

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
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November 8, 2009

50th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CHURCH, CHAT, AND CHOW



**Wednesday, November 11**

**In the Social Hall**

**Soup Supper at 6:00PM**

**Talk at 7:00PM**

**November Talk: Fr Jim**

**Priestly Formation**

**The Road to Ordination**

**The Year for Priests is in honor of the 150th Anniversary of St. John Vianney's Death**

**Next Month: December 9**

**Priest hood of Christ & The Book of Hebrews**

**By**

**Deacon John McCully**

## 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 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.saintcecilialifeteen.net](http://www.saintcecilialifeteen.net)

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

### Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

**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 18:** *Think About It*

### YIKES:

**November 11:** *Blrthday 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.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Final deadline for bulletin items is **Monday at noon**. We appreciate receiving items prior to the deadline – as early as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### St. Cecilia GALA GIFT GATHERING at Lyla's Boutique

Stop by Lyla's Boutique (404 Main St.) through Saturday, November 14 to drop off a gift for the Gala and receive 20% off your entire purchase!

The Saint Cecilia Gala is seeking donations of products, services and goods for our 2010 *silent auction*. We need your help to gather items for the big event. Looking for ideas? Check out our website [www.stcamesgala.org](http://www.stcamesgala.org) and click on our auction item registry. All items are welcome and we appreciate every gift!

*The Saint Cecilia Gala is an annual fundraising event to grow the Saint Cecilia Educational Endowment Fund. Funds are raised through private donations, ticket sales for the event, a live auction, a silent auction and a cash raffle. St. Cecilia is a 501-3C. This year's event will be held February 5, 2010 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center.*

### YOU ARE INVITED!



Good Neighbor Benefit Concert

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.

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. The program will be addressing Religious Christmas Cards to shut-ins. Hostesses are Louise Johnson and Pat Rood.

**Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup** meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net) or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet November 12 at 6:00PM for a meeting and dinner in the North Social Hall. Dinner will be a Heritage Dinner with members bringing food typical of their heritage.

### Join the Knights!!

New Member Ceremony for the Saint Cecilia Council of the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30PM in the St. Cecilia Social Hall. Please contact Tracy Laws at 232-3733 if you would like to attend or have any questions. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are eligible.

### Priest and Deacon Appreciation

The weekend of November 14/15 Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women will host receptions for our clergy following the 5:00PM, 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses. Plan to stop by and let Fr. Secora, Fr. Geary, Fr. Dzekoe, Fr. Herzog and our Deacons know how much we appreciate all they do for our parish.

The **Saint Cecilia Widows and Widowers, and Single Seniors** will meet for lunch at Fuji Steak House, 1614 So. Kellogg #101 on Saturday, November 21 at 12:00 noon. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Calendar:

**Tuesday, November 10:** Passport to Kindergarten 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 11:** Early Dismissal 2:15 p.m.

**Thursday, November 12:** Grades 1-3-5 Para-Liturgy 9 a.m.

### Accreditation Visit:

On Tuesday October 27 and Wednesday October 28 the Iowa Department of Education conducted their onsite Accreditation Visit. The site visit team conducted document reviews, toured the building, and interviewed parents, professional and support staff, students, administrator, Board of Education and School Improvement Committee members. The team also reviewed our school, Mission, Vision and Goals, Leadership Efforts, Collaborative Relationships, Learning Environment, Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Student Monitoring and Accountability. We are pleased to report that St. Cecilia School was in compliance with all Iowa Department of Education requirements to maintain our accreditation. We, therefore, remain the only Iowa Department of Education accredited PreK-Grade 5 nonpublic school in Story County. The team was very complimentary of students, staff, administration, parents, Board of Education and School Improvement Advisory Committee. Thanks to all of you whose participation helped the site visit team to conclude that this is truly a wonderful school. The highest compliment was given by one of the members of the site visit team, who resides in Ames and is not a Catholic. He said that after spending the first day in our environment, he went home and spent an hour and a half talking to his wife and son about seeing what they could do to possibly enroll their son in our school. He said that he had no idea that a school of this quality and loving environment existed in this area. I think that says it all.

- Dr. Tom Budnik, Principal



### 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.

**65% Tax Credit:** If you file an Iowa state income tax return you can contribute to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* and receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$100 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$65, plus the entire amount of the gift is eligible for federal deductibility. Donations of any size are accepted and appreciated. All donations must be postmarked by December 31 in order to qualify for the tax credit in 2009. No student should be denied a Catholic education because of the inability to pay. Please consider using this incredible opportunity to make a difference in a child's future. Visit [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org) or call 563-556-2580 ext. 256 for more information or to make your contribution.

