

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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October 18, 2009

29th 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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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.

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

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

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

Sunday, October 18: Global Village. *Promoting a Culture of Life Globally*

Saturday, Oct. 24/25: 3PM—11AM, Militia Retreat for 11/12 Graders

Sunday, October 25: No matter How Small. *Sanctity of Life*

Sunday, October 25: Mass at 6PM Life Night, 7-9PM

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

Sunday, October 18: Rite of Entrance, 10:30AM Liturgy

Wednesday, October 21: Supper Time/Jesus in the Mass

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

October 21: *Don't Worry*

October 28: *Be Prepared*

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 IV: MINISTRY.



Last week I wrote about the re-emergence of the permanent diaconate as part of the ordained ministry of the church following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It is important to reiterate, that permanent deacons like the transitional deacon candidate for the priesthood receive the sacrament of orders. Unlike other ministers of the church who are either commissioned or formally instituted e.g. Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes, a deacon, whether transitional or permanent, is set apart for their service through sacramental consecration. The Sacrament of Orders, a single sacrament of Christ's priesthood, is comprised of three distinct but related degrees—deacon, priest, and bishop. Deacons by sacramental ordination are part of the church's clergy. As clergy, deacons are given faculties (official church delegation) to officiate in the name of the church in the liturgy and also share in the church's pastoral ministry. A deacon's liturgical mandate is contained in the rite of ordination while his pastoral duties along with the carrying out of his liturgical ministry is negotiated with the bishop who generally delegates supervision to the pastor of the parish in which the deacon exercises his ministry.

Pastorally, deacons involve themselves in many areas: religious education (adult, young adult, child), hospital and nursing home visitation, specialized ministry (Hispanic or other ethnic or racial group needing special assistance), prison ministry, marriage and family life just to name a few. Deacons today, like their New Testament predecessors, are to be the "eyes and ears" of the community bringing to the attention of the pastor the needs and concerns of the local, diocesan and universal church and working in consort with the bishop or priest helping to assure that these needs are met.

Liturgically, deacons:

1. Assist in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass) by:
 - a. giving certain invitations to prayer and proclaim the General Intercessions
 - b. proclaim the Gospel
 - c. on occasion give the homily
 - d. prepare and minister the cup of the Precious Blood.
2. Act as an official minister of the Sacrament of Baptism.
3. Act as an official minister of the Sacrament of Marriage in a liturgy which does not include a Mass.
Act as an official minister of the Rite of Christian Burial (Vigil, Funeral Liturgy outside of Mass, Rite of Committal).

Next week: Conclusion.

Flu Season Announcement

In the event of a pandemic flu outbreak, the Archdiocese of Dubuque has a response plan which St. Cecilia may implement if necessary and could affect some of our Liturgical practices. You may find a copy of this response plan at <http://www.stceciliaparish.org/sg&lcomm.html>.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

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)

Week of October 25-29

Sunday, 10/25: FSA Trunk-or-Treating from 4-6PM
 Monday, 10/26: Childrens Theater/One Man Band at 10:30AM
 Tuesday-Wednesday, 10/27-10/28, Iowa Department of
 Education visit
 Wednesday, 10/28: Early Dismissal at 2:15PM
 Thursday, 10/29: 3-year-old Preschool Pictures
 and 4-year-old Preschool to Grade 5 Picture Retakes
 FSA Fundraiser Pick-up from 3:15-5:45PM in Social
 Hall
 Friday, 10/30: All School Mass at 9AM

Week of November 2-6

Tuesday-Thursday, 11/3-11/5: Parent Teacher Conferences with
 Early Dismissal at 1:30PM and No Preschool Classes

Be Part of the Success

Catholic schools make a difference. 99% of all Catholic high school students graduate and 96% of those graduates go on to pursue post secondary education. Be a part of the success! Make your contribution today to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and help us continue offering this tradition of excellence in education. Your donation earns you a 65% Iowa income tax credit and qualifies as a federal charitable deduction as well. Don't wait-thousands of students are counting on your support to continue attending the school of their choice in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Visit www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 800-876-3546 ext 256 for more information or to make a contribution.



Parish Breakfast

The Saint Cecilia 5th grade class will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, October 25 following both the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses.

Menu: All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, fruit and muffins.

Free will donations accepted.

All proceeds support the 5th Grade Class Trip.

Wanted: Rosary Makers for the Cause of Our Blessed Mother

Respond to the call of Our Lady. The need for rosaries is great and urgent. Make rosaries for the missions in the U.S., the military, and around the world. Call Our Lady's Rosary Makers at 502-968-1434 or visit their website at www.olrm.org for more information.

Stewardship: Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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 mer-ton420@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**.

The **St. Cecilia Choir** rehearses on Saturday mornings from 9AM-10:30AM in the music room of the Education Center. The choir is currently preparing for the Good Neighbor Concert on November 8 and the Advent/Christmas season. New members always welcome. Any questions, contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

Saint Cecilia Social Concerns Committee will meet Monday, October 19 in the South Social Hall at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet at 9:30AM on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Dixie Lickteig's home. Anyone wishing to make rosaries, please call 233-1393.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at siry-an2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

The St. Cecilia Widow, Widowers and Single Seniors group will meet on Sunday, October 25 at 11:45 at Perkins. Call Pat Rood at 232-3504 for reservations or information.

Sixty Plus will meet Tuesday, Oct. 27 at noon for a potluck, followed with a program by Glenn Stanley, an expert on saving honey bees.

What is CFM? The Christian Family Movement is a faith-sharing group at St. Cecilia We are looking for couples/parents who want a place to share values and faith, and a place to experience Jesus in their lives and the lives of their Families.

