

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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September 27, 2009

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WE ARE CALLED ONE BY ONE AND AS A COMMUNITY TO BECOME PART OF THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE UNITED WITH THE FATHER AND STRENGTHENED AND ENLIVENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE ARE COMMITTED DAILY TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS AS JESUS DID.

Liturgical Ministry Formation/Training Night

Tuesday, September 29

Gathering at 6:30PM

Prayer at 6:50PM

Fr. Jim's presentation at 7:00PM

"What Makes Good Liturgy?"

Q & A with Fr. Jim at 7:45

Breakout Session at 8:00PM

All parishioners are invited. New and currently serving Liturgical Ministers are especially encouraged to attend.

If interested in becoming a new member of a Liturgical Ministry, please contact the coordinator:

Usher - Marion Kresse (292-7251)

Hospitality Ministers - Janet & Rick Brimeyer (296-2990)

Lector - Sandy Fagan (233-0200)

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion(EMHC's)-

John & Janine Greenwood (232-1359)

EMHC's to the Homebound - Julie Haas (232-7138)

Music - Bob Hauser (233-3092)

Mass Coordinator - Jerry Portis (388-4015)

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.

LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers & Meets from 6:30-9PM each Sunday!

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

Sept 20: Attitude Check

Sept 27: Give it Away Now! (A Can Drive)

Oct. 4: Vita Nox

Discussion Questions for Families will be available each week at <http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/parents>

Confirmation Calendar:

Sept. 30: 10th Grade Sponsor & Candidate Meeting, 7:30PM, North Social Hall

Oct. 11: 10th Grade Retreat Day! (Candidates Only) 12-5PM
*****NOTE: Change in date for Retreat Day*****

Oct. 7: 9th Grade Parent & Candidate Meeting, 6:30-9PM, Social Hall*

*****NOTE change in location for 9th grade meeting*****

Oct. 14: 10th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30-9 PM Social Hall

****MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E. meets from 7 to 8:30PM on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays!****

Sept 30: The Sower

Oct 7: The Good Samaritan

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RCIA

Call John Hayes for information about joining the Catholic Church at 232-3514.

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 North Social Hall.

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



DEACONS.

Our parish community has been blessed with the presence of permanent deacons for the past thirty years. But how much do we know about the origins and the ministry of deacons apart from what we see at Sunday Mass? Over the next couple of Sundays I will use my space in the bulletin to give a brief overview of diaconal ministry in the church. Today I'll begin with its origins.

Chapter six of the Acts of the Apostles tells of the origins of the office of deacon.

Faced with a growing number of especially Greek-speaking converts to the Christian faith and complaints that some of these Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked when it came to community assistance, the apostles met and asked these Greek speakers to select seven men from among their members that the apostles in turn would publicly commission to serve the needs of this growing community. (Even then administrative and pastoral service tasks were seen by the apostles as needing to be shared lest their principal roles of teaching the Scriptures and leading community worship be compromised.) The story goes on to name the seven men, chief among them Stephen.

We read about the rite of ordination as these seven men were presented and the apostles "laid hands on them", still the principal act of the sacrament of Holy Orders in its three-fold order of deacon, presbyter (priest) and bishop.

In the liturgical calendar of saints, deacons are numbered among them. Most especially, St. Stephen (considered the first Christian martyr, at whose death Saul of Tarsus the future Apostle Paul participated as a witness), St. Lawrence and early deacon of the Church of Rome who was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron, St. Ephraim an early teacher in the church.

Next week: the rise and decline of the deacon.

MEETINGS & EVENTS



***Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup* is meeting in a NEW LOCATION.**

Playgroup will meet every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall** starting September. 2. Contact Jon Ryan at sjryan2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

Sanctity of Human Life will meet Sunday, October 4 after 8:30 Mass in the Sun Room.

The Knights of Columbus Fall Banquet for the council will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 6-9PM in the social hall. The banquet is \$10 per person. Send in your RSVP and money to 2101 Hayes Ave Ames, IA 50010 or call 515-290-4374 to the Grand Knight, Dan Rajewski by Oct 18.

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women (SCCW) will meet Thursday, October 1, 6:00PM, in the South Social Hall. A soup supper will be followed by a program on the "Trip to Tanzania" by Cosette Scallon. ALL WOMEN IN THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Mark your calendars: St. Cecilia will have its second annual Christmas Market on November 21 & 22.

SCHOOL NEWS



Back To School

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

Back to School Back to Scrip

You can again order Scrip every Monday and have your order ready to pick up on Friday. Order forms are available in the school office, parish office, online at the school web site and in the narthex. Profits benefit St. Cecilia education programs. Thank you to all who support St. Cecilia education by using scrip. Contact Connie Vaclav at 232-8343 or vaclav@iastate.edu with any questions.

School Calendar:

Week of September 9/27-10/2

Wednesday, 9-30: Early Dismissal at 2:15PM
 Thursday, 10-1: Preschool Coffee in Social Hall at 8:30AM
 Hearing retests
 Friday, 10-2: All School Mass at 9AM
 Blessing of the Animals on North Lawn at 2:45PM

Week of October 5-9

Monday, 10-5: Fire Safety Assemblies
 Wednesday, 10-7: Early Dismissal at 2:15PM
 Thursday, 10-8: Grades 3& 4 Mass at 9AM

Week of October 12-16

All Week: Grades 2 to 5 ITBS Testing (Be sure to eat a good breakfast & get plenty of sleep!)
 Wednesday, 10-14: Early Dismissal at 2:15PM

The St. Cecilia Pray & Play Committee Needs You!



Adult only volunteers are needed to prepare, assemble, and erect the new playground structure. About 20 volunteers are needed each day on Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th when main assembly will occur. A smaller number of volunteers will be needed after 4PM on Thursday, October 8th to prepare the playground area for the assembly. Jason O'Brien is coordinating this effort, and if you can help in any way, please email Jason at susan1979@isunet.net. Thank you for your support.



UNCLAIMED
DISHES

If you have brought food for a Saint Cecilia event and are missing a favorite cake pan or casserole dish, you might want to look in the old ushers room to see if it might be there.

Stewardship: St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

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

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

WE NEED YOU! We are in need of one more couple to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30AM Mass one Sunday each month. If you are willing to share your talents by participating in this rewarding ministry, please contact Patty Willadsen at 515-827-6037 or dwilladsen@msn.com.

The Good Samaritan Service provides assistance to parishioners needing help with indoor care, personal services, transportation and outdoor care. If you or your family are in need of one of these services, please fill out a Good Samaritan Service Card and drop it off in the gold box next to the parish office. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this service. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Planned Giving: Gift Annuities Explained—

Supplement your retirement income immediately. How it works: You transfer cash, securities or other property to St. Cecilia Parish. The parish pays a fixed amount each year to you for life. When you die, the remaining principal passes to the parish. You get an immediate charitable income tax deduction, fixed income guaranteed, income may be partially tax-free, may save capital gain tax, and reduce estate taxes. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 515-233-3092.

Your Financial Stewardship

	August 8-14	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$13,547	\$218,904
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$236,244
Contributions (building)	\$ 160	\$ 11,769

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 4. The Creator

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Since the beginning the Christian faith has been challenged by responses to the question of origins that differ from its own. Ancient religions and cultures produced many myths concerning origins. Some philosophers have said that everything is God, that the world is God, or that the development of the world is the development of God (Pantheism). Others have said that the world is a necessary emanation arising from God and returning to him. Still others have affirmed the existence of two eternal principles, Good and Evil, Light and Darkness, locked in permanent conflict (Dualism, Manichaeism). According to some of these conceptions, the world (at least the physical world) is evil, the product of a fall, and is thus to be rejected or left behind (Gnosticism). Some admit that the world was made by God, but as by a watchmaker who, once he has made a watch, abandons it to itself (Deism). Finally, others reject any transcendent origin for the world, but see it as merely the interplay of matter that has always existed (Materialism). All these attempts bear witness to the permanence and universality of the question of origins. This inquiry is distinctively human.

