

SAINT CECILIA

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 HOOVER AVENUE, AMES, IOWA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org



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.

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Check inside listing for times.

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5:00PM in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer. Call 233-3092 if you wish to sign up for a scheduled adoration hour.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM & 7:30PM in the Chapel.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7-9PM, Chapel

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM, Chapel

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM
Anytime by request.

Marriage
Please call the Parish Office at least six months before setting date.

Baptism
To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required.

Sick Calls
Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

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Catholic Charities 296-2759
Office located at St. Thomas Aquinas

Religious Education
for the whole parish family



Religious Education Classes

- ? **Pre-School & Kindergarten** meets during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. January dates: 4, 18
- ? **Grades 1-6**
Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM
January dates: 5, 12, 19
Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM
January dates: 7, 14, 21
- ? **Grades 7 & 8**
Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM
January dates: 7, 14, 21

Youth Ministry

- ? **Grades 9-12**
Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM
Next class: January 4

Come to R.U.S.H. hour every Wednesday...

- Jan. 7:** Movie Night, meet 7:00PM, A/Y room
 - Jan. 14:** No RUSH—finals week
 - Jan. 21:** Praise & Worship reflection, 7:00PM, Church
 - Jan. 28:** Green Hills Retirement Center, Meet 5:30PM Education Center
 - Feb 4:** Make cookies for Homeless Shelter, 6:30PM, Social Hall
 - Feb. 11:** Praise & Worship reflection, 7:00PM, Church
 - Feb. 18:** Bowling at Memorial Union, meet 6:30PM, Education Center
 - Feb. 25:** Ash Wednesday service followed by reflection/movie in the A/Y room
 - Mar. 3:** Movie night at North Grand 5, meet 6:30PM, Education Center
- TEC information is now available:** This is a workshop for seniors only. Many dates available. Call Joe for details.

YOUTH 2000 (see page 3)

Confirmation Candidates: Please turn in your service and saint reports

The Appalachia Trip is scheduled for July 31-August 7, 2004. Space is limited and will fill quickly. Contact Joe immediately, if you wish to participate.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, January 5.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Sessions will resume February 3.

RCIA: (for those who are interested in the Catholic faith). Meets 10:30AM, Sundays in the Adult/Youth Room. Contact Bill Monosmith at 232-3514.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet Wednesday, January 7, 6:15PM for dinner, followed by a short program given by Marcia Peterson on Habitat for Humanity. A business meeting will follow.

PARENTING CLASSES

Does your parenting confidence go up and down like a roller coaster? Then check out Growing Kids God's way. **Growing Kids God's Way** is a practical, biblical parenting course where you will learn the joy of raising children to reflect the character of God. It is sponsored by the Family Life Committee. Plan to attend the informational meeting at Saint Cecilia, January 9 or January 16 at 7:00PM in the Parlors. Childcare provided. For more information please contact Matt and Dawn Aitchison @ 795-4224 or Scott and Susan Hurd @ 388-4662.



A BIG "thank you" to all who contributed to the beautiful Advent/Christmas liturgies. The parish expresses our gratitude to the musicians, singers, and handbell choirs for the planning, practice, and the sharing of talents. A whole-hearted thank you to Bill Haas & JoAnne Dalhoff of the Spiritual Growth Committee for coordinating the Hanging of the Greens and to the spirited bunch of volunteers who helped decorate the church: Gary Aitchison; Sue Belcher; Mike, Danielle, Stephanie, Alaina & Alex Bohnert; Dennis Bovee(platform chair) Randy Dalhoff; Jim Dudding; Julie Haas; Chuck Habing; Bob & Janean Hauser; Steve Heideman; Val Hinz; Jim Hogan; Larry Jackson; Micah Jackson; Chelsea & Jordan Jorgensen; Vonnie & Seygbai Kai; Marilyn Krocheski; Butch Lester; Peter, Rebecca, Sabina, and Gordon Miller; Payton Nowlin; Karen Popelka; Ron Rasmussen; Tom Sampson; Lou Scallon; Tim Simodynes; Sly, Karen, Kristin and Katie Upah; Karen Wagner and anyone else who helped whose name may have inadvertently been left off the list. Special thanks to Larry Jackson for providing straw and to R.J. Vidimos for providing Christmas trees. Special thanks, also, to Angie & Randy Whetstone and Mary Zimmerman for their much appreciated work in the Christmas Family Liturgy.

The decorations will be taken down after the 11:15AM Mass on January 11. Many volunteers are needed. Your help will be appreciated.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD SESSION #1

- Please choose **ONE** of the following meetings to attend:
- ? Monday, January 5, 6:10-7:30PM
 - ? Wednesday, January 7, 4:00-5:20PM
- All meetings will be held in the Church.

FIRST EUCHARIST RITE OF ENROLLMENT IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, AT THE 5:00PM MASS

School News

Saint Cecilia Catholic School

School resumes on Monday, January 5.

May everyone have a Happy New Year!

Y2KIOWA! YOUTH 2000 RETREAT

Right here in central Iowa, hundreds of Catholic youth (teens to young adults), ages 13-30, will gather for an awesome encounter with Jesus Christ! Faith, friendship, party and praise combine for a powerful experience at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, January 23-25. Only \$30. Sponsored by St. Mary of Nazareth Parish, Des Moines. There are many ways to register: Call Joe (232-3514), contact Jaylene Jensen (232-6017) or jjj50@prairieinet.net or pick up a brochure in the Social Hall Literature rack. You can also download a registration form at www.y2kiowa.com or call 515-222-1048.

NOTICE to our parishioners who have donated and pledged to our Building for the Future Campaign: Our Envelope company could not make the Envelope Typesetting Changes until the February mailing. Please use the "building fund" envelope for a January contribution. Parishioners making monthly contributions who do not currently receive envelopes by mail and who have not signed up for automatic deductions, will start receiving envelopes in February.