CFM is serving coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses this weekend. Stop by and find out what we are up to and see if CFM is for you.

Your Financial Stewardship

	October 6-12	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$18,992	\$276,313
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$ 295,305
Contributions (building)	\$ 6,743	\$ 23,424

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

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 at 233-3092.

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



Please Remember in Your Prayers,

Anne Monk, mother of Curtis Monk.

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

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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Among all the Scriptural texts about creation, the first three chapters of Genesis occupy a unique place. From a literary standpoint these texts may have had diverse sources. The inspired authors have placed them at the beginning of Scripture to express in their solemn language the truths of creation—its origin and its end in God, its order and goodness, the vocation of man, and finally the drama of sin and the hope of salvation. Read in the light of Christ, within the unity of Sacred Scripture and in the living Tradition of the Church, these texts remain the principal source for catechesis on the mysteries of the "beginning": creation, fall, and promise of salvation.

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

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

Worldwide End to Abortion: A Rosary will be said before Mass on October 17 & 18 to end surgical and non-surgical abortion.

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



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/christmasmarketreqform.pdf.

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).

From the Archdiocese of Dubuque:

We want to help your family get ready for the upcoming flu season by making sure all the children in our parishes have health and dental coverage. That's why the Archdiocese is participating in the second annual Cover Our Kids Day, Sunday, Oct. 18. If you or someone you know has children with no health and dental coverage, we encourage you to consider enrolling in hawk-I or Medicaid. These two programs are offered by the State of Iowa.

There are many families who are eligible for these programs, but they are either unaware of the programs or assume they earn too much money to qualify. However, a family of three with an income of \$54,000 or more may qualify. Many families are cutting back their expenses in these challenging times. Health and dental coverage for children is too important. No family will pay more than \$40 a month to enroll their children in hawk-i. For eligibility requirements, visit www.hawk-i.org or call 1-800-257-8563. You may be able to sign up your children for health and dental coverage in Iowa for as low as \$20-\$40/month and some may pay nothing at all. Our goal is to help the children in our parishes get the health and dental coverage they need.

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A teenage boy completes his driver's education course and with his new license in his hand goes to see his dad. "Dad," he says, quite proud of himself, "I'm ready to drive, so I'd like you to get me a car." The father smiles and the two of them hop into the family sedan. But instead of going to the local new car dealership, the father takes his son to a junkyard. "Here you go, son. Take your pick; if you can get it repaired and running, you can drive it." The son didn't realize the responsibility of driving a car was squarely on his shoulders alone. If he was to realize his reward, it was solely up to him.

Sometimes, one has to wonder about the disciples of Jesus. In today's reading from Mark, James and John seem to be feeling quite proud of themselves, and ask Jesus to promise them something without telling him what it is they want. Now, we realize that Jesus knew what they would ask, but he let them continue anyway. Basically, they wanted a guaranteed seat in heaven on either side of God's throne. Jesus gently tells them that not even he can promise something like that; he can only show them the path, how they choose to get there is up to them.

Within the teachings of Jesus and the beatitudes lies the strength of Christian hope. The beatitudes give us the hope of heaven as the new Promised Land. Just as James and John came to realize that their hope for a place in heaven relied on them, we are given hope. Hope is expressed in prayer, especially in the Lord's Prayer (CCC 1820). As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to sacrifice on a daily basis all that we have in his name. We must be willing to do whatever it takes to follow the path to heaven that Jesus has given us.

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Our Unseen Family Still Seated at the Table

November



Every year the Church sets aside the month of November as a sacred time of prayer and remembrance of "those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith."

We at St. Cecilia's invite you to submit the names of loved ones you would like to have remembered in all the Masses offered in November.

You will be receiving a letter and card in the mail from the parish. Please complete and return the enclosed card with the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be remembered. You may submit the names of family or friends who may not have been Catholic. We all, after all, have our origin in God as his beloved children, made in his image and likeness.

We also invite you to consider sharing a photo(s) of your loved ones. We will display these in our memorial entitled *Our Unseen Family Still Seated at the Table* as a visible reminder of our membership in the *Communion of Saints*. We ask you to bring these pictures beginning the week of October 24/25. They may be brought to the church office or placed in the memorial display. Your photo(s) should be framed and should include the identification of those represented in the picture. Please remember to place your name and phone number on the back of each picture and pick up the photos at the end of the month at the parish office. As mentioned above, you are welcome to bring a photo of any deceased family member or friend, regardless of church affiliation. If this person, or these people, were significant to you, we welcome them as fellow members of our faith family.

Sacred Heart Church, Boone, IA

Fall Bazaar: Sunday, November 8 Sacred Heart Gym

Swiss Steak Dinner- 11AM-1PM Salad Bar, Homemade Pie, Beverage

Adults- \$8.00 Children- \$3.50

Cake Walk-10:00AM- 2:00PM

4 Country Store & Boutique Open at 8:30AM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 17

5:00PM: Michael Rolling†

Sunday, October 18

8:30AM: John Stahr†

10:30AM: Nick Herrman

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

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 AM: Arby Neppel

5:15PM: Bea Gibbons

Wednesday, October 21

7:00AM: Sandy Dunfee

5:15PM: Brian White

Thursday, October 22

7:00AM: Jim Kearney†

5:15 PM: PFC Jessi Mullenbach

Friday, October 23

7:00 AM: Edward & Ovedia Reece

5:15PM: John Conley†

Saturday, October 24

5:00PM: Mark Wessmant

Sunday, October 25

8:30AM: Leonard Underhill†

10:30AM: Frank VanKerckvoorde

5:00PM: Helen Neppel †
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 18, 2009

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or
10:42-45

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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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.

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.