

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** meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. March dates: 7, 21

? ? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

March class dates: 22, 29

March 8: Catechist In-Service

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

March class dates: 24, 31

March 10: Catechist In-Service

? ? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

March class dates: 24, 31

March 10: Catechist In-Service

First Eucharist

March 28: (Optional) Bread making. 2:30PM, Multi-purpose room. Call 232-3514 for reservations.

March 30: Share-A-Meal, 7-8:30PM, Social Hall

Youth Ministry

? ? **Grades 9-12**

Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM

Next class: March 7

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

March 10: Praise & Worship/Topic discussion, meet in Church

March 17: Spring Break

Stuebenville North takes place July 30-August 1.

Sign-up now. Call Joe at 232-3514.

Please consider donating your no longer needed dart board or foosball table 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, March 8.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, March 9.

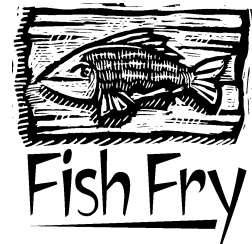
Friday, March 12

Serving 5-7:00PM

Adults \$6; Ages 4-12, \$4

Children under 4 eat free

Desserts available for a small donation



Profits support vocations and the mentally handicapped of Story County. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Next fish fry: March 26.

"SILENT NO MORE: Personal Stories of Abortion", March 8, 7:00PM, Campanile Room, Memorial Union.

ST. GERTRUDE CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 9, 1:30PM in Parlor A. Bill Monosmith will present a program on Rome.

ST. ANNE'S CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 9:00AM in the Parlors. A "Baby Shower" will be held with a program by Sue Baumhover speaking for Birthright.

SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE meets, Sunday, March 14, 9:00AM in the Parlors. All are invited.

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.

The playgroup is looking for good used toys for children up to 5 years of age to replenish the toy closet. Please bring your donations to the parish office.

DURING SPRING BREAK, Doctors Lou and Cosette Scallon and their children (Greg, Ben and Nick) will be traveling to Honduras. Lou will be volunteering his time to perform eye surgery at the Ophthalmology Clinic, as he did on a previous trip. Cosette and the family will volunteer their time and efforts in the community, at a nutrition center, and at the *La Casa de Los Ninos*, an orphanage opened by Our Lady of Mercies parish.

The orphanage has many needs and the Scallon family will be able to bring donations along with them. Especially needed are: new or gently used children's clothing, books, baby supplies and toys, and vitamins (without iron). Please call or e-mail the Scallons (292-5144; e-mail: scal-lons@iastate.edu) **before March 11** if you would like to donate items. Monetary donations may be made out to Saint Cecilia Church designated for **"Honduras Fund"**. The family would also appreciate your prayers.

In Honduras, 65% of the children are malnourished, most children leave school after the second grade, and unemployment has reached 40%. Thousands of children live and work on the streets, facing exploitation, drugs and violence.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held
Fridays, 7:00PM, in the Church.

LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION, Wednesdays, 7-
8:00PM in the Chapel.

PASSION OF CHRIST DISCUSSIONS will be held in
the Parlors at 7:00PM on March 11 and at St. Thomas
Aquinas on March 10 at 6:00PM in the lower lounge.

OLIVEWOOD SALE, after all masses, March 20/21 and
March 27/28 in the Parlors. Lent and Easter items will be
available. Please help show continued support and soli-
darity to our fellow Christians living in the Holy Land.
Sponsored by Connecticut through the Holy Land Chris-
tian Ecumenical Foundation Inc.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): An informational
meeting will be held March 28 during coffee and donuts,
following the 9:30AM Mass, for anyone who has helped
with VBS in the past and would like to help this year.
Call Dawn Aitchison at 515-795-4224 or Brenda Diesslin
at 292-0625 for more information.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Saint Cecilia Parish is in need of Director of
Religious Education (DRE) beginning July 1,
2004. Responsibilities include: Programs for
preschool through eighth grade, adult education,
sacramental preparation, RCIA and collabora-
tion with school principal and youth minister on
catechetical needs.

Qualifications: practicing Catholic, MA or BA
degree in theology, religious studies, pastoral
studies or a related field, practical catechetical
experience. Salary and benefits based on educa-
tion and experience.

Send resume by March 26 to:
Search Committee
Saint Cecilia Church
2900 Hoover Avenue



This Week's Country and Program: Burundi—The peo-
ple of Burundi are often times victims of violence because
of conflicts between military and rebel groups. Educational
opportunities are limited and as a result only 62% of the
children attend school.

Challenge for the Week—Be thankful for the abundance
of educational opportunities we enjoy in Ames and con-
tribute 10 cents for each grade you have completed in
school.

SAINT CECILIA CHOIR will rehearse for the Lent/Easter
season on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM. The choir sings
at the 9:30AM Mass during Lent, Holy Thursday, Good
Friday and the Easter Vigil. New members are welcome to
join for the season. For more information contact Bob
Hauser at 233-3092.

