

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. April dates: 21

?? **Grades 1-6**

Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM

March class dates: 29

Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM

March class dates: 31

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM

March class dates: 31

First Eucharist Practice: Wednesday, April 28, 7-8:15PM. **ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND PRACTICE.**

First Eucharist: Saturday, May 1, 1:00PM

Registration for 2004-2005 Programs Religious Education/Youth Ministry Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Sunday, April 18, 7-8:30PM

Monday, April 19, 6:15-7:30PM

Wednesday, April 21, 4-5:20PM & 7-8:20PM

Registration will take place in the Education Center Multi-purpose Room.

Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM

Next class: April 18

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

April 18: Day of Reflection for Confirmation, 6:00PM

April 21: No R.U.S.H.—Confirmation Practice

April 28: Bonfire social Meet 7:00PM, Ed. Center

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Party, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

May 12: Praise & Worship with band *Benediction*, 7:00PM, Church

May 19: Senior Appreciation Party, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

May 26: Graduation—NO RUSH Activity

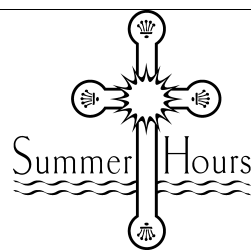
Confirmation will be held Sunday, April 25, 2:00PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Graduation Mass: Sunday, May 2, 11:15AM. Reception to follow. Please RSVP to Annette or Joe at 232-3514. This will take the place of Teen Mass for May.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, April 19.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, April 20.



SUMMER MASS TIMES

Beginning June 6 our Sunday Mass Schedule will change for the summer. **There will be two masses—8:30 and 10:30AM.** Saturday evening mass will remain at 5:00PM. The current mass schedule will resume Sunday, September 5.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS will meet Tuesday, April 20, 9:30AM at the home of Mildred Finnegan. If you are interested in making rosaries, please call 233-1393.

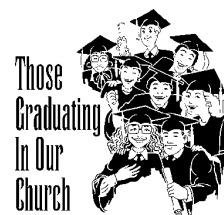
PENNIES FOR HEAVEN

On the weekend of April 24/25, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting money to support Diocesan vocations with their annual "Pennies for Heaven" drive. Knights will be in the church entrance after all masses to accept your donations. Please donate generously. The Knights will be glad to receive more than pennies!

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS in our parish will conduct a fundraising campaign the weekend of May 1 & 2. Please give generously and receive your "Life Savers".

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: **MAY 4.**

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.



Saint Cecilia Parish Senior Class of 2004 Graduation Mass May 15, 11:15AM Mass

A luncheon reception for seniors and their families will follow in the Social Hall. Seniors, please **RSVP** for the luncheon by calling the Religious Education Office at 232-2514 **by April 26.**

**Join the Fun
at VBS**



**COMING SOON!!!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 7-11
9:00-11:30AM**

Registration for VBS will take place during Religious Education registration times April 18, 19, and 21. Many volunteers are needed to make this week a success, so please consider helping out. Various items are needed for crafts etc. A complete listing of donations needed can be found on the donation drop box located in the Social Center hallway. Please call Brenda Diesslin at 292-0625 or Dawn Aitchison at 795-4224 if you have questions.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE WITNESS

- ? ? Fr. Ron Rolheiser writes about the patience it takes to wait for the Resurrections in our lives.
 - ? ? Why do people want to join the Catholic church: RCIA coordinator, Sister Mary Lechtenberg explains.
 - ? ? From Kennedy to Kerry—Catholics and politics.
 - ? ? Mixed reaction to Pope's remarks on feeding tubes.
- Witness Subscriber cards are available in the literature rack.

POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY: "Some will say that the defense of innocent life is only one issue among many, that it is important but not fundamental. They are wrong. In the natural moral law, the good of life is the most fundamental good and the condition for the enjoyment of all other goods." (*U.S. Bishops, "Living the Gospel of Life"*)

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.



