

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: 16, 23
Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM
February class dates: 18, 25
- ?? **Grades 7 & 8**
Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM
February class dates: 18, 25

Youth Ministry

- ?? **Grades 9-12**
Classes meet **Sundays 7-8:30PM**
Next class: February 15

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

- 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

Stuebenville North takes place July 30-August 1.
Call Joe to sign-up.

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 16.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, February 17.



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

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.



RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

On February 15, 3:30PM, 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.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS will meet Tuesday, February 17, 9:30AM at the home of Althea Palmer. Anyone interested in making rosaries is welcome. Please call 233-1393.

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 21/22, is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods, canned meat products including tuna, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna helper, cereal and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.



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.



February 27, 7:00PM
Saint Cecilia Church
St. Benedict's/St. John's University
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.

School News

Saint Cecilia Catholic School

A note from the principal...

A cascade of thanks to all those who planned and carried out the Catholic Schools Week activities: the Saturday evening Mass, the Lasagna Supper, the basket auction, our Monday morning and Tuesday evening guest readers, the family picnic, the Marshalls, the staff luncheon, the student council's talent show, the school carnival. Catholic schools help ensure a faith-filled future for Saint Cecilia Parish as well as for the universal church. Appreciation and prayers to all who played a part in our successful celebration!

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, February 17, 11:50AM—5th Grade Parent Lunch
- Friday, February 20—No school, staff development day
- Tuesday, February 24, 7:00PM, A/Y Room, Family School Association(FSA) Meeting
- Wednesday, February 25, 9:00:AM—All School Mass on Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH. One vehicle of the Catholic press is the *Witness*, our archdiocesan paper. It is the official source of information for our archdiocese but also contains national and international news and columnists that address family issues. If you do not receive the *Witness*, please consider beginning your subscription today. Be informed about what is occurring in our archdiocese. Cost is only \$18 for 48 issues (\$20 outside the archdiocese). Send your check to THE WITNESS, Box 917, Dubuque, IA 52003 or pick up a form from the literature rack.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD MEETING

(Choose one to attend)

- Monday, February 23, 6:10-7:30PM, Church
- Wednesday, February 25, 4-5:00PM, Church

Mass Intentions

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 & Lilian Svec

Tuesday, February 17

7:00AM: Natalie McElroy

Wednesday, February 18

7:00AM: Kenneth Simmons



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 25

Mass Times : 7:00 & 9:00AM
5:30 & 7:30PM

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Six week seminar to develop and enrich your relationship with the Holy Spirit beginning Thursday, February 19, 7:00PM. Meets in the Prophets and Martyrs Room in the lower lounge of St. Thomas Aquinas Church for six consecutive Thursdays. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

THANK YOU to those parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts in assisting with the snow removal on the sidewalks in front of the church. Repeated snowfalls and strong winds have made it difficult to keep up on weekends when we are short staffed.

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



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



Thursday, February 19

7:00AM: Guillermo & Clara Suarez

Friday, February 20

7:00AM: Doris Tamashunas

Saturday, February 21

5:00PM: Dick McDonald

Sunday, February 22

8:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

9:30AM: Richard Sullivan

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

FISH FRY

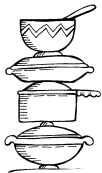
The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Lenten Fish Fries in the Social Hall. The first Fish Fry will be Friday, February 27, 5-7:00PM. Admission for adults is \$6.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00 and children under 4 eat for free. Funds raised at these events will go to support vocations and the mentally handicapped of Story County. Please plan to attend.



MEN, Lent begins on February 25 but there is still time to sign up for the Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) scheduled for February 20-22. Remember the story of the prodigal son? Look at yourself as that son and God as the Father waiting with open arms as you come to focus on your relationship with Him. You may attend at either St. Henry's in Marshalltown (call Al Christy at 296-2620 for information) or Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny (call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263). Brochures for the Ankeny retreat may be found in the literature rack or the pamphlet holder outside the parish office.

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



PLEASE CHECK THE USHERS ROOM: Misplaced items located there include diaper bags, earrings, dishes, and clothing items. Unclaimed items will be discarded at the end of the month.

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Concordia Choir, under the direction of Rene Clausen, will present a concert of Sacred Music at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Ames, on Monday, March 1, 7:30PM. Advanced tickets are recommended. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students in grades K-12 and may be purchased at Rieman Music in Ames or St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Call 292-2131 for more information.

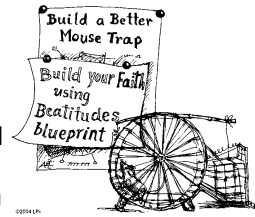
COUPLE WANTED: Responsible couple to assist with care and household duties for a married couple, who are both quadriplegic, in exchange for room, board and a potential salary. Private living quarters (downstairs in a new house) provided. Call 232-6239 for Curt.

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill.



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In an effort to build interest in science, the local school districts held a contest called "Build a Better Mouse Trap." Students were given a list of parts they could use to make a contraption that was part robot, part roller coaster. In addition, they had to provide a blueprint so that others could duplicate their efforts. It was quite a spectacle!



The Beatitudes give us a blueprint for our spiritual life. Jesus describes the Kingdom and those who are blessed and tells us why. But the details of where, when, and in what manner are left for us to decide. In our everyday life, there are many ways in which we practice and express our faith. People's needs are always present and how we respond is up to us. We can either contribute to building up the Kingdom of God, or take away from it.

Whether we are building a home, taking a trip, or looking forward to retirement, we need a plan to accomplish our goals. To live and practice our faith well, we need a plan, a way to put into practice the values and virtues we profess. Good intentions are not enough; we need to do what we intend. Look for opportunities and plan, step-by-step, how you will achieve your good intentions - what you will say, what you will do, and who you can turn to for help. Let's stop just talking about it and get it done!

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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



Readings for the Week of February 15, 2004

- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38