

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

August 16, 2009

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St Cecilia Parish Fun-Fest

August 22 6-10 PM

**Barbeque Meal  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Beans  
by Smokin' Caboose**

Chips, Cookies/Bars  
\$5 Suggested Offering/Meal, \$20 per family, \$2 per Sandwich  
Hosted by 5th Grade Class and Parents  
In Support of Annual Class Trip

**Guided tours of the St. Cecilia Facility  
At the Top of Each Hour  
Meet Outside by Gathering Space.**

**Complimentary Beverages**

**Barnyard Carnival  
Free Activities Ages 2-8  
Games—Face Painting and More  
Hosted by 11th and 12th Grade Teens**

**Fun and Games  
Bingo & More  
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus**

### Live Music

Polashek Accordion/Violin Duet

Latin Band

Sound Track

Teen Band

Live Teen Auction at 6:45, 7:45, 8:45

## 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)

**28 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 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.



*From  
Fr. Jim*

### Eucharist, Cross, and Sacrifice.

Eucharist and cross go together because, in the Christian mystery, dying and rising go together. There has been a long-standing tradition in the church to use the image of sacrifice in relation to the Eucharist. One aspect of sacrifice surely refers to Jesus' physical death on the cross. Another aspect is that Jesus' death embodies his total giving of himself, holding back nothing. The shedding of his blood is the pouring out of his life for us. Eucharist, as well, is a total giving of himself to us for our strength and nourishment. When we celebrate Eucharist, then, we are doing more than reenacting Calvary and the Last Supper. We are enacting in the present moment the continual gift of Jesus' self-giving. The cross and the Last Supper are once-and-for all unrepeatable historical events. Jesus' act of self-giving is an on going outpouring of his love for us. But there is more.

Our sharing in Eucharist is the concrete manifestation of our encounter with Christ and our participation in his mystery. Eating and drinking Christ's Body and Blood transforms us more perfectly into being the essential prerequisite for rising to eternal life. We must embrace the cross of self-giving each time we share in the Bread of eternal life. This is the power of the mystery: to transform us into believers committed to self-surrender.

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*Fr.  
Jim  
Will Be  
Away..*

I still have some vacation time left for this year and will be taking part of that this coming week. I will be gone from the parish after the morning Mass Wednesday, August 19th through Tuesday, August 25th. Fr. Richmond will be covering my morning masses. In the event of a funeral, Fr. Pat Geary will be covering for me. Next weekend Fr. David Schatz, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese will be here to take the masses.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**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.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, August 17, at 7:00 PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Parish Cookbooks make great gifts.  
Available in the Parish Office  
\$10 each or 2 for \$15**



## SCHOOL NEWS



### Back To School

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

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

#### **New 3rd Grade & Preschool Teacher and Preschool Associate Hired.**

Dr Budnik, St. Cecilia School Principal, has announced that the 3rd Grade Teacher is Crystal Hemann. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and a product of 13 years of Catholic School Education. She majored in Early Childhood Education and also earned the Unified Special Education and Reading endorsements for her initial license. Since graduation, Ms.Hemann has been a long-term substitute for the Des Moines, Roland-Story, and Ames community School Districts. Her references provided detail of her experience as a student teacher and teacher, and gave their enthusiastic support that Ms. Hemann is indeed a well-prepared teacher, possessing skills, which enhance her classroom performance and rapport with children.

Dr. Budnik has announced that the part-time 3-year-old Preschool Teacher is Mrs. Jennifer Sillman. She is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in Elementary Education, and recently has been approved to receive the Pre-Kindergarten/Grade 3 endorsement as well. She is committed to providing a faith based early childhood foundation for young children. Her own children were and are St. Cecilia School students, with her youngest daughter enrolled in Kindergarten this fall. Mrs. Sillman has 20 years experience working in diverse educational settings, teaching children with various ability levels and learning styles. Mrs. Sillman's teacher associate will be Mrs. Lisa Reeves.

Mrs. Lisa Reeves will be Mrs. Sillman's preschool associate. Lisa's experience includes Bethesda Christian Preschool and as a Preschool Religious Education Teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Please help us welcome Ms. Hemann, Mrs. Sillman, and Mrs. Reeves.

#### **Calendar:**

Monday, Aug. 17th	All Staff In-Service
Tues./Wed., Aug.18th –19th	Teachers' Workshop Days
Thursday, Aug.20th	1st day of Class (8:30am-3:20pm)
Monday, Aug.24th	Parent Night(FSA Sponsored) at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose room
Wednesday, Aug. 26	Early Dismissal at 2:15pm

#### **Stewardship:**

"Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of the our Lord Jesus 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 [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.

