

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

?? Mark your calendars:

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs will be held:

?? **Sunday, August 22: after all masses**

?? **Monday, August 23: 8:00AM—7:00PM**

?? **Tuesday, August 24: 8:00AM—7:00PM**

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

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: July 19

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Will resume in the fall.

VACATION

Father Terry will be on vacation from July 18-31. Communion services will be celebrated during the week (see Mass Intentions for times and dates). Fr. Bill Joensen will celebrate the liturgies the weekend of July 24/25.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

ST. ANNE CIRCLE members and husbands will attend the 8:30AM Mass July 25. Breakfast will follow at the home of Pat Rood 2505 Pierce Avenue. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 to make reservations.

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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Thanks to the organizations that have contacted the parish office to schedule events for the coming year. If your group/organization plans to use Saint Cecilia facilities, you must reserve a room. Remember that the Social Center will not be available after March 1. Please notify Joan of changes in group leadership/contact person.

Does your group need new members? Do you want to let others in the parish, know the importance of your organization? Consider putting an article in the bulletin. Contact Joan at the parish office.

The Kindness Pledge

I resolve to:

1. Speak kindly of someone at least once a day.
2. Think kindly about someone at least once a day.
3. Act kindly toward someone at least once a day.
4. Avoid speaking unkindly of someone.
5. Avoid speaking unkindly to anyone.
6. Avoid acting unkindly toward anyone.

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 7:00PM. Music reading skills are helpful, but not required. Sign up today by contacting Bob Hauser at 233-3092 or by email: 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.



READ ABOUT IT IN *THE WITNESS*

- ? ? Age doesn't stop Harpers Ferry's Fr. Louis Trzil from his ministry to Native Americans
 - ? ? Public schools are developing guidelines to prevent child sexual abuse.
 - ? ? Marge Krawczuk, director of the Office of Catechetical Services, reviews the four "calls" to which all are called.
 - ? ? The controversy continues over the World Court's condemnation of the Israeli Security wall.
- Witness* Subscription cards may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**Catholic Teaching on Rights and Responsibilities**

Every person has a fundamental right to life—the right that makes all other rights possible. Each person also has a right to the conditions for living a decent life—faith and family life, food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. We also have a duty to secure and respect these rights not only for ourselves, but for others, and to fulfill our responsibilities to our families, to each other, and to the larger society.

-UCCB Administrative Committee,
Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 14.

Some Mistakes Parents Make:

1. Thinking that two hours at the movies are harmless for your child, but that one hour at church is too much for his nervous system.
2. Letting your child watch several hours of television programming per day but allowing no time for prayer.
3. Making sure your child does her school homework, but ignoring her lessons in religious education.
4. Letting your child decide for himself whether to go to church.
5. Letting your child know, through comments, complaints, scheduling or priorities, that other activities (sports, music, etc.) are more important than God and church.

Suppose you were arrested for being a Christian. Would there be enough evidence to convict you?

CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Feast of Mary of Magdala, Thursday, July 22, 7:00PM, with a prayer service in the Parlors. 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. For more information, please call Elaine at 296-2961 or Linda at 292-8741.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY MEN'S NIGHT

On Wednesday, July 21, all adult Catholic men in central Iowa are invited to an evening of fellowship, food, and a presentation from Father Dennis Juhl of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Waterloo. 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 Juhl is Dean of the Waterloo Deanery, serves on the Archdiocesan Church Design and Renovation Commission, and the Archdiocesan Lay Formation Committee. Father Juhl 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.

To assist in food planning, please call the Parish Office (233-3092) or contact Al Christy (296-2620) if you plan to attend

Billboards from God:

Will the road you're on get you to my place? — God

Pregnant? Need Help?

**Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue
292-8414**

Mass Intentions**Saturday, July 17**

5:00PM: Richard Sullivan

Sunday, July 18

8:30AM: Jack Gehm

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, July 20

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, July 21

7:00AM: Communion Service

Thursday, July 22

7:00AM: Communion Service

Friday, July 23

7:00AM: Communion Service

Saturday, July 24

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Sunday, July 25

8:30AM: Mary Myers

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

OTHER PARISHES

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).

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.


FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We wish to congratulate and thank the church and school staff as well as the program leaders for adhering to and being responsible for their prospective budgets last fiscal year. We encourage you to continue your fine work.

Cornfest weekend is August 21/22.

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

Please remember in your prayers:
ELEANOR ANDERSON, JOHN J. GLEASON, father of Tim Gleason, and **WILLIAM PEET**, husband of Cay Peet 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.



16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

One of the standard dinner jokes in our family involves my brother and my uncle. In almost ritualistic fashion, my brother will ask, "What's your favorite meal?" In his wisdom, and to assure an invitation to return, my uncle will answer, "The one I'm eating now!" There is something about the present moment - and the present gift - we should never fail to appreciate.



There are many lessons we can take from this short story about Jesus' visit with Martha and Mary. But one thing is clear. Mary has chosen to focus on the present moment, to give her attention to what Jesus has to say. Martha was distracted by the tasks of hospitality and concerns about the household chores. Her complaint to Jesus about her sister brought only the mild rebuke that Mary should not be deprived.

Faith demands our attention to the present moment. Past accomplishments only serve to guide and motivate us.

The future is not guaranteed. So the present moment is ripe with possibility and not to be squandered. An act of kindness, a heartfelt confession or reconciling with family needs to be done now. There is no time to waste. The Lord is present with us now and we cannot afford to be distracted by worldly cares and concerns. After all, what is the best act of faith? The one we do right now!

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STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that the desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2004

- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk