

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

September 12, 2010

24th 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 7:00-9PM each Sunday!**

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

Sunday, September 12: Life Teen Mass, 10:30AM

Sunday, September 12: '10-'11 Kick-Off, 7-9PM

Sunday, September 19: Life Night, 7-9PM

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.

**Middle School Youth Ministry, Monday Night:
Monday, September 20,: Class #1, 6:15PM**

**Middle School Youth Ministry, Wednesday:
Wednesday, September 15: Class #1, 7PM**

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 is regularly scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months. To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the Parish office at 233-3092.**

Adult Education



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.



Vestment Donation Thanks.

The parish recently acquired a matching set of vestments for use at funerals consisting of a chasuble, stole, and casket pall. The chasuble and stole were given by the local court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in memory of Ruth Bremer. The casket pall was given by John Klienschmitt in memory of his wife Doris. Our thanks to the Catholic Daughters and John for these items which will enhance our funeral liturgies. The items were crafted by the Holy Rood Guild, a work of the Trappist monks and their associates of St. Joseph Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts. Most of my own personal sets of vesture which I use most Sundays were also made there. The Holy Rood Guild is known for its quality of materials, attention to detail and expert craftsmanship.

Ten Points for Protecting Children.

Included in today's Bulletin is an insert by Teresa M. Kettlekamp, Executive Director—Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Recent years have witnessed the revelations of the crime of the sexual abuse of children and other vulnerable persons by clergy and other church personnel. Clergy and all who work in a salaried or volunteer capacity for the church are required to participate in sexual abuse awareness training. In addition we clergy have a monthly update that we must read and then respond to as proof of our on-going training. An electronic record is kept of our compliance. Yet, the issue of sexual abuse is not just or even primarily a church issue, it is a societal one. Just as parents are to be the first educators of their children in the faith and in other areas of life so, too, parents also need to be aware of the dangers posed by sexual abuse and thereby join with others in society to recognize and help prevent this crime that robs children of life.

Vestment needed

The humeral veil used by Father Richmond at Mass in the chapel has become frayed and worn to the point that I have disposed of it. In its place I have put the parish's present white cope and humeral veil in the small sacristy for chapel use. It, too, is old, but still in passable shape. However, the parish is in need of a "Benediction" set of a white cope, humeral veil and matching stole. Looking through various sources I found a very serviceable set for \$500.00, excluding tax and shipping. If anyone is interested in possibly offering the parish this gift, please contact me. Fr. Jim



3-in-1 Appeal

The Fall 3-in-1 Appeal will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of September 18-19. This is a combination of collections that were traditionally taken up separately and are now combined into one spring and one fall appeal. The combined collections for fall include: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic University of America, and Missions Collections. The Missions appeal includes World Missions (Mission Sunday), Black and Indian Missions, National Home Missions, and Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry. Each parishioner will receive a brochure and offertory envelope in the mail. Please read the brochure carefully as it gives details of the 3-in-1 Appeal. On the offertory envelope you will have the choice of having your contribution divided according to need among the collections, or you can designate how you would like to have your contribution distributed. Aware of the current economic climate, we ask that you please be as generous as possible with your contribution.

SCHOOL NEWS

School News

Thursday, September 16: 9 a.m. Grades 2/3 Mass & Fundraiser Packets Due

Friday, September 17: 2:30 p.m. Children's Theater-Native American Folklore

Thursday, September 23: 9 a.m. Grades 1/4 Para-Liturgy

Scrip is now back to the usual schedule of ordering every Monday. Orders received by 9:00AM on any Monday, will be ready to be picked up by 9:00AM on Friday. Orders can be picked up in the school office or in the parish office. Order forms are available in the narthex, the school office, the parish office and on the school web page. Profits from scrip sales benefit all education programs at Saint Cecilia, the day school and religious education classes. Please support St. Cecilia education by purchasing scrip certificates. For more information on scrip, please contact Connie Vaclav at 232-8343, vaclav@iastate.edu or go to www.glscrip.com.

Cover the Kids Day

The kids are back in school, flu season is approaching and so are those bumps and scrapes and sporting activities. We all know that healthy kids do better in school and they live happier lives. September 18 is *Cover the Kids Day*. We want to urge every parent at Saint Cecilia Church to make sure they have health coverage for their children.

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 and they cover everything from well-child visits to emergency care to major medical procedures and even dental care.

Working families should not assume they do not qualify. A family of three with an income of \$54,000 or more may qualify. No family will pay more than \$40 a month to enroll their children in **hawk-i**. And for many families, the coverage is free. For complete eligibility requirements, we have a few applications at the parish office. You may also call 1-800-257-8563 or visit www.hawk-i.org

The Good Samaritan Service provides assistance to parishioners needing help with indoor care, personal services, transportation and outdoor care. If you or your family are in need of one of these services, please fill out a Good Samaritan Service Card and drop it off in the gold box next to the parish office. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this service. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Construction at Saint Cecilia: Construction on the remodeling for new rooms 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.



