

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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August 9, 2009

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alan Christy was Ordained as Permanent Deacon on July 11 in Dubuque, Iowa.  
Alan will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Masses this weekend.

There will be a reception following all Masses in the Social Hall.

## 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](http://www.lifeteen.com)

**35 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 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](http://www.saintceciliailifeteen.net)

### RCIA

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

**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.

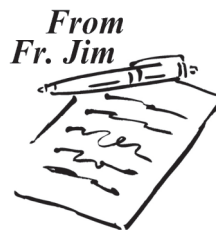
### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, October 1, 6:30-8:30PM** 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.



As we continue our journey through the sixth chapter of St John's gospel these Sundays, I share with you the following reflections I read recently.

"Believing in the Eucharist is more than believing in the Real Presence. Or, to put it another way, believing in the Real Presence—the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ—demands something of us. Eucharist nourishes us, transforms us in to being more perfectly the Body of Christ, so that we might live this holy mystery more effectively in our daily lives. As St. Augustine said in his famous Sermon 272, "If you are the Body of Christ and members of it, then it is that mystery which is placed on the Lord's table: you receive the mystery, which is to say the Body of Christ, your very self. You answer Amen to who you are and in the answer embrace yourself. You hear Body of Christ and answer Amen. Be a member of Christ's Body, that your Amen will be true"

Believing itself is action—a commitment to a relationship. To say we believe in Jesus as the Bread of Life and to say Amen to the Body and Blood we receive at Communion is to make a commitment: that we live who we are, the Body of Christ. The only way our Amen to the Body and Blood of Christ can be true is for each of us to be Christ in our everyday actions. This is a tall order! On our own we could not do it. But Jesus himself is our strength and helps us say our Amen.

## 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 St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers, and Single

group will meet on Sunday August 16, at 11:45 for lunch at Café Shi. 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.

### Just 14 Days Until.....



**St. Cecilia Parish FunFest** on 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 to come. See you there!!!

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Back To School

Space is available for students in Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 for the 2009-2010 school year. For information call 232-5290 or stop by the school office.

Class lists will be posted on the Front Doors of the School and on the website on August 10.

School link on the website: [www.stceciliaparish.org/stcschool](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/stcschool)

The 2009-2010 school year begins on August 20, 2009.

### SCRIP REMINDER:

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

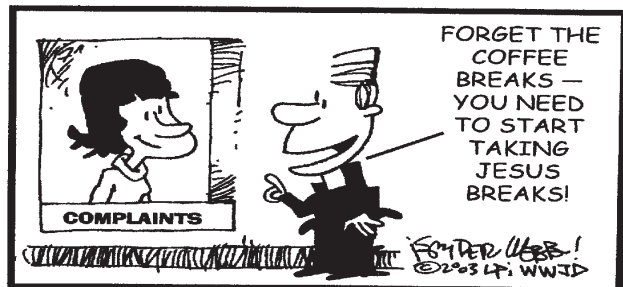
- School Office
- Parish Office
- Contact Connie @ 232-8343 or [vaclav@iastate.edu](mailto:vaclav@iastate.edu).

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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Stewardship:** The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen Him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

## 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 [annajsteele@gmail.com](mailto:annajsteele@gmail.com)



**Garage Sale:** Catholic Daughters will be having a garage sale September 4 & 5. Anyone wishing to donate items (except clothing) call 233-1393. All will be greatly appreciated.

**Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/ Food Shelf Collection Weekend.**

Suggested food items include baby 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: disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, paper towels, and Kleenex. Reminder: Home made jellies and jams are not accepted. Please check expiration dates on items. Thank you for your continued generous support.



**Needed: Tutors for English as a Second Language(ESL)**

No experience needed. Thursday 10:00-11:30 & 7:00-8:30. For additional information call Palmer Holden, Morning Coordinator -515-233-3707 or Karl Gwiasda, Evening Coordinator- 515-232-1852.

### Planned Giving-Gifts of Appreciated Property

If a gift of appreciated property is made to Saint Cecilia Parish, the donor is given credit for the current value and all or part of the capital gains tax is avoided. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 515-233-3092.

### Your Financial Stewardship

	July 28-Aug 3	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 25,058	\$ 96,383
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,687	\$ 98,435
Contributions (building)	\$ 650	\$ 5,726

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

# 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

*"You are merciful to all, for you can do all things"*

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God is the *Father* Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."); finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins.

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God's almighty power is in no way arbitrary: "In God, power, essence, will, intellect, wisdom, and justice are all identical. Nothing therefore can be in God's power which could not be in his just will or his wise intellect."

*The mystery of God's apparent powerlessness*

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Faith in God the Father Almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But in the most mysterious way God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil. Christ crucified is thus "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." It is in Christ's Resurrection and exaltation that the Father has shown forth "the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe."

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



**Please Remember in Your Prayers,** Ardella Berg, mother of Ken Berg, May the Lord grant peace and consolation to this family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

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Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

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## 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 not of it. This free will offering event features Mother Nadine Brown, founder of the Intercessors of the Lamb and Fr. Bob Hogan, co-founder of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple. For More information call Jacque

**Note:** This year the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Virgin Mary** falls on a Saturday, so the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated or waived. There are no scheduled Feast Day Masses for the Assumption on Friday or Saturday. The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be observed at the weekend Liturgies on August 15-16.



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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, August 8

5:00 PM: Don & Jared Finnegan†

## Sunday, August 9

8:30 AM: Soul of George Lemket†

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Dick Ludwig†

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, August 11

7:00 AM: Char Beaudry†

5:15PM: Pvt. Jesse Mullenbach

## Wednesday, August 12

7:00AM: Michael Jackson†

5:15PM: Special Intention

## Thursday, August 13

7:00AM: Holy Families

5:15 PM: Germaine Mullenbach†

## Friday, August 14

7:00 AM: George Torington†

5:15PM: Rev Msgr. Bernard Collins†

## Saturday, August 15

5:00PM: Susan Mullaly†

## Sunday, August 16

8:30AM: Mildred Buboltz†

10:30AM: Henry Adams†

5:00PM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

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](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com).

## Readings for the Week of August 9, 2009

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

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

## 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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## Parish Staff

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**Secretary** ..... Annette Kelch  
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## School

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**Administrative Assistant** ..... Lois Vidimos  
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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.

