

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. February dates: 1, 15

?? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

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

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

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

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

No class 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: February 8 for grades 9, 11 & 12
Grade 10 meets 6-8:30PM for Day of Reflection

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...

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.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, February 2

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

TEEN MASS
Saturday
February 7, 5:00PM

COME TO THE PARISH POTLUCK, Tuesday, February 3, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a dish to share. Families of all ages are encouraged to attend.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet Wednesday, February 4, for dinner at 6:15PM followed by an inspirational demonstration by Kate Utte and Doris Kleinschmidt on "Creating Holy Heritage." Any woman in the area is welcome to attend. Call Ingrid Brady at 232-5451 to make a dinner reservation. Those attending the program only do not need reservations. The First Friday 7:00AM Mass, February 6, is for Catholic Daughters.

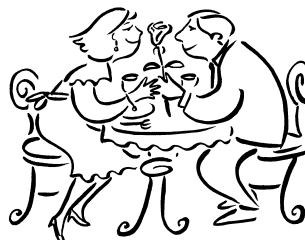
ST. MARY CIRCLE will meet Thursday, February 5, 1:30PM in the Parlors. Lynette Pohlman will present a program on the works of Christian Peterson. Guests are welcome to attend.

ST. GERARD CIRCLE will meet Thursday, February 5, 7:30PM, at the home of Melissa Bortle, 1923 Bel Air Drive. Program: "The Role of Deacons in the Church" presented by John McCully. Non members are welcome to attend this meeting. Please call Darlene Bovee at 232-4250 if you wish to attend.

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.



In appreciation for all who volunteer their time and talent to make Saint Cecilia the wonderful parish that it is, all volunteers and their guests are invited to an evening of music, food, refreshment and merriment.

Mardi Gras Celebration
Friday, February 20, 7:30PM
Parish Social Hall
Featuring The BARN OWL Band

SPELLING BEE

The local Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee for students in grades 4-7 is Sunday, February 15, 1:00PM at Saint Cecilia School. Students in Ames, Ballard or Gilbert (public, private or home-schooled) may participate. Rules, wordlists and entry forms are available at: <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~koc/spelling.html>

Entries must include the signature of a parent or guardian. Send to Tim Simodynes, 1510 Jackson Drive, Ames, IA 50010 or drop off at the Saint Cecilia School office. Entry deadline is February 15. The top two finalists from each grade advance to the regional spelling bee, Sunday, March 21, in Des Moines. The state finals will be held in Ames, Sunday, April 25.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD MEETING
 (Choose one to attend)
 Monday, February 23, 6:10-7:30PM, Church
 Wednesday, February 25, 4-5:00PM, Church



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

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



- ?? For your presence in our lives
- ?? That Angela Hope is off the ventilator and doing well
- ?? For the time off at Christmastime to be with family and go to Mass.
- ?? For a good favor to my daughter
- ?? That a relative is healing from cancer

Please consider adding an hour of Eucharistic Adoration to your weekly schedule. The following hours are in need of an adorer: Wednesday, 2:00AM, 2:00PM; Thursday, 5:00PM; Friday, 2:00AM; Saturday, 12:00AM, 4:00AM. Please 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 February 8, 1:00PM.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

5:00PM: Richard Sullivan

Sunday, February 1

8:00AM: Doris Warner

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Marge & Carl Benson

Tuesday, February 3

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Wednesday, February 4

7:00AM: Bev O'Connell

9:00AM: Richard Lang

Thursday, February 5

7:00AM: Wayne & Rosemary Roepke

Friday, February 6

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, February 7

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, February 8

8:00AM: Michael Strom

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Manuel B. Gonzales

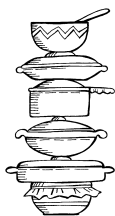
COMING SOON! The St. Benedict/St. John's Wind Ensemble of Colledgeville, MN will give a concert, February 27, 7:00PM in the Church. The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Dale White. A free-will offering will be taken.

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, Are you looking for a way to focus your spiritual life during the Lenten Season: A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) may be just what you need. CEW weekends will be held February 20-22 at both St. Henry's in Marshalltown (call Al Christy at 296-2620 for information) and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny (call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263). Brochures for the Ankeny retreat may be found in the pamphlet holder outside the parish office.

RETROUVILLE

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 Retrouville weekend. The next session is April 16-18 in Dubuque. Please call Dick or Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 or 563-875-8791 for confidential information.



THE USHERS ROOM was straightened up this past week. One of the shelves contains dishes that have not been picked up by their owners. If you brought food to an event and have not gotten your container back, please check the ushers room. There is also a Lost and Found box and many "one of a kind" earrings (pinned to bulletin boards). Unclaimed items will be discarded or given to charity at the end of the month.

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.



Please pray for members of our parish family who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers: **ISABEL PESEK** 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.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PBS has a popular program called the "Antique Road Show." Various items are appraised and the best are shown on TV. One appraiser, after informing the owner that her antique was a replica and essentially worthless, said, "With this stuff, you have to look hard to find the real deal." Sage advice for a treasure hunter.

People who knew Jesus challenged the idea that he was anyone special. They knew his family, he came from Nazareth and they had no idea where he could have learned what he preached. Even though they were amazed with what they heard, they judged Him harshly. Religious and social prejudice had blinded their vision and so they missed the very thing they had been looking for.

Our own assumptions can keep us from the 'real deal' of faith and belief. At times, we might wonder if we are being faithful and true followers of Jesus. St. Paul gives us the measure of faith in his description of love. When faith is genuine, it is manifested in our love of others. It cuts through all the doubt, questions and uncertainty to reveal what we really believe and practice. What our mind may judge uncertain, our heart knows all too well.

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



Readings for the Week of February 1, 2004
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 4:21-30
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11