

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: 15

?? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

February class dates: 9, 16, 23

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

February class dates: 11, 18, 25

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

February 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

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

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.

We Need The Following:

Is your pool table collecting dust? Does the old foosball game get in your way? Have you gotten bored with your dart machine? Consider donating these or other recreational games to Saint Cecilia for use by the youth of the parish. Call Joe or Bill at 232-3514 or the parish office at 233-3092.

Adult Education

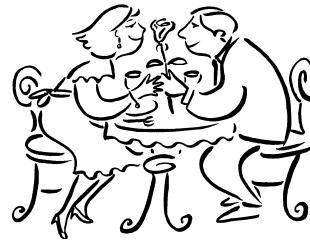
Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, February 9.

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



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.

ST. ANNE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, February 10, 9:00AM in the Parlors. A representative from RSVP will give the program.

ST. GERTRUDE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, February 10, 1:30PM in Parlor A. Program: Members will reminisce about a favorite valentine.

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.



Concert

February 27, 7:00PM
Saint Cecilia Church

St. Benedict's/St. John's Wind Ensemble
Collegeville, Minnesota
Directed by Dr. Dale White
Free will offering

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



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 11.** 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

FUNDRAISER
For the Gaul Family
 Sunday, February 29
 After All Masses



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.

LECTURE: "RADICAL EVIL"

By Dr. Richard Berstein
Monday, February 16, 8:00PM,
Memorial Union Sun Room

Ever since 9/11 there has been a great deal of talk about evil and the axis of evil, but very little reflection about what we mean when we call something evil. The reflections of Hannah Arendt and Immanuel Kant will be used to help us think about the meaning of evil in our time.



JANUARY BAPTISM

Cadence Marie, daughter of
 Lawrence & Stephanie Lilla

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday, April 1, 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 can be scheduled for any masses on Easter as a celebration of new life. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, February 8

8:00AM: Michael Strom

9:30AM: Marvin Rader

11:15AM: Manuel B. Gonzales

Tuesday, February 10

7:00AM: Ben & Mary Bruno

Wednesday, February 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

9:00AM: Richard Lang

Thursday, February 12

7:00AM: Pat & Pork Gilles

Friday, February 13

7:00AM: Bev O'Connell

9:30AM: (Bethany Manor) Special Intention

Saturday, February 14

5:00PM: Bonnie & John Birch,
 Darrin Riesberg

Sunday, February 15

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Lavern Main

11:15AM: Ralph & Lillian Svec

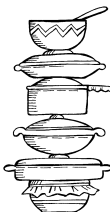


MEN, Are you looking for a way to focus your spiritual life during the Lenten Season: A Christian

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.

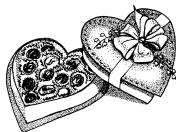
RETRouvaille

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 April 16-18 in Dubuque. Please call Dick or Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 or 563-875-8791 for confidential information.



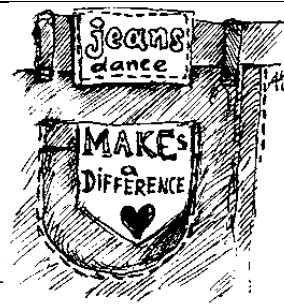
THE USHERS ROOM was straightened up recently. One of the shelves contains dishes that have not been picked up by their owners. If you brought food to an event and have not gotten your container back, please check the ushers room. There is also a Lost and Found box and many "one of a kind" earrings (pinned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

CONNECT WITH other single 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, February 27-29, 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 at St. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Ave. W., Rock Island, IL 61201, contact Sr. Phyllis McMurray, OSB, at 800-650-1257 or email pmcmurray@stmarymonastery.org.



**God Loves You!
Happy Valentine's Day**

Please remember in your prayers: **GREG GAUL**, brother of Tim Gaul, 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.



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The kids in our school had a jean dance. Admission to the dance was a pair of jeans which were then donated to a kids shelter. The students liked the idea and went along with it, until some of them went to the shelter and met some of the kids there. Afterwards, every dance was for something the shelter needed: towels, food, books, coats or cash for bills. It became the students' mission because they saw the need and what they did made a difference.

The apostles and disciples of the early Church clearly saw their mission to spread the good news of Jesus. They did so with every resource they had, sharing a common life and focusing on an urgent need to preach the Gospel. The hardships and difficulties they endured were simply part of the price paid to get the word out. Their mission was critical because it made an important difference in people's lives.

Each of us has a mission, given to us in baptism. We are all called to live our faith as one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. That does not happen abstractly, but rather in the day-to-day choices we make to fulfill our mission. We need to use our talents and resources to spread the word, so that through our actions and words, others see and meet Christ. The message and the mission are as critical as they've ever been.

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

Readings for the week of February 8, 2004
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26