

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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November 1, 2009

Solemnity of All Saints



**All You Holy
Men and Women,
Pray For Us**

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November 2008-November 2009

***“Eternal Rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let eternal peace
shine upon them.”***

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!

November 1: The Home Front. *Promoting a Culture of Life at Home*

November 8: *Living Pure Life*

November 15: Poor Me. *Preferential Option for the Poor*

November 22: Heroic Virtue. *Living a Virtuous Life*

November 29: So you Think You Can Dance? *Social*

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

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

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

November 4: Called to Witness/How to be a Good Sponsor
for **Sponsors** and Candidates

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

November 4: I Believe, *The Creed*

November 18: *No Confirmation*

National Catholic Youth Conference, Kansas City

****MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E. meets from 7 to 8:30PM**

on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays!**

November 4: *Guest List*

November 18: *Think About It*

YIKES:

November 11: Birthday Party at Saint Cecilia

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.

Festival of All Saints



Origins of the festival of All Saints: We Humans have always honored our departed loved ones. Ancestors' pictures often adorn our walls. Buildings are named after long-deceased benefactors. Accomplishments are marked with obelisks or monuments. It is not surprising then, that from earliest times the church has also desired to honor the faithful departed.

The earliest cult of the saints focused on the martyrs, those who courageously gave their life out of commitment to Christ. From at least the fourth century the Eastern church had a festival honoring all the saints who have departed; in Rome in the fifth century the pagan Pantheon was consecrated as a church honoring Mary and the martyrs. By the eighth century the cult of the saints is extended beyond the martyrs to honor others who lived selfless, faithful Christian lives. At this time there is the first indication that the festival was fixed on November 1 in the West.

This festival is not primarily about remembering the faithful departed (we do that on November 2). It is about honoring those who have been faithful disciples of Jesus, those who model for us gospel living, those who inspire us to be likewise faithful.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

YIKES Leaders Needed!!

Adult leaders are needed to help with our monthly, middle school youth groups. Our only qualifications: you must love Christ & must love middle schoolers!!

World Youth Day 2011

Please contact Anna by December 1st if you are interested in attending World Youth Day in August 2011 in Madrid, Spain, with a possible pre-trip to Rome & Assisi. Cost of the trip will be between \$3500 & \$4500. Deposits of \$200 needed ASAP to attend. Participants must be 16 by August 2011, Young adults encouraged to attend. Fundraising will begin in 2010!

Birthright of Ames offers free infant and maternity clothing to women and children in need. Donations are needed to help us stock our clothing room. We especially need winter infant clothing up to size 2T (new or used), and maternity clothes for winter. All donations can be dropped off at the Birthright office at 108 Hayward in campustown Ames. Please help us provide for those in need and make a difference in a child's life. Your gift is tax deductible; just ask for a tax receipt form.



SoundTrack will be presenting a musical program to benefit the Riverside Bible Camp this Sunday, November 1, at 5:00PM at the Ballard High School Auditorium in Huxley Iowa. An ice cream social will follow the event. Free will donations will be accepted.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

Week of November 2-6

Tuesday-Thursday, 11/3-11/5: Parent Teacher Conferences with Early Dismissal at 1:30PM and No Preschool Classes
Friday, 11/6: No School



ATTENTION! All Future Kindergarteners!

Saint Cecilia School will be hosting a "Passport to Kindergarten" party on Tuesday, November 10 from 4:30-5:30 PM in the school for all 4 and 5 year olds and their parents. This open house will be a chance for all future students and parents to see the school and meet the teachers. For more information, call the school office at 232-5290.

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.

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.

On November 7, **Brother Randy Kin, OFM Conv.** Will celebrate 25 Years of Solemn Profession as a Franciscan Friar. Brother Randy currently serves as Retreat Director at the Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House in Carey, Ohio. His current mailing address is 315 Clay Street, Carey, OH 43316. Brother Randy served the people of St. Cecilia in past years.



Sacred Heart Church, Boone, IA

Fall Bazaar: Sunday, November 8

Sacred Heart Gym (11th & Marshall)



Swiss Steak Dinner—Serving 11AM-1PM
Salad Bar, Homemade Pie, Beverage
Child's Chicken Strip Dinner (for age 12 & under)
Adults- \$8.00 Children- \$3.50
Cake Walk: 10:00AM– 2:00PM;
Country Store & Boutique: Open at 8:30AM

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.

Stewardship: (Solemnity of All Saints) November 1, 2009
Those of us who have been well blessed by God could be a little discouraged by the Beatitudes. At first it sounds like only those who have problems will find a place in heaven. However, we are all guaranteed a spot in heaven if we are willing to be "poor in spirit." We are poor in spirit when we recognize that we really do not own anything. Everything we have belongs to God. When we take this attitude we can more freely open our hand and offer our time, talent and treasure to help build up God's kingdom here on earth.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

St Gerard's Circle will meet on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7PM at 1414 Truman Pl in the Briardale Square Clubhouse. We will be making Christmas decorations for the residents of the The Abbington on Grand. If you would like to attend the meeting or if you need a ride, call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. 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.

