

SAINT CECILIA

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 HOOVER AVENUE, AMES, IOWA 50010

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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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Office located at St. Thomas Aquinas

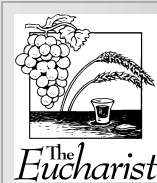
Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Religious Education Classes

- ?? **Pre-School & Kindergarten** meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. May dates: 2 & 16
- ?? **Grades 1-6**
Classes have ended for the school year.
- ?? **Grades 7 & 8**
Classes have ended for the school year.

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



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

Youth Ministry

- ?? **Grades 9-12**
Classes meet **Sundays 7-8:30PM**
Next class: **April 25**

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

- 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

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.**

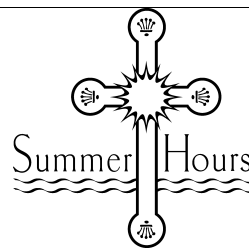


Confirmation will be held Sunday, April 25, 2:00PM at St. Thomas Aquinas

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, April 26.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, April 27.



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.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN: This weekend (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!

SIXTY PLUS GROUP meets Tuesday, April 27, in the South Social Hall. Plan to eat at 12:15 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. The program will be on the "Prime Time Readers" from Heartland Senior Services. If you have any questions, please call Mary Kay at 232-4793.

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 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of our parish will conduct a fundraising campaign after each Mass on May 1 & 2. Please give generously and receive your "Life Savers".

SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, May 2 at 9AM in the parlors. All are invited to attend.

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.**



**Saint Cecilia Parish
Senior Class of 2004
Graduation Mass
May 2, 11:15AM Mass
(Note corrected date)**

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



MANY VOLUNTEERS are needed to make Vacation Bible School (June 7-11) 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.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING to help prepare and serve lunch to Habitat for Humanity on an upcoming Saturday? Please call Joan (233-3092) or Patty (233-1302) if interested.

BENEFIT RUMMAGE SALE/ BAKE SALE

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will hold a fundraiser June 18/19 to benefit the remodeling of the New Mellerey Monastery. Donations of clothing, books, games, toys, decorative items, dishes, cookware and furniture will be accepted. Appliances will not be accepted. Donations may be taken to the Multi-purpose room on Thursday, June 17. The Knights will pick up furniture items. Unsold items will be donated to the Appalachia Warehouse.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE APRIL 25 WITNESS

- ?? How the stewardship committee works at St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Ames
- ?? One family tells of their positive experience with Generations of Faith religious education program in Waverly.
- ?? Composer, Fr. Michael Joncas discusses his challenges recovering from Guillain-Barre syndrome.



THANK YOU! The Appalachia Service Trip participants would like to extend a special thanks to the following businesses that sponsored our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser April 18: Burke Marketing Corporation, Cub Foods, Fareway, Hy-Vee (East), Perkins Restaurant, and Target. Thanks, also to the Saint Cecilia parishioners who supported this event!



Dear Parishioners,

With joy and gratitude, I invite you to join me in a celebration of twenty five years of Priesthood on Saturday, June 12, 2004 at Saint Cecilia Church, Ames, Iowa.

As you have shared in my life of priesthood by your friendship, love and prayers, I hope you can join me in thanking God at a Jubilee Mass at 5:00PM. A picnic will follow at 7:00PM on the church grounds.

Fr. Terry Rasmussen

"CATHOLICS therefore cannot legitimately believe that if they support programs for the poor and marginalized, this "makes up" for not being consistently pro-life." (*Bishop Raymond Burke, Pastoral Letter, 11/23/03*)

Baptismal Sponsors

If Catholic parents take their faith seriously, one of the more important tasks they will face is choosing sponsors for their child's baptism. Commonly referred to as godparents, sponsors really act as role models of faith for a child, helping parents instill the values of the Gospel in their child. Too often the choice of sponsors has little to do with faith, and more to do with friends or family—almost a "whose turn is it" mentality. Sponsors need to be active witnesses of faith, giving each child the best possible example to follow as they grow in their love and understanding of God.

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 24

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, April 25

8:00AM: Bill Lyon

9:30AM: Michael Strom

11:15AM: Camilla Frame

Tuesday, April 27

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Wednesday, April 28

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Thursday, April 29

7:00AM: T. Ernesto & Arredondo Jimenez

Friday, April 30

7:00AM: T. Ernesto & Arredondo Jimenez

Saturday, May 1

5:00PM: T. Ernesto & Arredondo Jimenez

Sunday, May 2

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Penny Sullivan

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.

SPRING CONCERT

Good Company, a women's choral ensemble, will present a spring concert Sunday, May 2, 7:30PM at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Street. Join them for an evening of beautiful music with refreshments served afterward. Tickets (\$7) are available at the door. For further information, call 232-5545.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA-RELATED ILLNESS will be the topics of a Family Education Series sponsored by Northcrest Community in conjunction with the Greater Iowa Alzheimer's Association. The first meeting, on Tuesday, May 11, from 6:30-7:30PM in the Northcrest Fireside Room, will feature Dr. Michael Kitchell giving a presentation on "Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia Related Illness." The second meeting, on Tuesday, May 18, also in the Fireside Room from 6:30-7:30PM, will feature Connie Lucas, Outreach Specialist of The Greater Iowa Alzheimer's Association and Thomas Wynia of *Brekken, Deppe, Wynia, and Hyland, P.C.* Mr. Wynia will discuss the legal concerns of Alzheimer's patients and their families.



3rd Sunday of Easter

Some of the Apostles, still trying to understand the events surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus, go fishing. When Jesus appears, Peter is so intent on seeing Him and being with Him that he jumps into the water fully clothed. He can hardly contain his excitement and the intensity of the moment, the same intensity that would mark his mission, his preaching, and his death. In response to the questions of Jesus, Peter affirms his love and faith, and begins his season of faith.

Our season of faith is now. The practice of faith demands that we "feed the sheep." Faced with daily choices, we have to decide what level of intensity we will bring to our practice of faith. What do we do when we encounter the homeless, the sorrowful, the doubting, the hungry and the needy? Caring for others, expressing mercy and compassion, is the hallmark of any true believer. It is the sign of a winning season, one which brings us to the Hall of Fame called Heaven.

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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.



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



Please remember in your prayers: **NORMA WIERSON, RALPH BESCH,** and **FR. DON WAGENER**, 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.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2004

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30