

SAINT CECILIA

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 HOOVER AVENUE, AMES, IOWA 50010

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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. February dates: 1, 15

?? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

No class Jan. 26 or Feb. 2 (parent conferences 6-9:00PM); Feb. class dates: 9, 16, 23

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

No class Jan. 28 or Feb. 4 (parent conferences 6-9:00PM); Feb. class dates: 11, 18, 25

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

No class Jan. 28 or Feb. 4 (parent conferences 6-9:00PM); Feb. class dates: 11, 18, 25

Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM

Next class: January 25

10th grade Confirmation Rite of Covenant, Sunday, February 1, 11:15AM Mass. Students and sponsors meet in North Social Hall @ 10:45AM

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

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.

The Appalachia Trip is scheduled for July 31-August 7, 2004. Pre-registration form and first payment due by January 31.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, January 26

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, January 27

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.

TEEN MASS, February 7, 5:00PM



SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated February 1, at the 9:30AM Mass. All scouts (both girls and boys) are encouraged to attend. Scouts should wear their uniform and bring their unit's flag and stand. Assemble in the Social Hall at 9:15AM. Scouts who are interested in serving as readers or altar servers should contact Mike or Jill Heitzman at 292-1605.

SIXTY PLUS GROUP meets Tuesday, January 27, in the South Social Hall. Plan to eat by 12:15PM. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Bring a family heirloom(s) (antique, jewelry, recipe, tool etc.) to share for the program.



THE CONTRACEPTIVE MENTALITY: Then and Now
All are invited to hear Dr. Paul Matthews, former Saint Cecilia parishioner, speak Sunday, February 1, following 9:30 Mass, in the Parlors. Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Committee.

A PARISH POTLUCK DINNER is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Next potluck: **February 3.**

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.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

On February 15, 3:30PM, an afternoon of renewal of marriage vows will be celebrated at Saint Cecilia Church. All married couples in the parish are invited to renew their vows in this very meaningful ceremony led by Fr. Terry. A reception will follow in the parlors.

3rd Annual Couples Dinner
Sunday, February 15, 5:00PM
Parish Social Hall
\$20.00 per couple

Celebrate your marriage with an evening of fine dining and classical music. Call Gary or Kay Aitchison. 296-2966 or Dawn Aitchison at 795-4224 to make reservations.

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...

Catholic Schools week: January 25-31

**You are invited to attend
The Marshalls
Tuesday, January 27,
2:00-3:00PM in the Church**

The Marshalls, a progressive Southern Gospel trio from eastern Iowa, have been sharing their ministry in music together since July 2002. Their performances have included concerts, worship services, community organizations & events and gospel sings. In both 2002 and 2003 they attended the Seminar in the Rockies where they advanced to the semi-final round of the Southern Gospel Spotlight Competition. In 2003 they were also selected by the judges to be one of the featured performances at Café Estes. They shared their music ministry at a Holy Week Prayer Service for the Iowa National Guard.

Their program is a blend of old-time traditional and contemporary Christian gospel music, including some very intelligent original compositions. Group members Matthew Armstrong and Shelly Marshall Armstrong are the son and daughter-in-law of Saint Cecilia school librarian, Mrs. Barb Armstrong.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD MEETING

(Choose one to attend)

Monday, February 3, 6:10-7:30PM, Church

Wednesday, February 25, 4-5:00PM, Church

HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES

Heartland Senior Services would like to thank Saint Cecilia Parish for its support during our first 30 years of service. Please take a look at the 30th anniversary display board in the church entrance.

Mary Ross, HSS Board member



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: Parishioners making contributions may either use the envelope from the monthly envelope packet received in the mail or choose automatic deductions from a bank account. Payments may be placed in the collection basket or taken to the parish office. **ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED FOR THE BUILDING FUND.** Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

AS A CONVENIENCE to our parishioners, Arlene Stacy, our Business Manager, is a notary. Stop by the office during normal business hours if you require this service.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24

5:00PM: Joseph Schmitz

Sunday, January 25

8:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Bernice Pennington

Tuesday, January 27

7:00AM: Mike Rolling

Wednesday, January 28

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

9:00AM: Youth of the Area

Thursday, January 29

7:00AM: Agnes Marsh

Friday, January 30

7:00AM: Marjorie Plummer

Saturday, January 31

5:00PM: Richard Sullivan

Sunday, February 1

8:00AM: Doris Warner

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Marge and Carl Benson

COMING SOON! The St. Benedict/St. John's Wind Ensemble of Collegeville, MN will give a concert, February 27, 7:00PM in the Church. The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Dale White. A free-will offering will be taken.

Host families are needed to provide bed & breakfast for the musicians. Please call Bob Hauser at 233-3092 if you are able to help.

MEN, 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 20-22. The available spots are filling and you won't want to miss this opportunity to expand your spiritual horizons. Join us as we examine our spirituality, prayer life and apostolic action as a member of community. Brochures are available in the rack outside the parish office. If you have questions, please call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

HELP SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL: Please continue to save your Campbell soup labels and Box Tops for Education from General Mills, Betty Crocker and many other brands. Please place the labels and box tops in the special collection box in the usher's room. Thank You!!

FUNDRAISER The Youth Ministry department has a "Perpetual Can Redemption Fund". **YOU CAN HELP** by taking your cans to the Redemption Center on E. Lincoln Way and telling them to give credit to the Youth Ministry Account. Drop boxes are available by the Pop Machine near the St. Francis Library.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Magdalene Walsh who celebrated her 95th birthday January 15. Birthday wishes can be sent to her at Riverside Manor Nursing Home, 1204 S 4th Street, Ames, 50010.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS wish to thank all those who purchased "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards. We will continue to offer them annually so please remember this option next year when considering your Christmas card purchases.



Listen as though for the first time

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A story on the news one night began with a film clip of a man at a wedding, resisting his family's urging to get up and dance, saying he couldn't do it. The next clip showed him dancing around, jumping, twisting and having a grand ol' time. He had just learned that he won the jackpot in the lottery. Someday that will be a commercial with the question: what gets you excited?

The Gospel today is the beginning of Luke's Gospel, one which we hear all during Year C. It begins with a preface, addressed to Theophilus, "lover of God," a person of distinction, but also can be seen as symbolic of all readers. Luke outlines the reasons why his Gospel should interest his reader: he followed events closely, he is presenting an orderly account, and he wants the reader to know the truth. There is something special about Luke's Gospel and he makes that very clear.

We've heard the Gospel proclaimed so often that at times we can become passive listeners. We can miss the impact of what is proclaimed. This year, try to listen to Luke with 'new ears.' Listen carefully as though for the first time. Pay attention to the details and the stories that Luke recounts, especially noting the differences from the other Gospels. Get excited about deepening your faith. You'll hear Luke again - for the very first time.

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Readings for the Week of January 25, 2004

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Please remember in your prayers:

RAYMOND WEBER, father of Diane Farris and father-in-law of Scott Farris, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

