

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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November 14, 2010

33rd 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.

**Great Gift Ideas
& Great Causes!**

Saint Cecilia Parish



Saint Cecilia Social Hall

November 20: 5:30PM - 7:00PM



November 21: 9:00AM - 12:30PM

Saint Cecilia School 85th Birthday Celebration

**Come Celebrate Saint Cecilia School's 85th Birthday at the
Christmas Market with cake and punch after all the Masses**

November 20 & 21

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.

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

**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 14 & 21: 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 15, Class #8, 6:15PM
Middle School Youth Ministry, November 17, Class #6, 7:00PM

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.

CELEBRATING



Saint Cecilia School

Come help us celebrate **St. Cecilia School's 85th birthday on November 21st!** We will be part of the *Christmas Market*, so come find our table and enjoy some cake and punch with us. St. Cecilia School was opened in 1925. Since November 22nd is St. Cecilia's Feast Day, we are celebrating following the Masses on the 21st. We will also be selling limited etched original St. Cecilia School commemorative glass items. Proceeds will benefit *St. Cecilia Tuition Assistance Fund*.

Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is next weekend. Suggested items are canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, ramen noodles, soup and crackers, baby foods, canned meat products, pasta, cereal, dish soap, laundry detergent, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels and Kleenex. MICA cannot accept expired items.



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

Continuing the long tradition of sharing the spirit and hope of the holiday season, the people of St. Cecilia Parish will celebrate with a Giving Tree. Over 500 gifts are needed and will be distributed to the following: The Richmond Center, Lutheran Social Services, Youth & Shelter Services, Mary Greely Behavioral Health, The Abington on Grand, Riverside Manor and St. Cecilia Home Ministry. The gift tags will be available at the Christmas Market on November 20 & 21. Stop by the table in the Social Hall to select one or more gift tags. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex the weekend after Thanksgiving. Any remaining gift tags may be picked up in the Narthex Nov. 26/27. Please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the collection boxes by Noon on Sunday, Dec. 12, so the organizations can pick them up in time for their holiday parties.



The Giving Tree

Christmas Decorations



Wanted

Christmas Decorations Wanted for Christmas Market

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 this week. 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, November 16—4:40PM, Passport to Kindergarten

Wednesday, November 17—2:15PM, Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 18—9:00AM, Grades 3/5 Mass

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.)



Come out for a night of fun and friendly competition!

The Saint Cecilia Gala would like to invite YOU to a Holy Poker Night, Wednesday, November 17th.

The money raised will go toward sponsoring an exciting Live Auction item at the Gala! Prizes will be awarded to the top winners. If you love to play poker or are new to the game all levels of players are welcome and you will be supporting a great cause! || ||

Play will begin at 7 PM with a \$20 buy in and additional buy in's allowed up until 8:30 PM. || || This ~~filled~~ game night is open to all ages 21 and older, so invite your friends!

When: Wednesday, Nov. 17th 7PM

Where: Ames Golf and Country Club, Lower Level

Contact: Ty Stewart at (515) 231-9648 or stewartkt@qwest.net

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

E. Bernadine McDonald & Ruth Thogerson, mother of David Thogerson. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saint Cecilia Social Concerns will meet Monday, November 15 at 7:00PM in the Saint Elizabeth Room. All are welcome to attend.

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 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.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tues., Nov. 16 at 9:30AM at Mildred Finnegan's home. Anyone wishing to make rosaries please call 233-1393.

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 weekend 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!



VOLUNTEERS FOR HAITI MEDICAL MISSION TRIP: Anyone interested in joining a medical mission team to Haiti may contact Deacon Dr. Mike Whitters of St. John's Parish in Clarion, IA. Next planned trip is to a remote parish in Anse Rouge, Haiti, in February 2011. Contact Dr. Whitters at 515-689-3765 or Deacon Ron Smith at 515-441-0480.

COMMUNITY

Alternative Gift Market will be held at 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.*

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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Man and woman were made "for each other"—not that God left them half-made and incomplete: he created them to be a communion of persons, in which each can be "helpmate" to the other, for they are equal as persons ("bone of my bones . . .") and complementary as masculine and feminine. In marriage God unites them in such a way that, by forming "one flesh," they can transmit human life: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." By transmitting human life to their descendants, man and woman as spouses and parents cooperate in a unique way in the Creator's work.

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.

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.

A Beginning Experience Weekend
November 19-21 in Dubuque

A Beginning Experience Weekend for divorced, separated and widowed will be held November 19-21 at the Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis Ave., in Dubuque. The weekend helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into a future of hope. Cost is \$175 (two nights and five meals) with a \$100 deposit due Nov. 5. For brochure/application or carpool information from Ames, contact Carol Pearson at 515-296-2250 or breathe2relax@msn.com

 **The Melinda Luzcetak & Helen Nelson Families** will serve coffee and donuts after the 8:30AM Mass this weekend. **The Carlile Family & Pat Olsson** will serve after the 10:30 Mass.

Stewardship: Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

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Predicting the end of the world seems to be a particular fascination in our culture. From something as innocent as a parlor game to actions as deadly as a suicide pact, the imagination of when and how the world will end seems to take hold of certain people. The entertainment industry has capitalized on this fascination-and even fear-with offerings such as the 1959 classic *On the Beach*, the 1993 film *The Day After*, and the recent release 2012. Of course predicting the end of the world isn't limited to Hollywood's attempts to rake in profits. Long ago there were some who believed that the world was going to end with the return of Christ in the year AD 1000, although it seems that these people never really became a movement that later generations imagined them to be. In the nineteenth century, predictions about the end of time were made by several evangelists, some of whom gathered many followers who then abandoned them when the date didn't pan out as foretold.

The Gospel this week is a prime text for certain preachers who would have us believe that the world is soon to end. Recent significant earthquakes (China, Italy, Haiti, Chile) in the past few years are used as concrete examples to legitimize the prediction. The same omens are perceived in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the long-enduring conflict in the Middle East. It is easy to get caught up in this kind of prognostication.

The fact is that whenever the end of the world will be should have no bearing at all on how we live our lives. As Christians, we should always be ready for the coming of Christ because he can reveal himself at any time. Christ may come to us in the needy poor, in the elderly neighbor, in the child, in a coworker or spouse. We don't need the end of the world to find him.

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Your Financial Stewardship

	11/2-11/8	FYTD
Contributions	\$20,119	\$332,187
Needed to meet expenses	\$20,715	\$393,585
Contributions (building)	\$ 2,926	\$ 23,028

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 11-8

Construction Cost Paid	\$184,638
Funds Collected	\$142,951
Funds Pledged	\$ 3,225
Total Funds Committed	\$ 146,176
Balance needed	\$ 38,462

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—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. For more information, call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager, at 515-233-3092.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 13

5:00PM: Darwin Hammer †

Sunday, November 14

8:30AM: Fred and Amila Habing †

10:30AM: Knights of Columbus

5:00PM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 16

7:00AM: Donald Bielefeldt †

5:30PM: Poor Souls

Wednesday, November 17

7:00AM: Theresa & John Hudak

5:30PM: James "Bud" Kearns

Thursday, November 18

7:00AM: John Terrones, Jr.

9:00 AM: Special Intention

5:30PM: Donald Bielefeldt †

Friday, November 19

7:00AM: Art Kuhl †

5:30PM: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bonifacio & Children

Saturday, November 20

5:00PM: Marcia Hammer-Borer †

Sunday, November 21

8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

10:30AM: Catholic Daughters

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 14, 2010

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/
Mt 14:22-33

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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

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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.