

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

August 22, 2010

21st 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

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-3:30PM
Or by Appointment Monday—Friday.

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

**Our Calendar is available on our website at:
www.saintcecilielifeteen.net**

**August 22: No Life Night, Core Training
Saturday & Sunday, August 28-29: Life Teen Fall RETREAT!!**

Want to support Saint Cecilia Life Teen but you aren't able to join the Core Team? Sign up for the Core Support Team to help with snacks, Core retreats, and other very helpful ministries! E-mail Anna at annajsteele@gmail.com for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT NIGHT: All junior high and high school parents are encouraged to attend our Parent Night from 7-9pm in the Social Hall on **Wednesday, September 1st**. Important information concerning Confirmation and new youth ministry programs will be shared at this social and educational meeting! It is recommended that both parents attend, if possible. Childcare will be available onsite if the service is requested. (Please call 232-3514 by Monday, Aug 30th to request childcare.)

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Next class is October 14, 2010.

****Note: Class has been changed to the second Thursday, every other month.**** To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the Parish office at 233-3092.

Adult Education—Note: All Bible Study groups will be suspended until August 23.



Scripture Study

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9PM in the North Social Hall.

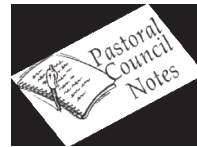
Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7PM in the North Social Hall.

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

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU!

Red Cross Disaster Shelter: You may have seen Saint Cecilia in the news reports of the recent flooding. Saint Cecilia is a designated shelter site in times of disasters. From Wednesday, August 11 until Saturday, August 14, a number of people displaced by the flood waters found shelter at Saint Cecilia. We thank the Red Cross and our Saint Cecilia staff and volunteers for all the work on this effort. We have also obtained much information on flood assistance from the parishes in Cedar Rapids, and we plan to use this information as the clean-up continues.

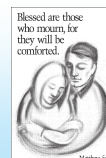
Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is this weekend. The Mid-Iowa Community Food Pantry is one of the many organizations you support through your donations to the Good Samaritan Fund. In addition to the food and supplies you donate, Saint Cecilia also provides monthly funding for transportation so that MICA can buy and bring food from the *Food Bank of Iowa* in Des Moines. That food, available only to non-profit organizations, is very low cost (e.g., sometimes as low as 12 cents for a can of vegetables) and helps MICA keep a supply of food on hand. Thank you for your generous donations of food, supplies, and money!



At the July Pastoral Council meeting, new business included assigning committee representatives, consensus building, pastoral associate position, and disaster planning. A parish wide celebration, formerly "Corn Fest" will not be held this year. The Pastoral Council will coordinate the planning next year. A retreat was scheduled for September 26th to work on long term parish planning. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall with all parishioners welcome to attend.

Construction at Saint Cecilia

Construction started on the remodeling for new rooms. This resulted in the loss of parking and may result in the re-routing of traffic flow into the Burke Chapel. Teak Construction has assured us we will have access to the Burke Chapel during construction. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings St. Cecilia Family,

To date the new teaching staff; Brenda Brink-4th Grade, Stacy Anderson-4th Grade, Alison Gilchrist-3rd Grade, Ashlee Duimstra-Guidance Counselor, and I took part in a training provided by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The one day training was to prepare all new teaching staff to be a catechist. Other trainings planned will continue this focus for St. Cecilia Catholic School, and include Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and Formative Assessment practices.

The website <http://www.stceciiliarparish.org/stcschool> is currently being updated with new staff introductory letters and more specific information regarding the professional development activities of the St. Cecilia Catholic School staff for the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year.

Below you will find introductory letters from Brenda Brink and Stacy Anderson.

My name is Brenda Brink, and I have the pleasure of teaching 4th grade at St. Cecilia School this year. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to join the St. Cecilia family.

A little bit about myself, I am happily married to my husband Brian (for 8 years now) and we have two boys. Caleb is age 7 and starting 2nd grade, and Cody is age 5 and starting Kindergarten. I finished my Masters Degree in Elementary Education in January 2010 (to switch careers to teaching) from University of Phoenix. I have always had a calling to teach; I just haven't always thought that is where I wanted to be. I graduated from ISU in December 2000 with a BS in Exercise Sports Science. I grew up in West Des Moines and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Dowling Catholic High School.

