

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 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday,
5:00 PM 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, 9-10:00 PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Monday, 7:00 AM & 7:30 PM in the Chapel.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7-9 PM, Chapel

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00 AM, 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.

PARISH STAFF

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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 will not meet during the summer months.

First Eucharist pictures may be picked up in the Religious Education Office.

Youth Ministry

?? Grades 9-12

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Please call Deacon John McCully for more information.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: will resume in the fall.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

If history teaches us anything at all, its best lesson is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. Liberty requires active participation in our community and our nation to advance the cause of freedom of thought, speech, assembly and worship. We must be part of the process, voicing our opinion, influencing the political process and electing worthy candidates to office. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can remain free. In their memory, and to their honor, we must jealously guard the treasure which is found in the land of the free and the home of the brave.



All Parish offices will be closed July 5.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Parish Potluck will NOT be held in July.

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE will meet Sunday, July 11 at 9:30AM in the parlors. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets from 10:00-11:30AM at Brookside Park. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 515-795-4224 for information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Leaders of

Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest

When a priest cannot be present for the celebration of Mass on Sunday (or for the Saturday evening anticipated Mass), the Church has provided a ritual to be used, entitled, "Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest." In this archdiocese, the ritual is to be used **ONLY** in emergency situations, such as when the priest scheduled for the Mass suddenly falls ill or is involved in an accident. It could be that our parish will never use this ritual, but we should be prepared in the event of an emergency. A deacon because of his ordination is the preferred person to preside at this form of Christian worship. A lay person who is trained and commissioned may lead the ritual. It is important that the person who would lead prayer in the priest's absence be trained to step in when needed.

Sandy Fagan and Deacons Gary Aitchison, John McCully and Dick Tondra have received the required training from the archdiocese and have been appointed by Archbishop Jerome Hanus to preside at the Sunday Celebrations in this parish when an emergency causes us to be without a priest or a deacon.

If an emergency situation happens at this parish and no priest is available for Mass, the following will happen:

1. A sign will be posted on the door(s) stating that no priest is available and listing the Masses scheduled for neighboring parishes.
2. A prayer service will take place at which all the regular Sunday readings will be proclaimed. Communion may be distributed if there are enough consecrated hosts in the tabernacle or if there is an opportunity to bring enough consecrated hosts from a nearby parish.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Please send the name of the chairperson/parish contact of your organization for the coming year to the parish office. Include e-mail address when applicable. If your organization uses parish facilities for meetings, please contact Joan to book meetings. The Social Hall and Parlors will be available through February of 2005.

There is space in the summer to feature organizations and volunteers in the bulletin. If you would like parishioners to know more about your group or if you would like to acknowledge a dedicated volunteer, contact Joan in the parish office.

THANKS

Thanks to all who contributed to the funds for the Appalachia Trip through the car wash held last weekend. Your support is much appreciated!

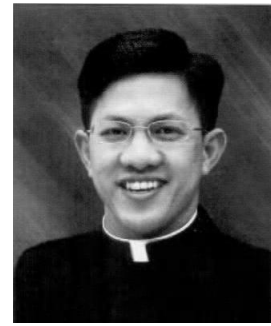
Thanks also to those who contributed to the second collection for the Missions Coop.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Many political issues have important moral dimensions that must be considered. **Pursuing social justice** requires working for a more just economic life with decent jobs and just wages, providing adequate assistance to poor families, overcoming a culture of violence, combating discrimination, and defending the right to quality health care, housing and food. This brief description only begins to describe how Catholic teaching has been applied to these issues. We hope Catholics and others will read our complete statement on *Faithful Citizenship*, as well as other documents that address key issues for the campaign and for the years to come. For more information go to www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,
The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship

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



Everyone is invited to attend a
Mass of Thanksgiving
at the 10:30 Mass on July 11 to celebrate
the ordination of
Fr. Dustin Long Vu.
Fr. Vu was a member of Saint Cecilia
Parish before entering the seminary.

