



The Catholic Church has **seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching**. The Social Justice Committee at St. Cecilia's Parish has decided to share these with you through



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our quarterly newsletter. In this issue we center on **Principle 5 SOLIDARITY** we are one human race whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be in the world.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen!



JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY

St. Cecilia's has a Jail/Prison Ministry. This ministry is an opportunity to visit inmates in the Story County Jail. Those involved are allowed to visit on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11. Prison ministers read the Sunday readings and discuss them with the inmates. Both the inmates and the people volunteering discuss what the readings mean to them. This ministry is very humbling. Volunteers report that while they are doing the visits they feel the presence of God—stronger than when they began the visit.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you will need to be interviewed by the St. Cecilia coordinator, Barb Moore. She would enjoy visiting with you. In order to be completely approved there is paperwork to fill out for the jail and for Catholic Charities. Once they receive your paperwork at the jail and do a background check on you, then you will be given a tour of the jail by the Volunteer Coordinator of Story County.

Please call Barb Moore, at 641-757-0798 if you are interested in learning more about this special ministry.

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The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy—Visit the Sick

Homebound Ministry

The St. Cecilia Homebound Ministry serves people in our parish that are not able to attend Mass on Sundays on a regular basis.

Five Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion leave 8:30 am Mass each Sunday with Consecrated Hosts to visit our homebound parishioners in five areas to pray with them and administer Holy Communion.



The Ministers receive their assignment the week before they are scheduled along with a Prayer Guide from which they choose prayers for a Liturgy of Communion used in group settings or prayers for individuals receiving communion. Many of our homebound parishioners faithfully watch the Mass on EWTN.



The five areas visited include residences, health care units and community living facilities. The Homebound Ministry has been a part of St. Cecilia Parish since laypersons were given the privilege of becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—many years ago.

Persons who are unable to get to Mass on a regular basis should call the Parish Office at 233-3092 by noon on Friday, or call Julie Haas at 232-7138 by noon on Saturday in order to have your name assigned to a minister.

Hospital Ministry

Saint Cecilia and St. Thomas Aquinas work together to visit and bring Holy Communion to all hospitalized Catholics seven days a week.

If you become a patient at Mary Greeley Medical Center and want to receive communion, you must identify yourself to the staff as a Catholic and ask to be put on the list of people to be visited. This is because of the HIPPA law. If you are admitted through the Emergency Room you, or a person representing you, should make it known to the hospital staff that you wish to be put on the list of Catholics to be visited.