

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

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: 16
June dates: 6 & 20

Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

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

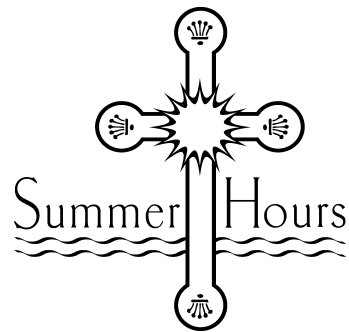
May 19: Senior Appreciation Party, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

May 26: Graduation—NO RUSH Activity

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, May 17.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, May 18.



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 September 5.

RCIA REUNION PICNIC

RCIA “graduates and alumni”, team members, sponsors and friends are invited to a reunion potluck picnic at Inis Grove Park, 24th and Duff Avenue, Sunday, May 16, 1:00PM. Please bring meat to grill for yourself and a covered dish to share. Beverage and table service will be provided by Saint Cecilia Religious Education.

MEETINGS

Our Lady’s Rosary Makers will meet Tuesday, May 18, 9:30AM at the home of Audrey Marley. Anyone interested in making rosaries is welcome. Please call 233-1393.

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.



STUDENT COUNCIL CARWASH

Saturday May 15 &
Sunday, May 16
12:25—4:30PM

Saint Cecilia Parking Lot
Free will donation

Please come and support the Saint Cecilia Student Council! The money will go to the Student Council Fund used to make improvements at Saint Cecilia School.

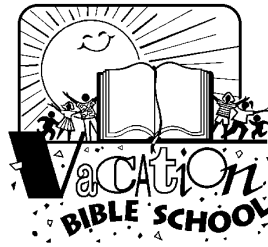
Reflection

Then he led them (out) as far as Bethany, raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. Lk 24:50-53.



VBS NEWS

Thank you to all who registered and volunteered for VBS. We will continue to take registrations by phone (292-0625, ask for Brenda) until May 17 but please register as soon as possible.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Volunteers needed to help prepare and serve lunch to Habitat for Humanity workers on an upcoming Saturday. Please call Joan (233-3092) or Patty (233-1302) if interested.

**BENEFIT RUMMAGE SALE
BAKE SALE**

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Finding items you no longer need? Consider donating them to the Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters of America fundraiser sale June 18 & 19. The monies raised will benefit the remodeling of the New Mellerrey Monastery. All items (books, games, toys, dishes etc.) will be accepted—no appliances, please. **For pickup of items, call 232-7688 by June 15.** Unsold items will be donated to the Appalachia Warehouse. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

READ ABOUT IT IN THE WITNESS

- ?? The Media and the Family Message from Pope John Paul II
- ?? Vatican reaction to abuse of Iraqi prisoners
- ?? Understanding the Catholic-Lutheran dialogues
- ?? Waterloo students assist Hospice

Subscription cards to *The Witness*, our Archdiocesan newspaper, may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.

CELEBRATION FOR FR. TERRY

Fr. Terry was ordained June 1, 1979 and will celebrate 25 years as a priest on June 12. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM with a picnic supper on the lawn starting at 7:00PM. All parishioners are invited.

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please call the Parish Office at 233-3092 to volunteer.

**PARISH ELECTIONS
MAY 22/23**

Please take time to acquaint yourself with the candidates on the ballots for the Board of Education and Parish Council. The slate may be found in this week-end's bulletin or on our website.



Those presently serving on the Parish Council whose terms continue are: Susan Belcher, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Bill Haas, Bud Montang, and Anne Schmitt.

Those presently serving on the Board of Education whose terms continue are: Todd Clancy, Gina Isebrands, Kimberly Sitzman, Monte Streit and Susan Vernon

SUPPORT SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

Please remember to save Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education found on General Mills products. Place them in the collection box in the usher's room.

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 June 6, 1:00PM and July 11, 8:30AM. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Mass Intentions**Saturday, May 15**

5:00PM: Durwood Baker

Sunday, May 16

8:00AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Richard Sullivan

Tuesday, May 18

7:00AM: Guillermo & Clara Suarez

Wednesday, May 19

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

Thursday, May 20

7:00AM: Doris Tamashunas

9:00AM: Ralph Besch

Friday, May 21

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Saturday, May 22

5:00PM: Pat & Tony Terrones

(50th Anniversary)

Sunday, May 23

8:00AM: Jack Gehm

9:30AM: Joseph Mack

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adorers of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Cecilia thank Jesus in the blessed sacrament for the following favors granted:



- ? ? For safe travel and return of students who went to Spain from our area and were saved from the bombing
- ? ? Baby Angela Hope, whose due date was late March but was born 12/10/03, is home gaining well and is normal—no problems they can see
- ? ? For the "Unborn Victims" bill passing in the Senate (and President Bush signing it into law)
- ? ? For my niece receiving the gift of her 1st Holy Communion
- ? ? For a new job and getting me out of a bad employment situation

When he began his pastoral ministry, Pope John Paul II cried out to the whole world, "Do not be afraid! Open, indeed, open wide the doors to Christ!" He was pleading with us. Once you open the doors of your heart, of your life, Christ will speak to the "real" you. His words will bring life to your life. Why put off the healing of your heart? Make Christ an important part of your life. To spend **ONE HOUR A WEEK** as a regular adorer in the chapel, please call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267. As we head into the summer months new adorers are urgently needed to cover these open hours: Monday, 1:00AM; Wednesday, 2:00, 9:00 & 11:00AM & 3:00PM; Friday, 2:00 & 5:00AM and 9:00PM; Saturday, 12:00 & 4:00AM. Orientation and substitute help is provided.

HEARTLAND SENIOR SERVICES

Heartland will celebrate its 30th anniversary with an Anniversary Dance, Thursday, May 20, 6-9:00PM, at the Moose Lodge. Music provided by the Heartland Country Band and the Old Timer's Band. Tickets are \$8 in advance (available at 205 South Walnut) or \$10 at the door. This event is a fundraiser for Heartland Senior Services.

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.

"Indeed the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claim to the 'rightness' in positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community." (U.S. Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*)

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

6th Sunday of Easter

A classmate's father traveled a lot in his work for an international aid organization. Each trip he would find some memento or souvenir for his daughter with a short explanation of why he picked it. She collected all of them, well into her adult life when he finally retired. She now has hundreds of dolls, maps, dishes, postcards, books and jewelry on display and in cases. They are a reminder of her father's thoughtfulness of her and his passion for learning and helping.



Jesus leaves a memento for His Church: His peace. It is a farewell gift that will fill His Apostles with peace and joy as they struggle to carry out His commands. In spite of adversity and obstacles, they will prevail, sustained by the Presence of Jesus, the gifts of the Spirit and the comfort of His Peace.

Living a life of faith is not easy. In spite of our best intentions, things happen that can challenge and even damage our faith. Things do not always go as planned and some obstacles might seem impossible to overcome. It is then that Jesus' gift of peace is so important. Success in faith is measured by our efforts and intention, not by the outcome or approval of others. Stay the course, be faithful, and you will know His peace in your life.

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Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2004

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26