March Baptisms

Logan Joseph, son of Joseph & Brandy Shearer

Easter Baptisms

Gabriel Louis, son of Garin & Kristten Buttermore

Zachary John, son of Brad & Dawn McGuire

Samuel Ray, son of Darin & Jennifer VanRyswyk

Audrey Caroline, daughter of Darin & Jennifer VanRyswyk

Stevie Onute, son of Steve & Jolita Uthe

Welcome to these catechumens who were Baptized during Easter Vigil:

Debra Joel

Nikolaus Joel

Dawn McGuire

Courteney Moravetz

Welcome to the candidates who were received into full Communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

Marina Alvidrez

Christine Baker

Mark Baker

Betsy Baum

Larry Joel

Jose Laureano

Stephanie Lilla

Joyce Lines

Rebecca Raab

Joel Schmidt

Paula Teig

Wendy Thompson

Dan Withrow

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday, June 3, 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 for May 16, 1:00PM and June, 6, 1:00PM. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 17

5:00PM: Richard Sullivan

Sunday, April 18

8:00AM: Doris Tamashunas

9:30AM: Mary Beller

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, April 20

7:00AM: Joan Donavan

Wednesday, April 21

7:00AM: Patricia Beshaw

9:00AM: Grades 3&4

Thursday, April 22

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

Friday, April 23

7:00AM: Carl & Marge Benson

Saturday, April 24

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, April 25

8:00AM: Bill Lyon

9:30AM: Michael Strom

11:15AM: Camilla Frame

Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. If you have not turned in your Rice Bowl contribution, please do so this weekend. **PLEASE convert the change or bills in your rice bowl into a check** (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/Saint Cecilia) and place it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the church entrance or in the collection basket.

SET YOUR RADIO DIALS! There is a new Christian radio station in the Ames area—96.1FM—Christian radio for the Heart of Iowa. No commercials, just inspiring Christian music. Check it out.

YOUTH EXCHANGE SERVICE (YES), a non-profit US designated exchange program founded in 1974 needs Catholic Host families to host international high school students during the 2004-05 school year. Teenagers are well educated 15-17 year old students who are selected on their language skills, maturity, personal accomplishments and moral standards. Students come from Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Host Families are asked to provide accommodation, meals and to embrace the student as their own son or daughter. The host family can claim a \$50 tax deduction for each month of the student's stay. The students speak fairly good English, have medical insurance, and bring their own spending money. Youth Exchange service provides medical insurance and high school arrangement and counseling. This will be an enriching and unforgettable experience for everyone in the family. For more details please contact YES at 800-848-2121.

WANTED: A Catholic individual or family that would be interested in opening their heart and home to an upcoming Professional Cosmetology Institute female student from July 2004 to fall of 2005 with a room for rent in their home. For information, please call Rob or Coleen Swisher at 515-280-5188.

Pregnant? Need Help?
Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue
292-8414



Please remember in your prayers:
LEROY HOENIG, father of Rick Hoenig, **WILLARD WIPF**, father of Terry Wipf, and **BEVERLY WANDLING**, mother of George Wandling, 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.



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2nd Sunday of Easter

The confirmation class challenged the good pastor when he visited their class for a question and answer discussion. They asked him to explain how they would know they had received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Would they be suddenly smart, or strong or filled with wisdom? He replied that it all depended on how open they were to receiving the gifts, because each one came with a responsibility to be used for the good of the Church. Not what they had expected!

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit cannot be experienced in a vacuum, examined and used as though they existed as an entity unto themselves. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for the good of the Church, manifested in response to the needs of the community. They are in fact defined by the Church, understood in a spiritual context and used to advance the cause of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit is given to the Apostles even as they are charged with the mission or ministry of love and forgiveness.

We are entrusted with not only a mission of faith, but also the means to fulfill it. We are given the gifts we need in order to accomplish the work of God in our life. It is easy to fall into the doubt of Thomas, questioning our purpose and meaning in this life. God does not abandon us to our own means, but supports and sustains us with every good thing so that all things work together to accomplish His will.

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all the members of our parish and our community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2004

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19