

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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October 4, 2009

27th 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.

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The Parish has had issues with frost heave and cracking of the concrete in the front entryway to the Narthex. We have reached an agreement with the contractor to remove and replace this section of concrete. This work will begin on Monday October 5th and should be completed by Friday October 16th, weather permitting. During this entire period, the main sidewalk north of the Narthex entrance will be closed. Parishioners will still be able to enter the main entry doors of the Narthex by using the two sidewalks that come from the drive area to the east and west sides of the main entry doors to the Narthex.

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

Oct. 4: Vita Nox

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

Confirmation Calendar:

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!****

Oct 7: The Good Samaritan

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

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, December 3**, 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.

Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00PM 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, PART II: RISE AND DIMINISHMENT

Last weekend I briefly outlined the beginnings of the Order of Deacons. I noted the origins of the Order of Deacon from the Book of Acts and noted the names of some of the more prominent early deacons.

Deacons continued to exercise a prominent role in the early centuries of the church. In fact, some of the early bishops of Rome (Popes) were elected to the office of bishop from the ranks of the deacons who were at the time serving the church at Rome. Following the Edict of Toleration by the Emperor Constantine in 313 A.D., the church literally came “out of the ground” from its secret meetings in the catacombs and now became an established and state-protected (if not promoted) religion. Soon the church experienced steady (if not rapid) growth in the outlying areas of the city (the “suburbs”) and it was no longer possible for the whole community to gather around the bishop for the weekly eucharist. The deacons continued their previous ministry of caring for the material needs of those in want in the community and serving as the “ears and eyes” of the bishop in bringing to his attention the needs of the community, especially of the needy. But now the need also existed for providing for the celebration of the eucharist for these outlying communities. To meet this pastoral and sacramental need, the bishop chose from among his group of advisors, the presbyters (elders), certain members upon whom he laid hands (the rite of ordination) and with whom he thus shared his ministry of teaching, sanctifying and administration. This is the origin of the second rank of the sacrament of Holy Orders, the priesthood.

While deacons continued to serve, now many of the functions previously entrusted to them were assumed or assigned to the presbyters (priests). As the centuries progressed, the ministry of deacon became more and more limited to assisting the priest in the liturgy. At the end of the first millennium, the diaconate had come to be experienced in the church (much as those of us born prior to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) had known it) as a transitional order, the order that preceded a man’s eventual ordination to the priesthood. For most Catholics, deacons did not exist outside of the seminary. In the celebration of the liturgy (Mass) formerly known as a “Solemn High Mass”; a priest, deacon and sub-deacon (sometimes along with an “arch-priest” functioned. The position of deacon (and sub-deacon) were filled by other priests; if the parish were a large city parish having a pastor and several “assistant pastors”, by the assistant priests at the parish; or if the parish were in a rural area, the pastors of the neighboring parishes.

Next week: The Second Vatican Council’s restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order in the church.



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 2nd. 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.

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 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

Thursday, 10-15: Grades 1 & 2 Para-Liturgy at 9AM

Week of October 19-23

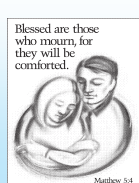
Wednesday, 10-21 Early Dismissal at 2:15
 Thursday, 10-22 Grades 4 & 5 Mass at 9:00AM
 Friday, 10-23 End of 1st Quarter (45 days)
 Sunday, 10-25 FSA Trick or Treating from 4-6PM

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, ad if you can help in any way, please email Jason

Please Remember in Your Prayers,



Betty MacDonald, mother of Judy Brown, May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Stewardship: The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

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.

Year for the Priest

The Eucharistic Adoration committee will lead a rosary for the priests on the first Wednesday of each month for the remainder of the Year for the Priest. Please join us in the Church at 7PM on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. This is a great time to honor and pray for all the priests who have been, are currently and will be, a crucial part of your spiritual journey. The Eucharistic Adoration committee's monthly meeting will be held after the rosary in Room 405 (link hallway). New members are welcome.

Saint Cecilia Christmas Market, November 21 & 22.

Organizations, groups and individuals can reserve a booth for charitable fundraising at the second annual *Saint Cecilia Christmas Market*. To reserve your space, download a form from the parish website: www.stceciliaparish.org. Deadline for registration is November 2, and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Mary Ross (232-5080) or Doreen Berg (956-3414).

