

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

All You Holy Men and Women

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



Matthew 5:4

November 2009-
November 2010

Sunday,
November 7, 2010

Lillian M. Knutson
Deborah Knoll
Dale "Pete" Cooper
Vivian Smith
Dale C. Edwards
Robert L. McElroy
Fiona B. Contento
Rose M. Warren
Garlene F. Burdette
Christopher L. Minnick
Nick Gowdy
Catherine J. "Cay" Peet
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Pray For Us

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.

All Religious Education classes for **Grades 1-8** started the week of September 20. We are always welcoming new students so please stop in to the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office to register and receive our 2010-2011 Calendar!

The **Preschool** program will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the 10:30AM Mass. Stop in the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office for a calendar of preschool dates.

**LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers
Meets from 7:00-9PM each Sunday!**

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

Sunday, November 7: Youth Rally, No Life Night

Sunday, November 14: 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: November 12-14

Middle School Youth Ministry, November 8, Class #7, 6:15PM

EDGE: November 10, 7:00PM

Middle School Youth Ministry, November 17, Class #7, 7:00PM

Sunday, November 7 & 21 at 10:30: Pre-School Religious Education.

RCIA Call 232-3514 for information about joining the Catholic Church.

Help Needed: Help with child care Sunday mornings 9-11:30 during RCIA meetings is needed. If you are interested in volunteering call the Formation Office 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 December 16, 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 RE office at 232-3514.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9PM in the St Louis Room.

Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7PM in the St. Louis Room.

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

65% Tax Credit

If you file an Iowa state income tax return you can contribute to the *Our Faith, Our Children 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 2010. 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 or call 563-556-2580, ext. 256, for more information or to make your contribution today.

Saint Cecilia Giving Tree



The Giving Tree

Since several receiving organizations have their parties early in December, Giving Tree gift tag distribution and gift collection dead-lines have been moved up. The gift tags will be distributed at the Christmas Market November 20 & 21. Stop by the table in the Social Hall to select one or more gift tags and a list of suggested items. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex the weekend after Thanksgiving. Any gift tags not picked up on November 20/21 may be picked up at a table in the Narthex November 27/28. Please bring all gifts to the boxes in the Narthex no later than noon Sunday, December 5.

Alternative Gift Market

This year, 2010, is the 20th anniversary of the Ames Alternative Gift Market. St. Cecilia has been a co-sponsor of this event since 2000. In celebration, traditional market days are returning to Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Sheldon and West Streets, with displays, activities, refreshments and *Worldly Good* products. Give, in honor of a friend or relative, an alternative gift – food, medicine, livestock, education, or help for the environment. At the market, you will receive beautiful cards with your gift described. These cards can then be given to persons on your gift list. International and local agencies will be represented. Market dates and times are **Saturday, November 13, 2010, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** *Alternative gift donations are tax-deductible.*

NCYC Registration! Do you want to attend the 2011 **National Catholic Youth Conference** in Indianapolis? Current 8th - 11th graders are encouraged to attend. Please contact the Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Office by **December 1, 2010**. A \$50 deposit is needed to officially reserve your spot. We will have an information booth set up on the weekends of October 23rd & 24th and November 20th & 21st following all masses if you have any questions or would like to turn in your registration. Visit www.facebook.com/ncyc2011 to find out more!



Christmas Decorations Wanted for Christmas Market

Christmas Decorations



Wanted

The Social Concerns Committee will sponsor a table at the Christmas Market with recycled Christmas decorations. Please bring Christmas decorations you no longer use to the parish office the week of **November 14**. Decorations will be available for others to choose (for a free will donation) at the Christmas Market on November 20 & 21. All Proceeds will benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Cecilia School News

Tuesday to Thursday, November 09-11: Parent-Teacher Conferences with 1:30PM Early Dismissal and No Preschool
Friday, November 12: No School

ATTENTION! All Future Kindergarteners!

Saint Cecilia School will be hosting a "Passport to Kindergarten" party on Tuesday, **November 16** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. 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.