#### **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– 515-232-7582.

★ Thank You! ★  
★ THANK YOU! ★

We would like to thank the entire parish for the amazing outpouring of hospitality following the Masses of Celebration last weekend. Your words of thanks and encouragement were heartwarming. We especially thank all those who set up, baked treats, served, and cleaned up for the receptions in the social hall. Saint Cecilia is a wonderful parish and we feel blessed and fortunate to be a part of it. We look forward to the opportunity to serve.

God Bless,  
Deacon Alan and Mary Christy

**Planned Giving—** Life insurance—By naming St. Cecilia Parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you will help to insure the future of your parish by making them the owner of the policy. Your premiums will be tax deductible. You may also designate the use of the proceeds when they are paid to your parish. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 515-233-3092.

#### **Your Financial Stewardship**

	August 3-10	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 15,467	\$ 112,305
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 19,234	\$ 118,122
Contributions (building)	\$ 618	\$ 6,344

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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Only faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weaknesses in order to draw to itself Christ's power. The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that "nothing will be impossible with God," and was able to magnify the Lord: "For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

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"Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe—even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature."

#### IN BRIEF

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With Job, the just man, we confess: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted" (*Job* 42:2).

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Faithful to the witness of Scripture, the Church often addresses its prayer to the "almighty and eternal God" ("omnipotens sempiternus Deus . . ."), believing firmly that "nothing will be impossible with God" (*Gen* 18:14; *Lk* 1:37; *Mt* 19:26).

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God shows forth his almighty power by converting us from our sins and restoring us to his friendship by grace. "God, you show your almighty power above all in your mercy and forgiveness . . ." (*Roman Missal*, 26th Sunday, Opening Prayer).

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If we do not believe that God's love is almighty, how can we believe that the Father could create us, the Son redeem us, and the Holy Spirit sanctify us?

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!!

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



Matthew 5:4

#### Please Remember in Your Prayers,

Agnes Gassman, Mother of Jo Anne Dalhoff, 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.

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a man who lived on the edge of a small Midwestern town. He kept to himself, had his groceries delivered, and never ventured past his own front gate. No one made an effort to know him, and it stayed that way for nearly sixty years. When the man passed away, it was found that he had no family. The state-appointed lawyer for his estate ordered everything in his home sold or disposed of. Upon entering his home, the auctioneers found nearly every wall of the home covered in beautiful oil paintings, created by the man no one knew. He had a beautiful gift, yet he kept it to himself, and in doing so he deprived so many others of its beauty.

Today's Gospel reading from John continues the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. He tells those listening that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to him as "this man." They cannot believe.

We approach the altar solemnly, reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "the body of Christ." We are offered the cup; "the blood of Christ." And with each gift, we respond, "Amen." And it is in that amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, I am becoming the body and blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared" (CCC 949).

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### CFM OFFERS FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR TODAY'S BUSY FAMILY

Families, faith and fun. That is what the Christian Family Movement is all about. Through prayer, discussion and action, families grow in their faith as they provide support and friendship to one another. Meeting in small faith sharing groups, parents and their families learn to live their faith in their every day lives, at home, in our communities and in the market place. If you want to learn more about this group here at St. Cecilia, please contact Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or [gaitchis@iastate.edu](mailto:gaitchis@iastate.edu).

**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.

### Summertime

Summer time with the kids has been great! But do you feel a need to get away "just for the two of you?" You deserve a weekend away—attend a worldwide marriage encounter weekend. To register or for more information call Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org) for more information.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, August 15

5:00 PM: Susan Mullaly†

## Sunday, August 16

8:30 AM: Mildred Buboltz†

10:30AM: Henry Adams†

5:00PM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia†  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, August 18

7:00 AM: Margaret Inman

5:15PM: Bill Naughton†

## Wednesday, August 19

7:00AM: Arthur H. Johnson†

5:15PM: For Holy Marriages

## Thursday, August 20

7:00AM: Tom Remmes Family

5:15 PM: An End to Abortions

## Friday, August 21

7:00 AM: Shirley Sibley†

5:15PM: Clarence & Francis Thole†

## Saturday, August 22

5:00PM: Doris Kleinschmidt†

## Sunday, August 23

8:30AM: Parishioners of St Cecilia

10:30AM: John Conley†

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 16, 2009

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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## 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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## School

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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.