

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.

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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**

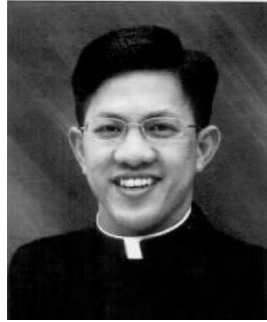
Adult Education

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.

In Germany, they came first for the Communists; I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews; I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came to fetch the workers, members of the trade unions; I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Afterwards, they came for the Catholics; I did not say anything because I was a Protestant. Eventually, they came for me, and there was no one left to speak."

-Martin Niemoller



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

MEETINGS/EVENTS

The Sanctity of Life Committee will meet today, 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.

Deanery Meeting. The quarterly meeting of the Marshalltown Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held July 15, 2004 at St. Mary's in Colo (corner of 4th Street and Bailey). Registration is at 9:00AM. General meeting—9:30AM, Liturgy—11:15AM Mass, Luncheon—12:00 noon. Speaker: Kitty Maher, St. Joseph, State Center—1:00PM. Topic: The teen experience in the Catholic Church today.

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 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.



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.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

It must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals. The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, no. 4.

On July 15, the **Federal Marriage Amendment** will come up for a vote in the U.S. House and Senate. You are urged to contact your representatives about this issue.

BUMPER STICKERS:

- ? ? It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.
- ? ? Nothing is impossible for the person who doesn't have to do it.
- ? ? The Ten Commandments aren't multiple choice.
- ? ? I don't believe in miracles. I rely on them.
- ? ? Jesus is coming. Look busy!

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

CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Feast of Mary of Magdala, Thursday, July 22, 7:00PM, with a prayer service in the Adult-Youth Room at the St. Cecilia Education Center. Women saints of the present and past will be there for your inspiration, and with song and prayer Mary of Magdala will be honored for her role as the first witness to the Resurrection and apostle to the apostles. Men are especially encouraged to participate and hear a male guest speaker give testimony to the role of women in the Church today. A buffet of foods from the time of Jesus will be shared at the conclusion. Bring friends, and follow the signs to the left (east) of the tall outdoor crosses. For more information, please call Elaine at 296-2961 or Linda at 292-8471.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY MEN'S NIGHT

On Wednesday, July 21, all adult Catholic men in central Iowa are invited to join us for an evening of brats, burgers and a presentation from Father Dennis Juhl of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo. You are all invited to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Bring your father, brother and/or adult son.

The meeting will begin at 6:00PM at St. Henry Parish (221 W. Olive Street) in Marshalltown, with burgers and brats prepared by the Knights of Columbus. At 7:00PM, Father Juhl will speak about what it means to be a Catholic man in today's society. That will be followed by a drawing for Iowa Cubs tickets. These are box seat tickets near home plate!

Father Juhl is a long-time director of retreats, parish missions, renewals and school in-service opportunities throughout the Midwest. In addition to his present pastoral duties, Father Denny is Dean of the Waterloo Deanery, serves on the Archdiocesan Church Design and Renovation Commission, and the Archdiocesan Lay Formation Committee. Father Denny worked in Catholic education for 20 years at the high school and college levels. "Men's Spiritual Issues" is his most recent interest in presentations in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

So we can have an idea of how much food to buy and prepare, please call the Parish Office (233-3092). You can also sign up by contacting Al Christy (296-2620).

Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.

—Karen Kaiser Clark

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 10

5:00PM: Rosemary Roepke

Sunday, July 11

8:30AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

10:30AM: Marcia Cox

Tuesday, July 13

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Wednesday, July 14

7:00AM: Ralph Besch

Thursday, July 15

7:00AM: Vincent Stephens

Friday, July 16

7:00AM: Marvin Rader

Saturday, July 17

5:00PM: Richard Sullivan

Sunday, July 18

8:30AM: Jack Gehm

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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.

Saint Thomas Aquinas parish is hiring for a full-time custodian/maintenance position. The job includes, but is not limited to, general cleaning, floor care, furniture set-ups, snow removal and minor repairs. 40 hours a week, flexible hours, with full benefits. Please inquire at St. Thomas Aquinas or by phone (292-3810).

Charismatic Mass. Father Jim Dubert of Iowa Falls/Eldora will be celebrating a Charismatic Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas this Thursday, July 15, at 7:00PM in the Daily Mass Chapel. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY


Open your heart and home to an exchange student from South Korea or Europe for the coming 2004/2005 school year. Caring host parents (with or without children) are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in August. Educational Merit Foundation (EMF) students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life, including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored by EMF, a non-profit, educational exchange program. Interested host families are encouraged to call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our website at www.emfusa.org

CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

EWTN: NEW! JESUS CHRIST: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE. A three-part series, produced in Ireland. Part 1, The Way—A panel discussion of clergy, religious and laity. July 25 at 5AM & July 28 at 2PM; Part 2, The Truth—A Detailed discussion of the state of the liturgy in the Irish Church. July 26 at 5AM & July 29 at 2PM; Part 3, The Life—A detailed discussion of the Resurrection and the Holy Spirit. July 27 at 5AM & July 30 at 2PM.

Please be Praying for... Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers: Nancy Rae Simmons, daughter-in-law of Martha Simmons, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A morning talk show featured a "secret society" of sorts. Its members were committed to performing random and anonymous acts of kindness in honor of a deceased friend known for kind deeds. It was contagious and people all across the country have joined the effort. There is indeed something satisfying about helping others, especially when they have no idea who their benefactor is.



Many people look for reasons for doing things, reasons that cover the spectrum from selfish to selfless, for their own sake to the sake of another. For those who believe, good deeds are done for God's sake. Recognizing God's Supremacy, and seeing in others the image and likeness of God, believers act to preserve and advance the cause of grace. Both the giver and the receiver are enriched by the kindness shared. The Good Samaritan is better for his deeds because those who love others also love God.

Good deeds are not part of any sacrament, but they are part of faith. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are lists of acts of kindness or good deeds. When people are not sure how to live their faith or need to jump-start it, the Works of Mercy give us a few ideas. As members of the Body of Christ, we need to look after one another, mindful of our dependence on God and on each other. We are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Being a Good Samaritan happens by choice, not chance!

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STEWARDSHIP

The Good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers—and us—to go and do the same!

Readings for the Week of July 11, 2004

- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
- Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42