it "is made perfect in weakness."

"He does whatever he pleases"

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The Holy Scriptures repeatedly confess the *universal* power of God. He is called the "Mighty One of Jacob," the "LORD of hosts," the "strong and mighty" one. If God is almighty "in heaven and on earth," it is because he made them. Nothing is impossible with God, who disposes his works according to his will. He is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will: "It is always in your power to show great strength, and who can withstand the strength of your arm?"

Visit www.usccb.org

The US Council of Catholic Bishops website contains the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Use it to select the information that you need. The Bible, daily readings (also in audio), the latest news on Catholic Issues, and many, many other topics can be found on this website. Check it out!!

KWKY's Faith Matters Conference in Des Moines runs August 28-29. Marcus Grodi, Bob Rice and the DSM Bishop will head the conference. A bus leaves St. Cecilia on Saturday at 6:55AM and returns at 7:15 PM at cost of \$1.00 to be paid at the bus. Please reserve your seat by August 24, by signing up on the sheet posted on the Parish Bulletin Board near the parish office.



Please Remember in Your Prayers, Bill Naughton, May the Lord grant peace and consolation to this family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Twenty years ago, Marianne Wilson saw a need; thousands of people with critical illnesses were going hungry in her area of Southern California, and she just wasn't going to stand for it. She began cooking healthy meals and delivering them to men, women and children dying from HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other diseases at no cost to the recipients. Today, the organization is known as Project Angel Food, and every year produces over 400,000 meals and delivers them to more than 1,600 people. On its Web site, it says, "We act out of a sense of urgency because hunger and illness do not wait."

It had been barely twenty-four hours since the miracle of the loaves and fishes; thousands had found nourishment. Jesus and his disciples had crossed the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, and still many in the crowd from the day before found him, wanting another miracle. But Jesus offered them and us a greater miracle; if we are only to believe in the Son of God, we will never hunger again. Our faith is our work; this work will be generously rewarded.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray "Give us this day our daily bread." Fully understanding today's Gospel reading from John enables us to comprehend the dual meaning of this petition: our bodies will hunger, please provide nourishment, and our souls hunger, please provide through our faith the bread of life that is faith in Jesus Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the drama of hunger in the world calls Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility toward their brethren, both in their personal behavior and in their solidarity with the human family" (CCC 2831).

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Franciscan Mini-Retreat—August 8th at Mustard Seed Farm, near Boone. For More information call Alice McGary at 515-460-1467 or Mary Ann Kock at 515-432-3410.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

The annual regional conference for the Catholic Renewal is August 14-15 at Hill-Murray High School in Maplewood, MN. This year's Theme is Wheat Among the Weeds, stressing we are to be in the world but of it. For More information call Jacque Zbracki at 292-1546.

GIFT SHOP IS CLOSING

Everything MUST go—including New Product. Great time to pick up Confirmation, First Communion & Christmas gifts for next year.

Call Char at 233-3092

Open August 2- - 9:30AM-Noon

SALE IN PROGRESS

ST. THOMAS PARISH

LEAN INTO THE WIND

The St. Thomas Aquinas Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet for a progressive dinner Sat, Aug. 8. For more details about the dinner and an opportunity to serve at the Food at First outreach meal on Monday Aug 10 call Carol at 296-2250 or Jo at jomyerswalker@gmail.com



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 1

5:00 PM: Patricia & Dan Mahert†

Sunday, August 2

8:30 AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Edward & Paul Shevokast†

5:00PM: An End to Abortion
Misa en Español (Chapel)

7:00PM John Stahr†

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 AM: Special Intention

5:15PM: Poor Souls

Wednesday, August 5

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak†

5:15PM: Lyle Armstrong†

Thursday, August 6

7:00AM: James Pattenburg

5:15 PM: John Piconi

Friday, August 7

7:00 AM: Jeanell Piconi

5:15PM: Ray Michaud

Saturday, August 8

5:00PM: Don & Jared Finnegan†

Sunday, August 9

8:30AM: Soul of George Lemket†

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Dick Ludwig†
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

Scriptural Rosary Monday 7:00 AM

Intercessory Prayer Group Sunday 9:00-10:00 PM

Rosary Monday 7:30 PM*, Tuesday-Friday before 7:00 Mass
(*The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.)

Christians in the Spirit Tuesday 7:15-9:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Friday 3:00 PM

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 7:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration The chapel is open daily.

Keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information or to sign up for an adoration hour.

Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or

stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30 5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM & 5:15 PM (Chapel)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return via mail or drop in collection basket.
Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.