SCRIP News

As a "thank-you" to all scrip users, and as a "welcome" to new scrip users, a \$10 scrip coupon is now available through November 24. It is good for \$10 in scrip when attached to a \$50 scrip order. The coupons are available in the Narthex with the scrip display. Scrip is ordered every Monday and the orders are ready to pick up on Friday. By using scrip, you support all education at St. Cecilia with no out-of-pocket expense to you. Just use scrip for all you everyday and holiday shopping. Visit www.glscrip.com for more information about scrip and to see a complete list of all business that participate in scrip. Thank you, Connie Vaclav (232-8343, vaclav@iastate.edu.)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Voices Needed

The **St. Cecilia Choir** will rehearse this Saturday, November 13 from 9AM to 10:30AM in the music room. The choir is currently rehearsing for the fall weekend liturgies, Advent/Christmas season and the Good Neighbor Concert on November 7. **New members are always welcomed!** For more info, contact Bob Hauser at the parish office.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer to deliver meals to homebound individual in Ames. Please call Mary Greely Medical Center Volunteer Center at 239-2210 if you are interested in helping deliver meals.

Needed: Tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL) No experience needed. Thursday 10:00-11:30 & 7:00-8:30. Tutors are needed for the Thursday night sessions. For additional information call Palmer Holden, Morning Coordinator-515-233-3707 or Karl Gwiasda, Evening Coordinator- 515-232-7582.

Church Chat & Chow

Soup Supper

Wednesday, Nov 10, in the Social Hall
Supper at 6:00

Presentation at 7:00 by
Gary & Kay Aitchison & Jane Baty
Art of Saint Cecilia's

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Priest and Deacon Appreciation

This weekend, November 6 & 7, the Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women will host receptions for our clergy following the 5:00 PM, 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses. Plan to stop by and let Fr. Secora, Fr. Dzekoe, Fr. Geary, Fr. Herzog and our Deacons know how much we appreciate all they do for our parish community.

St. Anne's Circle will meet in the South Social Hall at 9:00Am on Tuesday, **November 9**.

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 classes.

The Knight of Columbus will have its monthly meeting at 7PM on **November 11**.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a family breakfast after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday **November 14**. Free-will offering will be accepted. During this time, families are encouraged to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and men can attend a membership initiation at 12:30 pm. Entertainment activities will be provided for families during the event. For more information contact Tracy Laws, membership chairman at 515-232-3733.

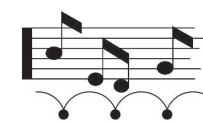
The Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors group will meet on Sunday, **November 21** at 11:45AM at Valentinos. Please call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

On-line dating will be the topic of discussion at the Nov. 11 meeting of **Lean Into the Wind**, the divorced and separated support group of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center, 2210 Lincoln Way in Ames. The evening will begin with a potluck at 6 PM, followed by the monthly meeting from 7-8:30PM in the Lower Lounge of the church. Group discussion will be based on a chapter from the book, *How to Get a Date Worth Keeping*, by Dr. Henry Cloud. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. To RSVP for the potluck by noon Wed., Nov. 10, contact Cosette Bergman at (515) 298-1508 or cb6234@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

Good Neighbor Benefit Concert



Good Neighbor Combined Choir Concert

The annual Good Neighbor Combined Choir Concert will be held today, **November 7** at 3PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northtwestern Ave. A free will donation will be collected. Proceeds from the concert will go to those in need of emergency assistance with rent, utility bills or food vouchers.

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

II. "Body and Soul but Truly One"

III. "Male and Female He Created Them"

Equality and difference willed by God

"Each for the other"—"A unity in two"

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God created man and woman together and willed each for the other. The Word of God gives us to understand this through various features of the sacred text. "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him. "one of the animals can be man's partner. The woman God "fashions" from the man's rib and brings to him elicits on the man's part a cry of wonder, an exclamation of love and communion: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."Man discovers woman as another "I," sharing the same humanity.

Restorative Justice

Mentors wanted to support three men returning to Ames area in the very near future. Training will be provided. Please contact Deacon Ron (515-441-0480) or deaconron.ames@gmail.com as soon as possible for more information.

Living God's Revolution Men's Retreat – Nov. 19 – 21 held at Creighton Retreat Center near Griswold.