### Cub Scouts and Parents:

If your Cub Scout is interested in learning more about his Faith, while earning a religious award for his efforts, please plan to attend an information meeting to be held November 10 at 6:30PM in the Saint Francis Room at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church. Your Scout doesn't need to be a member of Saint Cecilia Parish or attend Saint Cecilia School to be involved with this program. Scouts who complete the program successfully will be honored at a special awards ceremony on National Scout Sunday in February.

**Stewardship:** Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

## 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!

### 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 Gwasda, Evening Coordinator- 515-232-7582.



Current and former members of CFM, mark your calendars now! Plan to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of CFM on Saturday, January 16 at 6:00PM in the Saint Cecilia Social Hall.

### Your Financial Stewardship

	Oct.27-Nov. 2	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$25,916	\$332,007
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$ 354,336
Contributions (building)	\$ 1,785	\$25,847

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

### Planned Giving: Charitable Remainder Interest in Residence or Farm -

By irrevocably contributing a remainder interest in a personal residence or farm, a donor can continue to use the property and still obtain an income tax deduction based on the value of the remainder trust. At donor's death, the property is owned by the parish. The donor generates charitable income and gift tax deduction. 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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The Old Testament suggests and the New Covenant reveals the creative action of the Son and the Spirit, inseparably one with that of the Father. This creative cooperation is clearly affirmed in the Church's rule of faith:

"There exists but one God . . . he is the Father, God, the Creator, the author, the giver of order. He made all things *by himself*, that is, by his Word and by his Wisdom," "by the Son and the Spirit" who, so to speak, are "his hands." Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity.

### III. "The World Was Created for the Glory of God"

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Scripture and Tradition never cease to teach and celebrate this fundamental truth: "The world was made for the glory of God." St. Bonaventure explains that God created all things "not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it," for God has no other reason for creating than his love and goodness: "Creatures came into existence when the key of love opened his hand." The First Vatican Council explains:

This one, true God, of his own goodness and "almighty power," not for increasing his own beatitude, nor for attaining his perfection, but in order to manifest this perfection through the benefits which he bestows on creatures, with absolute freedom of counsel "and from the beginning of time, made out of nothing both orders of creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal. . . ."

### Christmas Decorations Wanted For Christmas Market - November 21 & 22

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.



### Flu Season Announcement

Saint Cecilia has implemented a plan from the Archdiocese of Dubuque in response to the flu season. This affects some of our Liturgical practices. You may find a copy of this response plan at <http://www.stceciliaparish.org/sq&lcomm.html>.



Saint Cecilia Choir will not practice on November 14. Practice will resume on November 21. The 9:00AM Choir is presently preparing for the upcoming Advent season.

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years ago, an editor at a financial investment magazine penned an article on how one should give to charities. Amazingly, he advocated giving with strings attached! He cautioned that giving to an "inefficient" charity would cause your funds to be eaten up by administrative costs, and a misdirected donation (whatever that means) would cause you financial grief.

Is it possible that in this day and age the word charity would be so misunderstood? True charity has no expectations and awaits no accountability. There are no strings attached.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark actually contains two lessons. The first is a warning; Jesus asks us to beware of those who promote themselves using religion as a catapult for their own selfish desires. The second lesson speaks to faith and charity. As Jesus and his disciples watched the donations being given to the synagogue's treasury, they noted that the wealthy gave large amounts of money and made sure everyone knew it; a poor widow, however, gave all of her wealth (two coins) in silence. It was this woman that Jesus praised; she gave all, the others gave what they could spare.

In giving of our heart to Jesus Christ, do we give all that we have or whatever we feel we can spare? In asking ourselves this question, we would do well to remember that we are one with the body of Christ; we share a communion of charity. Should one suffer, we all suffer; as we give individually, all benefit (CCC 953). The woman with the two coins gave far more than the rich men who made a show of giving a small percentage of their capabilities. As charity is love, remember that we cannot love with only a portion of our hearts, it is all or nothing.

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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 should have received 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 on Thanksgiving Day (November 26) will be at 9:00AM.**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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)

## Tuesday, November 10

7:00 AM: Helen Michaud

5:15PM: Lory Mullaly†

Marian Putz †

## Wednesday, November 11

7:00AM: Jim Kearney †

5:15PM: Anne Monk †

## Thursday, November 12

7:00AM: Poor Souls

5:15 PM: Anna Steele

## Friday, November 13

7:00 AM: Sara Opheim

5:15PM: Poor Souls

## Saturday, November 14

5:00PM: Don & Patricia Maher †

## Sunday, November 15

8:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

10:30AM: John Conley †

5:00PM: Poor Souls

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 November 8, 2009

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

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

## 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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.