SAINT CECILIA WILL HOST JAIME CORTEZ, OCP com-
poser and clinician, the weekend of March 27/28. Born in
New York and raised in El Salvador, Jaime is fluent in both
English and Spanish. His involvement in the pastoral
music ministry reflects his long-term dedication to promot-
ing better Hispanic liturgies and bringing cultures together
for worship. On Saturday, March 27, Cortez will lead a
music ministry workshop from 9:00AM-3:00PM, focusing
on the Basics of our Music Ministry and Achieving Balance
in our Liturgy and Music. **Cortez will perform a concert
at 3:00PM, Sunday, March 28. All are invited.** A free-
will offering will be taken. For more information or to regis-
ter for the workshop, please contact Bob Hauser at 233-
3092.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday,
April 1, 6:30- 9:00PM** in the Adult/Youth Room. All par-
ents 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, March 7

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Rosemary Roepke

11:15AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty

Tuesday, March 9

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, March 10

7:00AM: Michael Strom

9:00AM: Greg Gaul

Thursday, March 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels Deceased

Friday, March 12

7:00AM: Marvin Rader

Saturday, March 13

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

Sunday, March 14

8:00AM: Mary Meyers

9:30AM: Guillermo & Clara Suarez

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

LADIES, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to sign up for the women's Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny on March 12-14. Come join us for this wonderful Lenten retreat opportunity as we take time to focus on our faith, prayer life and apostolic action. **Time is running out...**Brochures are available in the rack outside the parish office. If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

ST. MALACHY'S IN MADRID would like to invite you to their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 14 from 11-1. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and drink. Raffle prizes will also be given away.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE, Saturday, March 27, Dyersville, IA. The Journey Home: "Coming to Faith" begins with registration at 7:00AM and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hanus at 5:15PM. Preregistration fee is \$25 postmarked by February 25, or \$35 at the door. Lunch and conference materials included. Registration forms available in the literature rack or call 563-556-2585 for more information.

FINDING GOD IN OUR DAILY LIFE, a Lenten presentation by Fr. Richard J. Hauser, Professor of Theology at Creighton University, will be held Saturday, March 27, 9:00AM-3:00PM, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center in Webster City. This presentation is intended for anyone who desires to live a deeply Christian life in the midst of busy daily schedules. Please call 515-832-1190 or e-mail DBQ218secAarch.prt.k12.ia.us by March 17, if you wish to attend in order to provide a count for those preparing the soup luncheon. There is no charge for the presentation but a free will offering will be taken for the lunch.

SINGLES DANCE, Saturday, March 13, 8:00PM-Midnight, Eagles Ballroom, Fort Dodge. \$10 admission includes partial membership in Single Sailors Social Ministry. DJ and lots of mixers. Call 515-955-4156 with questions.

"JUDAS" the story of Jesus from the point of view of the friend who betrayed him, can be seen Monday, March 8, 8:00PM on the ABC television network. Help support quality entertainment rooted in faith by spreading the work to your family and friends.

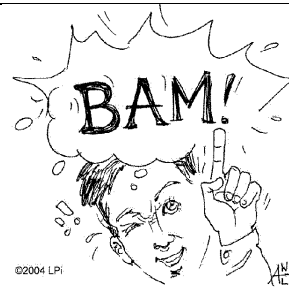


Pray for those in our parish who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:
GEORGE J. MACK, father of Dionne McElroy, and **GEORGE RICKERL**, husband of Anna, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



2nd Sunday of Lent
 As part of a fun exercise in vocabulary class, the freshmen used common expressions in unique ways. With all due respect to Batman and Emeril, one student used the expression "BAM!!" to describe the sudden rush of understanding when information finally sunk in. The parts clicked together like railroad cars linking up, and the end result was like a loud noise that grabbed his attention. Great definition - and a possible new nickname!



The Apostles were with Jesus for some time, listening to His words, seeing His miracles, watching Him with people. They knew a lot about Him, but had yet to put it all together. They kept their questions to themselves, but yet they were drawn to Him. For Peter, John and James, the walk up the mountain seemed routine, until the moment - the BAM! Moment - when Jesus was transfigured before them. They experienced a revelation seeing Jesus for who He was, confirmed by what they heard and saw. Their vision changed their view of Him for good.

Faith has those moments of insight when we gain a new understanding or view of God, Jesus, the Church, sacraments, or ourselves. They come unexpectedly in times of prayer, during a hymn or the kind words of a friend. Faith has a way of surprising us, of drawing us closer to God as we seek Him. Look for those moments, savor them and allow yourself to feel the power of God transfiguring you into His image and likeness. Faith will never look the same again!

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SAINT PATRICK'S courage set him free. His faith called him back. His vision transformed a nation. A television special on the *real* St Patrick, one of the best-loved and least-understood icons of world religion, will be shown on the Hallmark Channel on Sunday, March 14 at 9:00PM. Visit www.patricktv.tv to see an educational discussion guide with interviews, music and more.

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2004

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9