

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. May dates: 2 & 16
- ?? **Grades 1-6**
Classes have ended for the school year.
- ?? **Grades 7 & 8**
Classes have ended for the school year.

Youth Ministry

- ?? **Grades 9-12**

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

- 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.
This will take the place of Teen Mass for May.

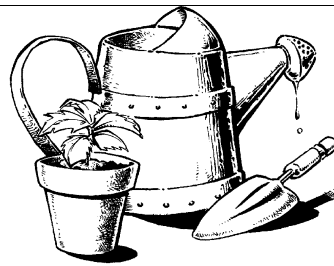
Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, May 3.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, May 4.

FR. TOM MANEY, a Maryknoll Missionary who grew up in Ames, died Thursday, April 22, in Quito, Ecuador. Fr. Tom came back to Ames each year to renew his friendships and to share his love for the missions. A Memorial Mass was held at Saint Cecilia, April 29. Burial was in Ecuador.

Memorial donations may be made in Fr. Maney's name to Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545.



MAY

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for Mother's Day Breakfast in the Social Hall after the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses on Sunday, May 9.



SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, May 2, 9:00AM in the parlors. All are invited to attend.

COME TO THE PARISH POTLUCK, Tuesday, May 4, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a dish to share. Families of all ages are encouraged to attend.



SUPPER

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet in the Social Hall Wednesday, May 5, for dinner at 6:15PM. Program and business meeting will begin at 7:00PM. Sr. Eppie will speak on what it means to be a woman consecrated to Christ. Guests are welcome. Call Mary Breidenger at 232-0102 to make a dinner reservation.

ST. MARY'S CIRCLE will meet in the Chapel for Mass at 7:00AM, Thursday, May 6. Mary Jo Ganske will host a breakfast at 111 Lynn following Mass.

ST. GERARD'S CIRCLE will meet Thursday, May 6, 7:30PM at the home of Melba Gschneider, 2216 Duff Avenue. The topic, "What's Up at Saint Cecilia" will be given by Clint Steele, president of the Saint Cecilia Parish Council. If you are not a member of Saint Gerard's Circle, but would like to attend this meeting, please contact Carolyn Konechne at 232-3399.

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.

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.

**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.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of our parish are conducting a fundraising campaign after each Mass this weekend. Please give generously and receive your "Life Savers".

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 Apalachia Warehouse. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE MAY 2 WITNESS

- ? ? Implications of the new document on the Eucharist
- ? ? Winning essays on vocations from a contest sponsored by the Serra Club
- ? ? Meet a retired tool maker who invents devices to assist handicapped farmers
- ? ? Fr. Allan Deck explains the culture of Hispanic Catholics

Subscription cards may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.

**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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with Fr. Terry's celebration. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

SINGLES DANCE, Friday, May 14, Fort Dodge Eagles Ballroom, 8:00PM-Midnight. Lots of Mixers. Admission of \$10 includes partial membership in Single Sailors Social Ministry.

SUMMER MONASTIC EXPERIENCE: Single women, ages 18-38 who are considering a religious life are invited to spend June 10-16 with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at Clyde, Missouri. For more information, call Sr. Colleen Maura, OSB toll free at 877-632-6665 or e-mail: vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

"NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL, especially one claiming to be a faithful and serious Catholic, can responsibly advocate for or actively support direct attacks on innocent human life."

U.S. Bishops, "Living the Gospel of Life"

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, May 1**

5:00PM: Ernesto & Arredondo Jimenez

Sunday, May 2

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Penny Sullivan

Tuesday, May 4

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

Wednesday, May 5

7:00AM: Marge & Carl Benson

9:00AM: Norma Wierson

Thursday, May 6

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Friday, May 7

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, May 8

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, May 9

8:00AM: Rosemary Roepke

9:30AM: Marian Putz

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners,
Martha Modrowski

Confirmation

Congratulations to those who were confirmed April 25

Brian Anderson
 Chad Auestad
 Bryan Bartsch
 Alison Bazylinski
 Debra Bennett
 Seth Bidne
 Daniel Blum
 Spencer Bradley
 Brady Clary
 Charles Cleary
 Jeremy Cottingham
 Rachel Davis
 Ryan Dougherty
 Michael Dunlay
 Samuel Hammes
 Cassidy Haselhoff
 Dwaine Hegland
 Melissa Heitzman
 Andrew Herrick
 Melissa Kalkwarf
 Mary Kluesner
 Anthony Koranda
 Katie Kramer
 Ben Krause
 Brian Lange
 Aaron Lenhoff
 Scott Lynn
 Emily McGee
 Lindsay McGowan
 Amy Metzger
 Allison Metzger

Jason Misra
 Jamie Murken
 David Nicholas
 Michael Oppold
 Candace Opstvedt
 Anne Pastiak
 Barbara Pawlikowski
 April Peterson
 Caleb Polashek
 Taryn Randall
 Andrew Richards
 Brittany Rover
 Jacob Rudy
 Alicia Sacco
 Anna Sawyer
 Chelsey Schaefer
 Robert Schliesman
 Ann Scoles
 Nora Seleskie
 Scott Simpson
 Andrea Sondgeroth
 John Stark
 Nick Steenhagen
 Sara Weber
 Michael Weber
 Joseph Weigel
 Jarrett Wendt
 Jonathan Wildeboer
 Kelsey Wuebker
 Jacqueline Zimmerman

4th Sunday of Easter



While baby-sitting my 3 year-old niece, I got into a comfortable chair, reading a book while she played with her toys on the floor. All of a sudden she jumped up, yelling that her father was home! He was nowhere in sight. Then I realized she had heard the distinctive sound of his truck and knew he was pulling in the driveway. His old engine gave his presence away!

We have a great memory for sounds! It's often easier to recall the melody of a song than the words, or we hear something that takes us back to our childhood. We recognize immediately the voices of those we love, like our families, and those we fear, like our teachers. A friendly voice we recognize can bring us comfort and reassurance, and we feel the personal relationship established once before.

The voice of the shepherd is something that sheep learn to recognize, just as we learn to recognize the voice of the Lord who calls us. We follow Him and learn to see His works, to hear his voice, to know when we are being led by God. In the silence of our prayers and thoughts, we hear God's voice. It brings us comfort, reassurance, grace and peace. Listen carefully and you will know how near He is.

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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.

SET YOUR RADIO DIALS! There is a new Christian radio station in the Ames area—96.1FM—Christian radio for the Heart of Iowa. Station KLUV at 105.9 also plays Christian music, including Catholic groups.



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



Please remember in your prayers: **FAYE BATES**, mother of Verne Bates, **EDITH SPRONG**, mother of Darwin Sprong, and **FR. TOM MANEY**, 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.



May 2-May 8 is National Family Week. Strong families are essential to our society. Take time to appreciate your family this week.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2004

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35