St. Mary Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 5 at 1:30PM in the South Social Hall. Alan and Mary Christy will give the program: *Road to Becoming a Deacon*.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an Immaculate Conception Novena from November 30-December 8 at 7:00PM each evening in the Burke Chapel here at Saint Cecilia Parish. Everyone is welcome.

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 **6PM* on Wednesday, November 4, 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.

***Please note time change for the Rosary**

Your Financial Stewardship

	October 20-26	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$12,491	\$306,091
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$ 334,679
Contributions (building)	\$ 198	\$24,062

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

Planned Giving: Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (CLAT) -

An owner of some real estate can establish a trust which allows the rental income to be paid to the parish for a number of years. Although the owner would receive no current income tax deduction, they could receive an immediate gift tax charitable deduction. When the term of the trust is completed the property can be distributed to the original owner's children. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 515-233-3092.

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

II. Creation—Work of the Holy Trinity

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"In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God . . . all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." The New Testament reveals that God created everything by the eternal Word, his beloved Son. In him "all things were created, in heaven and on earth . . . all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."¹³⁰ The Church's faith likewise confesses the creative action of the Holy Spirit, the "giver of life," "the Creator Spirit" ("*Veni, Creator Spiritus*"), the "source of every good."



Good Neighbor Benefit Concert

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is hosting the **2009 Good Neighbor Benefit Concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 8th.** More than ten Ames area church choirs and musical ensembles representing the 22 area faith communities that co-sponsor the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance effort will perform. Bob Hauser, our Liturgy and Music Director will lead a Community Sing and the Combined Choirs performance. If you have never attended, please consider coming this year. It is an amazing experience. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

Christmas Decorations Wanted



The Social Concerns Committee will sponsor a table at the Christmas Market for recycled Christmas decorations. Please bring Christmas decorations you no longer use to the parish office the week of November 16.

Decorations will be available for others to choose (for a free will donation at the Christmas Market on November 21/22). All Proceeds will benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance.



Saint Cecilia Christmas Market, November 21 & 22.

Deadline for registrations for Saint Cecilia's Christmas Market is November 2. For more information, please contact Mary Ross (232-5080) or Doreen Berg (956-3414).

Good Shepherd's 20th Annual Election Night Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Supper

Tuesday, November 3 from 5:00-7:00PM

At The Good Shepherd Education Center, 604 Decker St, Jewell. All the soup you can eat, homemade pies, bars, relishes, and Beverage. Freewill donation.

All Saints

In a few weeks, we'll be sitting down to a meal and giving thanks for all of our blessings. Some of us may even spend the day at a shelter, preparing dinner for the homeless, and this is a good thing. But we would do well to remember that these shelters are open every day of the year, and just like on a Thursday in November, a meal must be prepared every afternoon. There are those among us who regularly schedule a day or two a week to serve or prepare these meals. They don't do it for recognition or self-fulfillment; they do it because it must be done. They often do such things in total anonymity; they are truly saints of today.

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is Jesus' gift of the beatitudes. They are gifts because the word beatitude means happiness or blessedness. In detailing those who would receive such a gift, Jesus is revealing who really are saints among us: the poor in spirit, the sad, the meek, the hungry and thirsty, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted. Each of these saints desires joy and happiness for all they encounter. In all needs, we find blessedness in Jesus Christ.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the church is "a communion of saints." This expression is defined first and foremost in the Eucharist, by which the faithful are united in one body. It also refers to all who have suffered in the name of Christ to better our lives (CCC 960-961). Today is the feast of All Saints, in which we recognize and give thanks for those who have gone before us preserving and promoting Christianity, some having paid the ultimate sacrifice for their beliefs. We are called to be saints for today. Will we answer?

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November



Our Unseen Family Still Seated at the Table

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 and 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 31

5:00PM: Willie & Suzie Tsironis

Sunday, November 1

8:30AM: Mary Heman †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Karyn Rutter †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 3

7:00 AM: Theresa & John Hudak

5:15PM: Poor Souls

Wednesday, November 4

7:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

5:15PM: Poor Souls

Thursday, November 5

7:00AM: Maria Schneider

5:15 PM: O'Neil Family

Friday, November 6

7:00 AM: Leroy Hoenig †

5:15PM: Frank Pershon

Saturday, November 7

5:00PM: Bob & Mary Myers

Sunday, November 8

8:30AM: Tom Remmes Family

10:30AM: Bill Jacobs

5:00PM: Parishioners of Saint 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.

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.