For more information check the website - <http://www.creighton.edu/ministry/retreatcenter/scheduleofevents/livinggodsrevolutionretreat/index.php> or contact Deacon Ron (515-441-0480) or deaconron.ames@gmail.com.

Contributions to Harvest of Blessing

Harvest of Blessing is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and Catholic Charities staff are, with the help of the parishes, conducting an Outreach project to give a helping hand to local people who have come upon hard times and are having difficulty meeting basic needs. Last year, your generous contributions helped 1,082 individuals residing in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Building upon the annual observance of Thanksgiving, donors are invited to contribute to this project which helps hundreds of people in need each year and relies entirely on contributions. We ask that, as you thank God for your blessings, you be as generous as possible in giving to this collection. Donations may be sent to "Harvest of Blessings", Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, P.O. Box 479, Dubuque Iowa 52004-0479, by December 1. Thank you for your help.

Apply for Harvest of Blessing

Harvest of Blessings provides some assistance to needy people during the Christmas season and also to connect hurting people to local parishes beyond the Christmas season. If you know of someone who needs help, please contact the Parish office or one of the Deacons to apply as soon as possible.

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.

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week we celebrated both the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. These two celebrations together remind us of our own destiny, the promise of eternity, and the hope of enjoying the blessed vision of God's presence forever in heaven. During November, as the earth itself seems to be dying all around us, we take time to remember those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith." Many parishes have a Book of Remembrance that is displayed during this month and in which the faithful can inscribe the names of loved one who have departed in the past year. Special Masses or prayers are also offered in these days for the faithful departed, and some families have the custom of erecting small memorial shrines in their homes this time of year.

All of these devotions and customs point to our belief in the Resurrection. Our faith proclaims that death is not the final end for us. We live, even if we die, because we have eternal life in Christ. In the Gospel the resurrection-denying Sadducees tried to trip up Jesus with a question about a tenet of the faith that they did not even adhere to. Jesus would not fall into their trap, proclaiming instead that the life of resurrection is different from existence as we know it on this earth. It is similar enough that we can describe it as "life." But what its exact form and nature is, lies beyond our knowledge at this point in our existence.

In these November days we may occasionally find our own practice of prayers for the dead challenged or called into question. We believe in a communion that goes beyond the limits of our earthly existence, which we acknowledge every time we profess our belief in the communion of saints. In that communion we are united with our loved ones and with all who believe in Christ.

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Your Financial Stewardship

	10/4-10/11FYTD	
Contributions	\$23,348	\$307,442
Needed to meet expenses	\$20,715	\$372,870
Contributions (building)	\$ 2,403	\$ 20,102

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 10-11

Construction Cost Paid	\$184,638
Funds Collected	\$141,841
Funds Pledged	\$ 3,225
Total Funds Committed	\$ 146,066
Balance needed	\$ 38,572

Please Mark Contributions "Garage Remodel"

The remodeling project is substantially completed. We are still in need of additional contributions to completely fund this project.

Planned Giving—Gift Annuities Explained

Supplement your retirement income immediately. How it works: You transfer cash, securities or other property to Saint Cecilia Parish. The parish pays a fixed amount each year to you for life. When you die, the remaining principal passes to the parish. You get an immediate charitable income tax deduction, fixed income guaranteed, income may be partially tax free, may save capital gain tax, and reduce estate taxes. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager, at 515 -233-3092.



SCCCW (St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women) will serve coffee and donuts after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses this weekend.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 6

5:00PM: Fred Varnum †

Sunday, November 7

8:30AM: Bob & Mary Myers

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Bill Burke, Sr. †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 9

7:00AM: Bernard Remmes † & Family

5:30PM: Helen Michaud †

Wednesday, November 10

7:00AM: Donald Finnegan †

5:30PM: Marian Putz & Lory Waters †

Thursday, November 11

7:00AM: Barbara Boylan Schager †

5:30PM: Ruth Wenckus †

Friday, November 12

8:30AM: Donald Bielefeldt †

5:30PM: Theresa Cardone

Saturday, November 13

5:00PM: Darwin Hammer †

Sunday, November 14

8:30AM: Bob & Mary Myers

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Bill Burke, Sr. †

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 7, 2010

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

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

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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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Name: _____

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.