I feel that I have been called to teach and have experienced many of God's blessings since I made the decision to go back to school and pursue teaching as my career. I have always enjoyed substitute teaching, but this will be my first experience having my own classroom. I am looking forward to this upcoming year and getting to know many of the families that make up this wonderful school.

God Bless,
Brenda Brink

Hello,

My name is Stacy Anderson, and I am excited to join the Saint Cecilia School family as a 4th grade teacher. I grew up in Perry, IA, and my family consists of my parents and younger brother. My brother, TJ, is a student at ISU.

I attended the University of Northern Iowa and graduated in May with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Literacy Education. I had many exciting experiences at UNI. I enjoyed playing trumpet in the Panther Marching Band and spring concert band. I was active in Saint Stephen the Witness Catholic Youth Center by singing in the church choir and volunteering in the office. I was a member of Kappa Delta Pi (an honor society for teachers) and the Student Reading Association. I was even able to travel abroad by studying in England for a semester and later working with children on a military base in Germany through Camp Adventure.

My Catholic faith has been an important part of my life, and I am thankful that God has blessed me with a job that allows me to fulfill my passion for teaching and educate students in the beliefs we share. I am thrilled to be living in Ames and am looking forward to a wonderful school year! Peace,
Stacy Anderson

MEETINGS & EVENTS



The annual **Saint Cecilia Golf Outing– Four Person Best Shot-** will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 1:00PM at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. The Registration fee is \$50- that includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Prizes and Meal. Non-golfer meals are available for \$8.00. Get your foursome together and make plans to attend. Sign up sheets are available in the Parish Office and on the Parish Web-site.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup: Starting August 25, the playgroup will meet every Wednesday from 10-11:30AM in the South Social Hall. Contact Jon Ryan at sjryan2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Mary Cowan at mary.cowan@hotmail.com or 291-7409. All are welcome to attend.



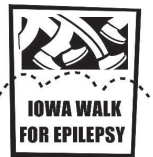
English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. Classes meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and are usually one tutor to one student depending on numbers. Please contact Palmer Holden (231-5543) for morning classes or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582) for evening classes. Or just come to the north entrance.

Saint Gerard's Circle will meet for its first meeting of the year, Wed. Sept. 1 (Note change of date) for Mass at St. Cecilia's Burke Chapel with Fr. Geary at 7pm. Meeting to follow mass at Mary Stevermer's, 2607 Tyler Ave. Bring white sheets for bandages. Guests are welcome. Questions please call Diana Weber, 232-2164 or Mary Stevermer, 232-9180.

Saint Mary's Circle will meet Thursday, Sept. 2 at 2PM in the University Tower Party Room at 111 Lynn Ave. Jackie Zbraacki from the Bereavement Committee will speak.

COMMUNITY

Iowa Walk for Epilepsy will be held August 28, starting at Merle Hay Mall in Des Moines. The walk seeks to raise awareness about seizures and epilepsy. Online registration is available at: www.efwalk.org
For more information, contact Karly Ashlock, 515-238-7660, or e-mail: kashlock@efncil.org



The Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance office has moved to a new location at 3206 South Duff. Good Neighbor needs volunteers to work in the office. You could work with another volunteer and work as many or as few hours as you like. Please call the Good Neighbor office (296-1449) for more information. Saint Cecilia Parish is a member of Good Neighbor, which gives assistance to Story County residents in need of emergency help with rent, utility bills or food vouchers.

Good Neighbor will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, August 24, at noon at First United Methodist Church, 516 Kellogg.

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 5. Heaven and Earth

II. The Visible World

IN BRIEF

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Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve his saving plans for other creatures: "The angels work together for the benefit of us all" (St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh* I, 114, 3, *ad* 3).

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The angels surround Christ their Lord. They serve him especially in the accomplishment of his saving mission to men.

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The Church venerates the angels who help her on her earthly pilgrimage and protect every human being.

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God willed the diversity of his creatures and their own particular goodness, their interdependence, and their order. He destined all material creatures for the good of the human race. Man, and through him all creation, is destined for the glory of God.