IS GOD CALLING YOU? HOW CAN YOU KNOW? Connect with other single Catholic women, 18 and over, as they explore questions about the purpose and meaning of their life's path during a "Live-in-Experience" Vocation Retreat hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict. Come learn who we are, how we live and how we seek God. Enjoy meals, conversation, prayers and reflection with us. You make no commitment and there is no charge. To learn more about the weekend of January 9-11 at St. Mary Monastery, in Rock Island, IL contact Sr. Phyllis McMurray, OSB, at 800-650-1257, 309-282-2300 or email pmmcurray@stmarymonastery.org.

THE JAIL MINISTRY IN STORY COUNTY is expanding and needs more volunteers. There will be an informational meeting January 12, 7:30PM at St. Patrick church social hall in Nevada. You may also call Joan Gray (641-487-7565 or Ron Smith (382-5654). "When I was in prison, you visited me." Please come.

RETRouvaille

Has your marriage become a disappointment to you? Things can change for the better if you seek help. If both of you want a meaningful relationship, please consider participating in a Retrouvaille weekend. The next session is Friday evening, January 16-Sunday, January 18, in Waverly. A session is also scheduled April 16-18 in Dubuque. Please call Dick or Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 or 563-875-8791 for confidential information.

THE ADORERS of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Cecilia thank Jesus in the blessed sacrament for the following favors granted:

- ? For over 7 years of Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Cecilia
- ? For excellent medical results for my children's tests for an inherited disorder
- ? That my sister met a good catholic man and will marry him next year
- ? For a new project in this area so our workers can keep working through the winter

Please consider spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the new year. Scheduled adorers are still needed for the following hours: Wednesday, 9 & 11:00AM, 2:00PM; Thursday, 4:00PM; Friday, 2:00AM; Saturday, 5:00AM. Call Cyndi Volcko (233-5267) for more information.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday, February 5** 6:30- 9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To Register, call the Parish Office at 233-3092.

Baptisms are scheduled on January 11, 8:00AM and February 8, 1:00PM.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3

5:00PM: Cheryl Torris

Sunday, January 4

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Linus Putz

11:15AM: Joe Rua

Tuesday, January 6

7:00AM: Marge & Carl Benson

Wednesday, January 7

7:00AM: Doris Warner

Thursday, January 8

7:00AM: Susan Mullaly

Friday, January 9

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Saturday, January 10

5:00PM: Gene Finnegan

Sunday, January 11

8:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Youth of the Area

RENEWAL

Looking for a new focus for the coming year? Here's a wonderful tool to do just that! Christian Experience Weekends (CEW) are being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. The theme of the weekend is **A Shelter for All**, and will be held February 6-8 and March 12-14 for women and February 20-22 for men. Brochures are available in the rack outside the parish office. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

ST. HENRY'S WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND (CEW) will be held January 30- February 1. Reserve your space now for this unique renewal opportunity. Contact St. Henry's for registration forms. Early Bird discounts are available.

SINGLES DANCE, Saturday, January 10, Fort Dodge Eagles Ballroom, (1018 1st Avenue N) 8:00PM-Midnight. Door prizes and lots of mixers. \$10 admission includes partial membership in Single Sailors Social Ministry. Call Marian at 515-955-4156 with questions.

AN INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM ON ALZHEIMER'S disease and related dementia illnesses will be presented Tuesday, January 13, 6:30-7:30PM at the Northcrest Fire-side Room. Call Northcrest (232-6760) for more information.

ADDITIONAL FLORAL MEMORIALS

Jack Gehm—Jeanne Gehm, Janie, Nancy, Tim, Angie & Laurie

Carl & Cleone Pelzer—Carl & Kathy Pelzer
Madison Ruth Ann Pelzer
Doug & Marie Shonkwiler

James Kearns—Marilyn & Bob Gardner

Ed & Evelyn Clary—John, Nancy, Briana & Brady Clary

Sudibja Koswadi —Bernadette Koswadi
Mavia Pindah

Please pray for members of our parish who are ill.

Epiphany of the Lord



At the local mechanic's garage, we were privy to a rite of passage. Working on an old car, the owner's young son struggled with a stubborn engine, and we heard his father say, "Here, let me show you how to do that." The father picked up a wrench and as they worked together, the older man behind the counter smiled, and said, "Funny, I showed him how to do that, too, about 30 years ago!"

The word 'epiphany' means to manifest or to show. It's a kind of Divine witness and affirmation of the person and mission of Jesus to the whole world. God reveals Himself completely in the person of Jesus, announcing His universal love and salvation for all people of all time. It is the 'greatest showing' on earth, culminating in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Magi are not a wandering group of nomads who stumble upon the birth of the Infant. They seek God and follow Him wherever He may lead, discovering His Plan and seeing it fulfilled.

In our faith journey, we all experience little epiphanies, insights into the mystery, the Person, and the workings of God. These rites of passage lead us to faith and to the gift of Himself that He shares with us. In the communities of family, Church, and neighborhood, we find kindness and mercy that give witness to God's goodness. No need to wander as far as the Magi; God shows Himself right where we are.

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ACCESS is looking for volunteers who wish to make a difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Training is scheduled for January 24, 25, 31 & February 1, from 9:00AM-5:00PM. Contact Julie by e-mail at julieann@assaultcarecenter.org or by phone (292-0500) if interested. In-direct volunteer activities that do not require advocate training such as entering data, and outdoor activities are also available.

Please remember in your prayers:
ROGER NEWBURN and MARJORIE PLUMMER, mother of Anne Kohler, who recently passed away. 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.



Readings for the Week of January 4, 2004
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22