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Summer Bell Choir will participate in the 8:30 and 10:30AM liturgies on July 25. Rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday nights, July 14 & 21, at 7PM. Music reading skills are helpful, but not required. Sign up today by contacting Bob Hauser at 233-3092 or by e-mail: bhauser@stceciliaparish.org.

I-CUBS BALL GAME
YOUTH APPRECIATION TRIP
THURSDAY, JULY 29
Youth attend free. Adult tickets are \$5.

The bus will load at 5:15PM.

Game time is 7:05PM.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Saint Cecilia Staff. We ask that kindergarten through fifth graders be accompanied by an adult. Call Anna Steele or Bob Hauser at 233-3092 with your reservation. Deadline to sign up is noon, July 22. For older, unaccompanied youth, parent/guardian consent forms can be found in the church entrance or Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 3

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, July 4

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Germaine Mullenbach

Tuesday, July 6

7:00AM: Michael Strom

Wednesday, July 7

7:00AM: Penny Sullivan

Thursday, July 8

7:00AM: Marian Putz

Friday, July 9

7:00AM: Florence Felber

Saturday, July 10

5:00PM: Rosemary Roepke

Sunday, July 11

8:30AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

10:30AM: Marcia Cox

COMMUNITY

Plant a Row for the Hungry: PAR ... stands for "Plant a Row for the Hungry." The purpose of this program is to encourage gardeners to make a difference in their communities by sharing their excess produce with those in need. Everyone is invited to join in the effort by donating extra produce, volunteering time, or by financially supporting the local PAR campaign. Clean fruits and vegetables can be dropped off at the Maintenance Building in the Reiman Gardens parking lot on Mondays, beginning June 28, 7-8:30AM. For more information contact Reiman Gardens at 294-8946.

Habitat for Humanity is taking applications until July 9 for Humanity's affordable homeownership program. Applicants should have three basic qualifications...

? ? The Need for Adequate Housing

? ? The Ability to Pay

? ? The Willingness to Partner

Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa's goal is to build 4 homes in Story County. These homes are sold to qualified applicants at cost, usually around \$70,000 to \$75,000 depending on location and size of the home. Contact the Habitat office for more details at 232-8815 or info@hfhci.org.

CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

EWTN: NEW! Faith in the Heartland. Fr. Joseph M. Wolfe of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word visits the gothic churches of his homeland in **northeast Iowa** and discusses the faith of the people who built them. July 5-9, 4:30AM and 6PM.

OTHER PARISHES

Polka Mass and Dance, July 17, St. Malachy's, 405 Gerald St., Madrid. Mass will begin at 4:00PM, followed by supper (brats, sauerkraut, hot dogs, German potato salad, chips, German chocolate cookie ring and drink) and dance at 6:00PM. The Mark Frana Polka Band will perform the music. A beer garden will also be provided.

OTHER COMMUNITIES

Singles Dance, Friday, July 9, Eagles Ballroom, Fort Dodge, DJ 8:00PM-midnight. Lots of mixers. Admission \$10 includes partial membership in Single Sailors Social Ministry.

Please remember in your prayers: **ERNEST SCHAEFFER** who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

While visiting the local elderly high rise, our parish nurse met one woman who was very sad. She really wanted to do something with her life, yet day after day was marked with the same monotony and loneliness. She longed for the company of others yet rarely had any visitors. Her life took on a totally new meaning, however, when the nurse recruited her as an after-school tutor for some local kids who needed help in reading and math. And of course, her sadness disappeared.

When we were baptized, we were entrusted with a mission, a purpose for our life of faith. Through prayer, witness, and charitable work, we are to reach out to others with the Good News of the Gospel. Our work is more than an activity to pass the time; it defines who we are and what we do as followers of Christ. Without it, our faith is not complete. The life-giving waters stop flowing and fill with stagnation.

We all need to feel useful. We all need to be connected to others. Everyone has their story, their purpose, their value and worth. Remember those who need you to reach out to them, especially today as we celebrate the founding of our country. Whether they are isolated by choice, health, or other reason, give them a call. Send some food. Stop and visit. It really does make a difference, for them and for you!

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STEWARDSHIP

"The harvest is rich" Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?



Those in our parish and the community

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2004

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37