Bulletin Deadline
Monday Noon

**Deadline for bulletin items is
Monday at noon.**

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saint Anne's Circle will meet Tuesday, September 14 in the South Social Hall at 9:00AM. Hostesses will be Martha Baumgarten and Pat Cooper.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup: the playgroup meets 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 11:30AM and 7:00 to 8:30PM 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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):

Please save the date: Formation night for EMHC will be September 7 at 7PM. More information to come.

The Christ Our Life Conference will be held October 16-17 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. It is designed to deepen the life of faith of Catholics. Des Moines Bishop Richard E. Pates approves of the conference and cordially invites members of the Archdiocese of Dubuque to participate. Mass will be celebrated and there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation. The conference is a lead-up to the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Des Moines. For more information, or to register, go to www.Christourlifeiowa.com or call 1-888-326-8033.

Christ Our Life Youth Fund-Raiser: If you plan to attend the Christ Our Life conference October 16-17 in Des Moines, (www.Christourlifeiowa.com), be sure to enter the promotion code **SCLT** and proceeds from your ticket will benefit our very own Saint Cecilia Life Teen Program!

Mass Intentions:

Just a reminder, if you want a Mass said for someone, either living or deceased, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 515-233-3092 to schedule a date.

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Heartland Senior Services has an immediate need for home-delivered meal volunteers Monday through Friday to cover the areas just east and west of the City of Ames and also Kelley. This currently involves four stops. The meals would be picked up at HSS, 205 S. Walnut in Ames, between 11:00 and 11:30 am and would take less than an hour to deliver. Volunteers could choose to deliver either one or more days. For further information please call HSS Nutrition Director Sharon Millage at 233-2906.

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 6. Man

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God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him: What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honor? It is man—that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand.

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Beyond Welfare will be held Friday, September 17, 2010, St. Thomas Aquinas Lower Lounge, 2210 Lincoln Way. Parking is available in Ash Ave. and Lynn Ave. parking lots. Doors open at 5:30PM. Reader's Theater will present, "Not Alone: Tales of Relationships and Community" from 6:30-8:00PM. The presentation are stories of real local people in Story County who are living with the effects of poverty and isolation. Suggested donation: \$6/person or \$22/family. Tickets will be available at the door.

Co-sponsored by Beyond Welfare volunteers and St. Thomas Aquinas Social Justice Committee.


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.



CFM OFFERS FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT:

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.

 **Coffee and donuts** will be served by the Melinda Luzbetak and Helen Nelson Families after the 8:30AM Mass and by the Schroeder and Stahr Families after the 10:30AM Mass this weekend.

Stewardship: We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

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My raspberry patch is about three feet wide and twenty-five feet long. I planted it just a few years ago, putting in two different varieties, a more traditional summer bearing type and what is often described as ever-bearing, which is really a type that bears its first crop in the fall, but will bear again the next summer if you leave the canes standing. Raspberries don't demand a whole lot of work—just some manure in the spring, appropriate watering when the berries are forming, and pruning out the dead canes each year after the crop has been exhausted. Because of their fragility, fresh raspberries are hand-harvested, making them an expensive item in the produce department. It's always amazing to me to see a price of \$5.00 on a little six-ounce container when my own little patch produces over sixty pints in July, and still more in the fall up until frost. It is a prodigious abundance.

Prodigious is an apt description for God's actions in this week's Gospel story. The parables that Jesus presents—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—each have endings that seem incredible to any sober analysis of the situations. The value of ninety-nine sheep is huge. It is not worth it to abandon them in the desert—a place of great danger—to look for one. Gathering friends and neighbors for a celebration costs more than the value of a single coin. And throwing a banquet for someone who has used up half of all your assets just doesn't make sense.

But that is the prodigious nature of God. Just like my raspberry patch, which produces so much with so little effort, God's mercy is continuously poured out over and over again. Like raspberries in a store, that mercy came at a great price—through the death of his Son on the cross. But God's mercy bears fruit constantly leading us back when we stray.

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Ushers Wanted

Due to career changes and retirements a number of openings are available for ushers. Any confirmed member of the church, man or woman, is eligible. Ushers are assigned to a crew of 5 to 6 ushers who serve at a specific mass time every fourth month. Ushers help people find seats, identify a family to bring up the gifts, and take up the collection. If you are interested contact Marion Kresse at mkresse@isunet.net or call him at 292-7251. You can also talk with an usher at the mass you normally attend to find out more about their duties. Ushers, please ask parishioners who attend the mass you serve to consider becoming an usher.

Planned Giving—Planned Giving Tax Tip: 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, i.e., 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 at 515-233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 11

5:00PM: Mary Camp †

Sunday, September 12

8:30AM: Mildred & Gregory Gundrum

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Loretta Lane

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 14

7:00AM: Leona Skow

5:30PM: Arlene Konrady †

Wednesday, September 15

7:00AM: George Blevenstein

5:30PM: Poor Souls

Thursday, September 16

7:00AM: Joe Dunn †

9:00AM: Priest Intention

5:30PM: Debbie Smith

Friday, September 17

7:00AM: Elizabeth Vardo †

5:30PM: Ruth Wenckus †

Saturday, September 18

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

Sunday, September 19

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Erno von Godany †

5:00PM: Nellie Lane †

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 September 12, 2010

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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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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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.