

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.

PARISH STAFF

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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: 18

?? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

January dates: 12, 19

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

January dates: 14, 21

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

January dates: 14, 21

Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM

Next class: January 11

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

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 12.

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.



Knights of Columbus
All you can eat Chili Supper
Saturday, January 17,
serving 6-8:00PM, Social Hall
Adults: \$5, Ages 5-10: \$3
Ages 4 & under eat free!

Proceeds will help fund the permanent placement of the Right to Life monument.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

Saint Cecilia Parish is proud to sponsor the city-wide ecumenical celebration for Martin Luther King's Birthday on January 18. The program and service will begin at 3:00PM in the Church. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall.



NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 17/18 is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Needed items include canned meat products, spaghetti sauces, pasta and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.



ST. ANNE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, January 13, 9:00AM in the Parlors. Dawn Hayslett will present a program on the Ames Public Library. Guests are welcome.

ST. GERTRUDE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, January 13, 1:30PM in Parlor A. Program presented by Director of Religious Education, Bill Monosmith.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the Adult/Youth Room. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 515-795-4224 for information.

PARENTING CLASSES

If character really counts, then godly character counts even more. Learn how to instill godly character by coming to 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.

HELP IS NEEDED to take down the Christmas decorations after 11:15AM Mass this weekend. The task will go quickly with many volunteers.

Coffee and rolls are served in the Social Hall following the 8:00 & 9:30AM Masses

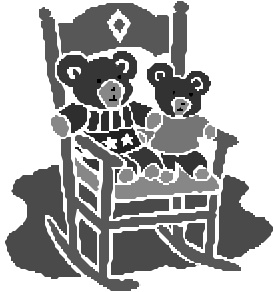


School News

Saint Cecilia Catholic School

A note from the principal...

All 4th grade parents are invited to lunch on Tuesday, January 13, 11:50AM.



**An Afternoon of
Storytelling
For the entire Parish
Family
Sunday, February 1,
3-5:00PM
Parish Social Hall**

Entertaining stories for all ages
Tips on telling your own stories
Ideas for storytelling in the family
Pizza to follow

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

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.

DEANERY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held Thursday, January 15, St. Henry Church, 221 W Olive Street, Marshalltown. Registration begins at 9:00AM with the General meeting at 9:30AM; Liturgy, 11:15AM; and lunch at noon. Program speaker, Janet Mead, will present the topic "It Came to Pass" at 1:00PM.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10

5:00PM: Gene Finnegan

Sunday, January 11

8:00AM: Konrad/Daniels deceased

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Youth of the Area

Tuesday, January 13

7:00AM: Bev O'Connell

Wednesday, January 14

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

9:00AM: Rosemary Roepke

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.



DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Luke Anthony and Nicholas John twin sons of
Craig & Deborah Grandgenett

Olivia Catherine daughter of Robert Metzger
& Samantha Messerly

Devon Douglas, son of Bryan & Moira Pyle

Isaac Alexander, son of Jonathan & Stacy Ryan

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 February 8, 1:00PM.

Thursday, January 15

7:00AM: Michael Strom

Friday, January 16

7:00AM: Marie Putz

Saturday, January 17

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Sunday, January 18

8:00AM: Mary Meyers

9:30AM: Natalie McElroy

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners



ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY

The month of the Holy Family is a good time to borrow **Some Catholic Prayers** from the St. Francis Room Library to keep your children of all ages growing in grace, a blessing that will last a lifetime and bring them to heaven. **Christian Family in the teaching of John Paul II** gives adults the information needed to uphold marriage, and to link efforts with other believers in God who want to save the integrity of marriage. They can be found on top of the bookcase by the door.

RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES

Is it time you pay more attention to your relationship with God? Sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) to be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny, 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.

Are you ready to feel his touch? "We are the work of His hands" (Isaiah 64:8). Come and be filled with faith, fellowship and fun. Women's CEW, January 30-February 1. Men's CEW February 25-27. St. Henry's Church, Marshalltown.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES has submitted a request to the Office of Foreign Assets Control to allow much needed aid in the wake of the earthquake in Iran. While waiting approval, CRS has made an initial allocation of \$100,000 to provide emergency food, medical care and other life-saving assistance to the victims. This allocation will be split between Catholic Relief Services partner agencies, International Blue Crescent and Caritas Internationalis, once approval is received. Continue to keep all people affected in your prayers. If you wish to make a contribution, clearly mark checks "Iran Earthquake Response" and send contributions directly to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. For more information contact Michelle Harrington at 410-951-7391 or mharrington@catholicrelief.org.

Please pray for members of our parish who are ill.

Baptism of the Lord

Years ago on a summer camping trip at a national park, one of the rangers stopped by to tell us a few stories about adventure and nature's power. No story captured our attention, though, like the one he shared about himself. He had been a Wall street lawyer who gave it all up to start life anew. Many of us felt a twinge of envy and even a bit of hope.

Jesus comes from an obscure background to take center stage in God's Plan of Salvation. His stories and message capture His audience as they hear a new teaching authority - clear, inviting, and filled with persuasive power. In the perfect setting of Heaven, in the perfect company of the saints, the perfect story is that God loves us, forgives us, and calls us to Himself. It is God who sends Jesus, anoints Him as Messiah, and embraces Him as Son. Jesus' new beginning is marked by the Father's acknowledgment that on Jesus His favor rests.

Witnessing the baptism of an adult inspires faith. The baptism of a child inspires hope. The baptism of Jesus inspires love. This fundamental sacrament initiates a marvelous new beginning, a perfect journey of faith that takes us ever closer to God's love. It brings us new life, a new start, a sense of hope with the knowledge that we share in God's favor.



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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. Indirect volunteer activities that do not require advocate training such as entering data, and outdoor activities are also available.

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.

Please remember in your prayers: **LOIS RICHERT**, sister of Lou Richert, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Readings for the Week of January 11, 2004

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11