ACCW General Assembly will be held October 22 at St. Gabriel south of Dike, Iowa.

Married Couples Choose to Learn

HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR KIDS TO WAIT FOR MARRIAGE? ARE YOU SHOWING THEM SOMETHING WORTH WAITING FOR? Take a weekend to make your marriage the best it can be! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is in Des Moines, October 16th—18th. To register or for more information call Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit www.iowa-wwme.org for more information.

The Fall 3-in-1 Appeal, which is taken up in our parish this weekend, supports the annual appeal of Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic University of America and Mission Collections. Please be as generous as possible using the envelope which you received in the mail. If you forgot your envelope, please remember to bring it next weekend. Or if you didn't receive an envelope, you can put your donation in a plain envelope and marked "Fall 3-in-1 Appeal".

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for these important efforts of the Universal Church.

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



Matthew 5:4

Please Remember in Your Prayers, Arby Neppel, father of Jerry Neppel; Don Weisshaar, father of Mary Metzger; May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

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Envy and jealousy are emotions we're all familiar with; they seem to appear with ease and yet are almost impossible to suppress or destroy. A coworker receives a promotion, and perhaps we wonder why it wasn't us. A neighbor announces she is building a new house, and suddenly our house is showing its age. A friend finds time to volunteer at a homeless shelter and participates in several ministries at your parish, all the while smiling about his life, and you wonder how negative his home life must be. Yet when you are blessed with good fortune by God, aren't you ready to shout it from the rooftops?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the disciples of Jesus have witnessed someone casting out demons in the name of Christ. Yet, as they point out, this person hasn't spent the time they have, following closely in the company of Jesus and listening to his teachings. Surely he can't be qualified, they say. Jesus gently reminds his disciples that any person who attempts to do truly good things in his name is a child of God. Perhaps the disciples were a bit envious; perhaps they failed to recognize that the abilities of this person were gifts from God, and in attempting to stop him they were attempting to deny God's wisdom in granting such gifts.

Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment, after loving God with all our hearts, is to love our neighbors as ourselves (CCC 2055). The tenth commandment serves to instill in us the desire to abolish envy and jealousy completely. If we are willing to acknowledge that everything we have and are is a gift of God, we cannot afford to challenge God's wisdom in his gifts to others.

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Thank God

St. Cecilia Gala

Friday, February 5th, 2010

Gift Gathering Drop Off

Every Gift you drop off registers you for a prize drawing!

**Join us after each Mass the weekend of
Oct. 10th & 11th in the Social Hall**

Please join us in supporting our School & Religious Ed programs. We need your help to gather items for the big event. Looking for ideas? Check out our website www.stcamesgala.org and click on "auction item registry." All items are welcome and we appreciate every gift!

The Saint Cecilia Gala is an annual fundraising event to grow the educational endowment fund, ensuring sustained excellence and growth for St. Cecilia's school and religious education programs in the future. Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 26

5:00PM: James Winslow†

Sunday, September 27

8:30AM: Jim Kearney†

10:30AM: Gene Hempel†

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

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM: Shirley Reece

5:15PM: Gus Barbuto

Wednesday, September 30

7:00AM: Jacob Streitr†

5:15PM: Dennis Cink

Thursday, October 1

7:00AM: Kay Pershern

5:15 PM: Sylvester Upah, Sr.†

Friday, October 2

7:00 AM: An End to Abortion

5:15PM: Frank Pershern†

Saturday, October 3

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokast

Sunday, October 4

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: George Lemanczyk†

5:00PM: Paul Volcko
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 September 27, 2009

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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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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Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.