Monastic Retreat Adventure!!

Is your prayer life in a slump? Does your spirit need a lift? Is your soul longing for nourishment and greater communion with Jesus Christ? Spend a weekend devoted to private and liturgical prayer September 17-19 at Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri. Talks will include special emphasis on Scripture-based guidelines to getting the most out of your relationship with God. The retreat will be led by Jennifer Phelps and Matthew Phelps. Jennifer is author of *Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering* and editor of a number of Bible studies written by Scott Hahn, Mark Shea, and Steve Ray. She spends half her time at Conception Abbey, where she works in the Development department. Matthew Phelps directs a weekly Bible study for young adults and works as Operations Manager for Catholic Radio Station KWKY-1150. Both Jennifer and Matthew are Benedictine oblates of Conception Abbey. Retreat participants will have time for quiet reflection, touring the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Abbey campus, fellowship, and faith sharing. There also will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Per-person costs range from \$140 to \$150. Contact Lisa at LinnaneE@aol.com or call 515-991-2842 for more details.

Employment Help! Do you have job openings? Are you unemployed and looking for a job? Are you willing to help with resumes or be a mentor for interview skills? Please e-mail for information to: DeaconRon.Jobs@gmail.com or send to the attention of Deacon Ron Smith at the parish office. Please check the Social Concerns bulletin board for available resources.



Knights of Columbus will serve coffee and donuts after the 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses & donuts this weekend.

Catholic Radio: Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for "Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa." You can obtain a schedule of their radio programs at their website: www.kwky.com.

Stewardship: Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

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In my travels I've visited cities like Washington, New York, and Chicago. And while I'm mostly a country person at heart, there is a certain vibrancy in city life. I like walking down the crowded streets of a shopping or entertainment district and watching the people. I suppose I enjoy it, because it is so different from the country road that I usually walk down in the early morning. If I'm taking an evening walk in the city, I'm always intrigued by the long lines that form outside certain clubs. You can hear the thumping of the music, and see the flashing of the lights. As I walk by, the waiting crowd is often trying to convince the bouncers guarding the doors that they know someone on the inside who would surely let them in if the person only knew they were out on the sidewalk. From my cursory observance, the pleading patrons are almost never admitted.

It is probably not fair to compare the kingdom of heaven to the big city club scene, even though people come from the east and the west, the north and the south, to get in on a Saturday night. Like the clubs, the kingdom of God does have an exclusive clientele, and you do have to know someone to get in-and he has to know you.

We get to know Jesus by spending time with him through prayer and by reading the Bible. We get to know him even better by our communion with him when we receive the Eucharist. And we get to know Jesus when we discover him in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. There's not a line stretching around the corner to meet these kinds of people. But maybe there should be. If we want to get in to the best place ever, then we're going to have to line up to help these least ones.

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	8/9-15	FYTD
Contributions	\$16,855	\$117,454
Needed to meet expenses	\$20,715	\$145,005
Contributions (building)	\$ 43	\$ 6,583

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

Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 8-15

Forecasted Cost (Revised)	\$160,000
Funds Collected	\$78,301
Funds Pledged	\$39,375
Total Funds Committed	\$117,576
Balance needed	\$ 42,424

Please Mark Contributions "Garage Remodel"

Planned Giving—Memorials

We thank the many people who remember a loved one, relative, or acquaintance in the form of a memorial made payable to Saint Cecilia Parish in their name. A gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone can be a fitting tribute and also benefit the parish ministries. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager at 515-233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 21

5:00PM: Bob & Mary Myers

Sunday, August 22

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Stan Olsson †

5:00PM: Alvera Irlbeck †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 24

7:00AM: Claire Sullivan

5:30PM: Cay Peet †

Wednesday, August 25

7:00AM: Fred Swank †

5:30PM: Alice Richeson

Thursday, August 26

7:00AM: Jackie Scott

5:30PM: The Winslow Family

Friday, August 27

7:00AM: Jack Gibbons

5:30PM: The Cook Family

Saturday, August 28

5:00PM: Rose Warren †

Sunday, August 29

8:30AM: Jim Olsson †

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Barb Spicer †

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 August 22, 2010

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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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 & 5:30 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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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.