



ST. CECILIA FEAST DAY

Celebration of the Arts

St. Cecilia Feast Day Masses (Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM)

Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael O. Jackels, S.T.D., Archbishop of Dubuque

"The Mass of St. Cecilia," Composer: Bob Hauser

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Reception for Archbishop Jackels

St. Cecilia Social Hall

Following the 5:00 PM Liturgy

Light supper menu

Entertainment: "St. Cecilia Today"

Author/Director: Sue Stanton

Childcare available – see below*

Gallery of the Arts

St. Cecilia Social Hall and Narthax

4:00 – 10:00 PM

* Saturday Childcare Available: ages 2-12
St. Cecilia Education Center - 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Food, Games and Activities
Registration Requested at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4DA9A62FAB9-childcare>

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Egg Casserole & Fruit Breakfast

St. Cecilia Social Hall

Following both morning Masses

Gallery of the Arts

St. Cecilia Social Hall & Narthax

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

St. Cecilia Art & History Walking Tour

Beginning in the Narthax at 2:00 PM

Gift to each participant:

Archdiocesan 175th Commemorative Book

Latino Feast!

St. Cecilia Social Hall

Following the 5:00 PM Liturgy

Special thanks to Ames Community Theater

Ten Commandments for Welcoming Visitors at Mass



Welcoming newcomers to your parish is not just the job of the pastoral staff, ushers, ministers of hospitality or greeters. It is everyone's responsibility. Here are ten things you can do to provide better hospitality in your parish.

1. Cultivate the virtue of hospitality at Mass.

Many Mass attendees tend to gather into little cliques and ignore those who are not members of their particular clique. They are not really inhospitable, just heedless of the need for hospitality. Make hospitality a new habit when you go to Mass.

2. Come early, leave late.

Instead of rushing to Mass to be there on time, and then rushing out at its conclusion, make time to come a little early and linger just a bit later. Make room in your busy life to greet and spend time with others at Mass.

3. Go in peace to greet someone!

Seek out someone you've not met before. Shake their hand, introduce yourself, and take a few moments to welcome them to your parish home, God's house.

4. Welcome everyone.

Not only do visitors need your warm welcome, regular Mass attendees also need a friendly greeting. Develop a good handshake and be enthusiastic about your parish. You are greeting others in the name of Christ.

5. Help newcomers connect.

While you are getting to know visitors, introduce them to other parishioners as the opportunity presents itself. Feel free to invite visitors to sit next to you.

6. Say goodbye with genuine warmth.

After Mass, bid farewell to visitors, inviting them to return next week. Introduce them to the pastor if the opportunity arises.

7. Avoid parish business.

Avoid conducting parish business with others immediately before or after Mass. Focus on visitors.

8. Give visitors information about the parish.

Ensure that a visitor has a bulletin and other information about the parish before they leave. If there is a social gathering after Mass, invite them.

9. Be part of a greeting ministry team

Parishes are always in need of greeters to serve regularly, and provide ongoing formation to new greeters. Help out, be a greeter. If your parish doesn't have greeters, now is a good time to start!

10. Greet those who already minister in the area of hospitality.

It isn't necessary to neglect the people who are already ministers of hospitality in order to make visitors feel at home. A simple wave and a smile go a long way.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

STATE COURT OF IOWA



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was instituted in 1903 in Utica, New York and has grown into the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. For over 100 years they have worked to spread the Gospel Message through acts of service to those in need following their motto of "Unity & Charity". A wonderful opportunity exists for all women who are practicing Catholics and at least 18 years of age to join in serving Jesus by becoming a member of the Catholic Daughters.

Catholic Daughters are active in 66 courts around the state of Iowa. Members dedicate their time and talents in numerous ways to raise funds to be able to support many charities locally as well State and National including Disaster Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Smile Train and SOAR (Supporting Our Aging Religious). State Projects include a Lifesaver Campaign conducted each spring which provides funds to help victims of domestic violence and a Fall Food Event to assist those in need.

Catholic Daughters support seminarians and priests, visit the elderly and ill in care centers, support the youth through scholarships, education contests and prayer partners, support pro-life programs and the military and so much more.

Working under the patronage of Our Blessed Mother, Catholic Daughters are united by their faith in Jesus Christ. Members participate in church ministries such as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, welcoming committees, music and greeters. They receive many spiritual benefits. Masses are said daily for CDA members, prayer lines request prayers for those in crisis situations, court members pray the rosary at visitations for deceased members and stand honor guard at the funeral. Catholic Daughters sponsor retreats as well as days of recollection.

Being mindful of the purpose of the organization which is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church, much work is being done throughout the dioceses. Much more work still needs to be done to support the many worthwhile charities and programs. Ladies are encouraged to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and see what joy there is in serving Jesus through this organization.

If no CDA court is established in your area, the State CDA Board, State website (www.iowacatholicdaughters.org) and the National website (www.catholicdaughters.org) are available to provide information, assistance and contact information to begin a new court where ever needed.

In Unity & Charity

Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas