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.
FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Office of Faith Formation 8:30AM – 4:00PM. Or by appointment Monday – Friday.

We are always welcoming new students so please stop in the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office to register and receive our 2010-2011 calendar!

Sunday, PK
April 3, 10:30AM
April 17, 10:30AM

Monday, Grades 1 & 3-5
March 28, 6:15 PM.
April 4, 6:15PM

Wednesday, Grades 1 & 3-5
March 30, 4:00PM
April 6, 4:00PM

Middle School – Grades 6-8
Monday, March 28, 6:15-7:30PM
Wednesday, March 30—Faith Formation, 7-8:30PM
Edge Lock-In: Friday, April 15, 6PM-Midnight
Featuring 1 of 12 Ministries

Life Teen
Sunday, March 27 6:30-9PM, Life Night, “What goes up . . . .”
Sunday, April 3, 6:30-9:00PM, Life Night
Theme—Ask, Seek Knock (Part 1)

Confirmation Preparation
April 6, Life Teen Mass 6PM
April 6-9th & 10th grade, 7-8:30PM

ncyC
****Only 1 spot for NCYC still available****

RCIA
Call 232-3514 for information about joining the Catholic Church
Help Needed: Help with child care Sunday mornings 9:00-11:30 AM during RCIA meetings is needed. If you are interested in volunteering call the Faith Formation Office at 232-3514.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Sponsors, godparents are also expected to attend.
Call Faith Formation Office to Register—516-232-3514
Next session is April 14, 2011 6:30 PM in the St. Louis room.
** Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months.**

Bible Study
Scripture Study: Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the St. Louis Room
Bible Study in Spanish: Mondays, 6:00-7:30PM in the St. Louis Room
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00-11:00AM in the St. Louis Room
Social time begins at 9:30AM.

St. Cecilia Good Shepherd Education Center, Jewell:
Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM
Topic: Scripture for the coming Sunday

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Seeks Input
The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) serves as a consultative body to Archbishop Hanus. One of its purposes is to “assess needs and recommend priorities for the Archdiocese”. With that in mind, the APC chose to collect and distribute “best practices” in areas of critical importance to parish life. This year the council is focusing on best practices in inclusivity.

The term “best practices” simply refers to what’s going right. The council is gathering information on what’s going right in parishes and will share that information with all parishes for their consideration.

A community that exhibits best practices in inclusivity has some, or all of the following characteristics:

- Welcomes new, current, and returning members,
- Reaches out to all potential members in the community,
- Provides opportunities for all members to participate as fully as possible in the life of the community,
- Pays particular attention to those members who are sometimes forgotten: persons with disabilities, the marginalized, homebound, elderly, etc.
- Continuously evaluates its success at including all members,
- Is proactive in inviting members to increase their involvement in community life.

The APC wants to draw input from all people in the Archdiocese and is offering individual parishioners the opportunity to participate. A survey can be completed online or in printed form. The address for the online survey is http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F2THZ9V. To request a printed copy or for questions, call 800-876-3546 or 563-556-2580, ext. 279. A printed copy can also be requested through the parish office. To be included in the results, surveys must be completed and received by Friday, April 22, 2011.

Olive Wood Sales at St. Cecilia
Imad Qumsieh, from Bethlehem, will be at St. Cecilia after all Masses this weekend, March 26-27. Mr. Qumsieh represents Olive Wood Religious Sales which helps to support the few Catholic families that live in the Holy Land. With continuing Middle Eastern troubles, tourism has dried up and the sale of religious olive wood items is their sole support. If interested, hand carved olive wood statues, rosaries and crosses will be available for purchase. This is a good opportunity to help support our needy Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.
Saint Cecilia School News

Wednesday, March 30—Early dismissal, 2:15PM

Scholarship Opportunities
Loras College and Mount Mercy University have announced that each parish in the Archdiocese has the opportunity to designate one new student for each of the renewable awards. The grant recipient name must reach Loras & Mount Mercy University by April 1st. Please contact Jerry Grewing at 233-3092 for more information.

The local court of Catholic Daughters is accepting applications for a $500 scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior who is Catholic and from an area parish. Application forms and instructions are available in the parish office. Deadline is May 1.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Mark your calendar for June 13-17. VBS will venture into the ancient and mysterious Asian wilderness for some Panda fun! Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Suppers will be held in the St. Cecilia Social Hall on Friday, April 1st, and April 15th from 5-7PM. Baked Tilapia and Cod will be served with macaroni & cheese, green beans, and a baked potato. Desserts provided by St. Cecilia Youth Groups or Ladies Circles will be available. Cost is $7 for adults,$4 for Children 5-12 and Free for children 4 and younger (family rates are also available). Proceeds go to support People with Intellectual Disabilities and other charities.

*Please note date corrections

Book Drop Off for Iowa Right to Life Book Sale—Used book collections for the Iowa Right to Life Book Sale will occur in the Narthex April 1st and April 15th (coincides with K-of-C Fish dinners). The proceeds from the spring and fall sale (held in Des Moines) of these books go to crisis pregnancy centers across Iowa.

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Catholic Daughters Past Regents will meet at “The Rose” with Marilyn Krocheski on Tuesday, March 29 at 1:00PM.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10-11:30AM in the South Social Hall. Contact Jon Ryan at siryan2@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.

Married Couples
Mark your calendars—Renewal of Marriage Vows at St. Cecilia on Sunday afternoon May 14 at 3PM in the Church.

The traditional Lenten devotion, Stations of the Cross, will be prayed each Friday night of Lent at 6PM, with the exception of the Good Friday starting time of 2PM. Hispanic stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7PM.

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE
Where: Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids Iowa
When: Saturday April 16th, 2011
Cost: $35 for adults, $45 at the door,$5 for Students (thru college age) Conference to begin at 8:30AM and ending with Mass at 5PM. Archbishop Hanus to preside over the celebration of Mass. Come hear wonderful talks conducted by over 10 different speakers. Brochures and speaker information are available at information area near the parish office. Register at our website: www.catholicmenonline.org/Conference
Questions please contact Deacon Ron Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480 also for carpool info.

Can you help? ISU Student seeking a host family.
A junior at Iowa State studying engineering, Pascal Butare hails from Rwanda. He is a deeply religious young man who understands that if you trust and give God influence over your life, everything will work out in the end. He is a very talented athlete, having run the 400 meter for his country of Rwanda in both the African games and the European games winning the gold medal. He absolutely loves family and is great with children. Pascal is a legal immigrant on a student visa, and Barry and Cary Spear are supporting him with money for food and incidentals at school and are willing to continue that.

To assist with his schooling Pascal is looking to find a home in Ames so he can continue his studies. Pascal will have housing available until the end of this coming summer but is hoping to find a family to live with for his last semester at ISU. Ideally he is looking for a family near the bus line so he can get to school.

For the past two summers Pascal has worked at the Ankeny Golf and Country Club as a greens keeper and mower. For the past three years he has stayed with a Catholic family in Ankeny where he has been active in Our Lady of Immaculate Heart parish.

If you think you could help Pascal, please feel free to call Barry and Cari Spear at either 515-964-8064 or 402-949-6980 for additional information or reference.
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 7.  The Fall

II. The Fall of the Angels
395 The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries—of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature—to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him."

3rd Sunday of Lent
In the nineteenth century, the Greek Orthodox began building a new church over the site of Jacob's well in Nablus, Palestine. The First World War interrupted the construction, and it was not until the end of the twentieth century that building resumed. The impetus for finishing the new church was spurred on by the martyrdom of the monk Philomenos in 1979 by Jewish extremists who broke into the monastic compound and hacked him to death as he was preparing for vespers. The new church was completed in 2007 and the remains of St. Philomenos were transferred there upon his glorification in 2008. Jacob's well is in the crypt of the church, the site of the monk's martyrdom, which occurred as he got ready to glorify God.

In the Gospel today Jesus points out to the Samaritan woman that the worship of God will take place neither at the Samaritan high place on the mountain that can be seen from Jacob's well (Mt. Gerizim) nor on the mountain of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (Mt. Zion). Jesus indicates that the worship of God will take place in Spirit and truth (John 4:23). The place of worship is no longer tied to a physical location. Rather, the worship of God takes place within the human heart that is attentive to God's word.

While the monk Philomenos died defending a physical location, he would be among the first to acknowledge that Christianity is less about place and more about spirit. While buildings or shrines can inspire us, they do not constitute our faith, which resides in the person of Jesus Christ. The men and women who are preparing for baptism at the Easter vigil are committing themselves to following Christ, just as we who are already baptized profess to do. As the Samaritans told the woman in the Gospel, "we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world" (Jn 4:42).

Gotta Smile?
We are in need of Hospitality Ministers (aka, Greeters) for Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 10:30AM Masses. This requires less than 30 minutes per month of your time. The only qualifications are a warm smile and a friendly "Hello". Please call Rick or Janet Brimeyer at 296-5450 to sign up for this critical ministry.

Your Financial Stewardship

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Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving for more information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.

Leave a Legacy that will advance Catholic life at Iowa State University for years to come. A gift to the St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center in your will is a simple yet powerful way to impact generations of Catholic young adults here on campus. For more information, please call 515.292.3810 ext. 18.

St. Cecilia Parish Library
Are you looking for reading/reflection material for Lent? Check out the Parish Library located in the St. Francis Room. The library is open as long as the Church building is open.

The Knights of Columbus will serve coffee and donuts after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl
This Week's Country: Senegal. 48% of the population has fallen beneath the burden of unemployment. Catholic Relief Services manages microfinance projects in various towns and villages throughout the country. Microfinance projects provide small loans to poor, rural clients.
Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.
The ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.
Challenge for the Week: Give $1.00 to your Rice Bowl for each wage earner in your family.

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.

40 Days for Life
Christians throughout the Ames area are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from March 9 through April 17. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood at 2530 Chamberlain St., Ames, IA during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. Please contact Paul Fell at 515-450-5372 or pfell@mediacombb.net to get more information. All are welcome!

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Stewardship: When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 26**
5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

**Sunday, March 27**
8:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia
10:30AM: Arthur & Margaret Kuhl †
5:00PM: Alina Lynch
   Misa en Español (Chapel)

**Tuesday, March 29**
7:00AM: Jackie Scott
5:30PM: Barbara Boylan Schager †

**Wednesday, March 30**
7:00AM: Chris & Pat Derks †
5:30PM: Robert G. Ross †

**Thursday, March 31**
7:00AM: Theresa & John Hudak †
5:30PM: Jean Thompson †

**Friday, April 1**
7:00AM: Mass of Thanksgiving
9:00AM: All-School Mass, Special Intention
5:30PM: Mary Pepper †

**Saturday, April 2**
5:00PM: Darwin Hammer †

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**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.

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**Prayer Chain**

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or stciciapraychain@gmail.com.

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**Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011**

- **Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- **Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- **Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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 7:00 AM & 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
Phone ........................................ (515) 233-3092
Fax ........................................ (515) 233-6423
Rectory....................................... (515) 233-9477
www.stciciaparish.org

**Parish Staff**

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**Faith Formation**

Phone........................................ (515) 232-3514
Fax........................................ (515) 232-2875
Interim Director of Faith Formation.....JoAnne Dalhoff
Youth Ministry Coordinator.............Anna Steele
Administrative Assistant.............Patty Streit

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**School**

Phone........................................ (515) 232-5290
Fax........................................ (515) 232-2875
Principal........................Brandt Snakenberg
Administrative Assistant.............Lois Vidimos

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Name and address the way you would like it to appear.

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.