Planned Giving:

. Tax Tips: Gifts of IRA Distribution—If you own an IRA and you are age 70 1/2 or over, you can directly transfer tax-free, up to \$100,000 per year to a charitable organization ie: Saint Cecilia Parish. (Pension plans, SEP's and SIMPLE's are not eligible.) The gift counts toward your required minimum distribution and reduces the amount that is includible for federal estate tax purposes. 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)	\$17,001	\$235,905
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$255,931
Contributions (building)	\$ 448	\$ 12,217

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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Human intelligence is surely already capable of finding a response to the question of origins. The existence of God the Creator can be known with certainty through his works, by the light of human reason, even if this knowledge is often obscured and disfigured by error. This is why faith comes to confirm and enlighten reason in the correct understanding of this truth: "By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear."

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The truth about creation is so important for all of human life that God in his tenderness wanted to reveal to his People everything that is salutary to know on the subject. Beyond the natural knowledge that every man can have of the Creator, God progressively revealed to Israel the mystery of creation. He who chose the patriarchs, who brought Israel out of Egypt, and who by choosing Israel created and formed it, this same God reveals himself as the One to whom belong all the peoples of the earth, and the whole earth itself; he is the One who alone "made heaven and earth."

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

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AT ST. CECILIA!

We will be meeting on October 18th from 2- 4pm in the Social Hall. Please come share a wonderful fall afternoon with your Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters in faith. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information contact Sue Stanton at 515-233-4762 or email merton420@hotmail.com.

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 **October 18**.

Library helpers are needed to process books in the parish library. Come to the library Thursday afternoon, or call Rose Tondra, 232-4598.

Volunteers needed for Applica Trip Truck Loading, Saturday, October 10, 8AM at the WareHouse, 2019 Pullman in Ames.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

Lean Into The Wind: Divorced & Separated Support Group

The St. Thomas Aquinas Divorced & Separated Support Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 8, with dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, 415 Lincoln Way, in Ames followed by a continued discussion on dating after divorce from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room at St. Thomas. Group members will also share insights from a recent talk at ISU by Catholic author Dr. Christine Whelan on how dating and marriage patterns in the United States are changing. All are welcome. Free childcare is available. To RSVP the dinner or request childcare: Carol Pearson at breathe2relax@msn.com or 296-2250.

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One of the truisms of statistics is that they can be manipulated to show whatever the person doing the report wants them to show. On the subject of divorce, those who speak out against marriage love to cite that half of all marriages end in divorce, therefore the sacrament must not be worth the pain that may ensue with divorce. But according to the US Census Bureau, the divorce rate in this country has dropped to its lowest level in nearly forty years, while the marriage rate remains constant. There is always hope!

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the Pharisees posed a question to Jesus in hopes of catching him teaching against the laws of the time, a punishable offense. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce a wife?" they asked. Knowing their intent, Jesus allowed them to answer their own question by admitting that Moses had decreed divorce allowable. This gave Jesus the opportunity to remind all who would hear that a marriage between a man and a woman is a sacred bond not only between the two but also with God. Given this opportunity, Jesus explains that no human can overturn an act of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that at the very beginning of the sacred Scripture, God reveals his plan for us in marriage in the creation of a man and a woman for each other; and at the end, we are given the vision of the wedding-feast of the Lamb (CCC 1602). Moses realized that among the people, there were hearts that did not possess or accept the sanctity of marriage, therefore he allowed for divorce. But while Jesus acknowledged this, he asked us to understand the sacrament and to do all that we could to preserve it.

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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 Education programs. We need your help to gather items for the big event. Looking for ideas? Check out our website www.stcomesgala.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, 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)

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 AM: Poor Souls

5:15PM: Eric Kondratuk

Wednesday, October 7

7:00AM: Harriet Manion †

5:15PM: Virginia Meek †

Thursday, October 8

7:00AM: Henry Adams†

5:15 PM: For Holy Marriages

Friday, October 9

7:00 AM: Susan & Willi Tsironis

5:15PM: Karyn Davis Rutter†

Saturday, October 10

5:00PM: Ron Rassmussen†

Sunday, October 11

8:30AM: Kathy Palzar†

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Bill Naughton†

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 October 4, 2009

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

Monday: Jon 1:1---2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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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

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.