

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

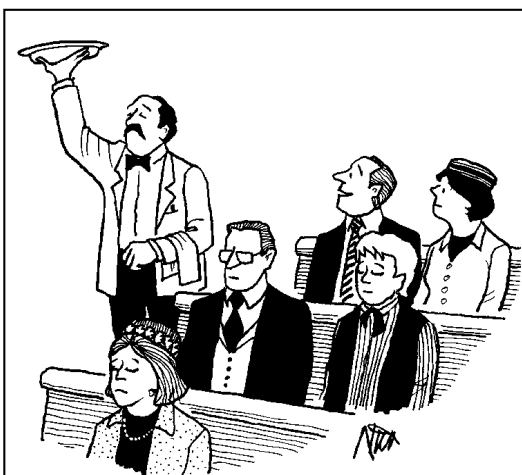
First Eucharist pictures may be picked up in the Religious Education Office.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: July 26

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Will resume in the fall.

Teen Mass
Saturday,
August 7, 5:00PM



"HE SAYS IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO ADD A 15 PERCENT GRATUITY TO THEIR OFFERINGS."

VACATION

Please welcome Fr. Bill Joensen who is filling in for Fr. Terry this weekend. Fr. Terry will return from vacation July 31. A Communion service will replace the 7:00AM Mass in the Chapel until August 3.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Saint Cecilia Golf Tournament will be held Sunday September 12, 1-6:00PM at Cold Water Golf Links. Benson Motors is again sponsoring all par three holes, with great prizes for a hole-in-one. Registration sheets may be found in the literature rack in the Social Hall hallway. For additional information call Dick Matt at 232-7688.



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

Cornfest weekend is August 21 & 22.

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 for 2004-2005.**

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Raise your voices and sing out to the Lord. The Saint Cecilia Choir will sing at the 5:00PM Mass, Saturday, July 31. Rehearsal will take place at 4:00PM in the Education Center Music Center.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Fr. Bill Joensen will be Retreatmaster for a married couples retreat, August 13-15 at the American Martyrs Retreat house in Cedar Falls. For additional information, (and a ride) call Dick Matt at 232-7688.

Keeping in Shape— Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Fall Weekends: October 8-10 in Des Moines and October 29-31 in Cedar Falls. To register, contact Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit <http://www.iowa-me.org> for more information

BAPTISMS**June**

Peter John, son of Richard & Melissa Barrett
Madison Cora, daughter of Aaron & Amy DeLashmutt
Nicole Lynne, daughter of Steve & Brenda Flugrad
Dylan Thomas, son of Jeremy & Sarah Rouse
Hallie Jo, daughter of Daniel & Mollie Walter
Grant Joseph, son of William & Stacy Woodward

July

Soledad Josephine Rae, daughter of Peter & Kristin Aitchison, (granddaughter of Gary & Kay)
Joseph Leo, son of Daniel & Diane Lahr
Shelby Lynn, daughter of Gabriel & Christine Roberts

COMMUNITY

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Central Iowa will be the beneficiary of a rummage sale Friday, August 6, 4-8:00PM and Saturday, August 7, 9:00AM-5:00PM at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado, Avenue.

If you wish to contribute items to the sale, you may take them to St. Andrews, between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM, August 2, 3 & 4. Craft items, collectables, household items, tools, pots, pans, linens, books and children's clothing will be accepted. Live potted plants will also be accepted. Adult Clothing **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Monies raised are for the advocacy for the mentally ill which includes a loan program. For more information call Fran Berger, Director, at 233-3492. Tax letters are provided for donations

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when HE says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts as a service to others.

GOOD SAMARITAN REPORT

JANUARY—JUNE 2004

The Social Concerns Committee is very grateful for the generosity of the Saint Cecilia parish Community. Efforts to help those in need continues to be our focus as Christ Jesus taught us.

In the last six month period, many parishioners plus those who came to the rectory for help have been assisted. MONTHLY donations have been made as follows:

Emergency Residence Project	\$500.00
Food Shelf of Bethesda Lutheran Church	\$500.00
Fresh Food Vouchers for MICA	\$150.00

As funds became available, other organizations have been assisted, including Appalachia Committee, Birthright, Boys & Girls Club, Friendship Ark, Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Heartland Senior Services, Hospice House, People Place and Beyond Welfare.

We are grateful to the many who have helped us. The committee members have all been part of our mission. Special thanks go to Diana Weber and Lucille O'Neill for organizing the Giving Tree, Cynthia Shriver for the Rice Bowl, Kathy Ridnour for the food vouchers, Sue Stanton for the Holy Land project.

However, most thanks go to our parishioners. Without your generous donations, none of this would be possible.

The Social Concerns Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month starting in September. If you are interested in this group, you are invited to attend the September 7, meeting, 7:30PM in the Parlors. Please contact Patty Rua at 233-1302 if you have questions.

Patty Rua, Chair
 Charles Gilarski, Parish Council Representative

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Scripture teaches that God has a special concern for the poor and vulnerable. The Church calls on all of us to embrace this preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, to embody it in our lives, and to work to have it shape public policies and priorities. A fundamental measure of our society is how we care for and stand with the poor and vulnerable.

USCCB Administrative Committee,
Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p. 15

Mass Intentions**Saturday, July 24**

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Sunday, July 25

8:30AM: Mary Myers

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, July 27

7:00AM: Communion Service

Wednesday, July 28

7:00AM: Communion Service

Thursday, July 29

7:00AM: Communion Service

Friday, July 30

7:00AM: Communion Service

Saturday, July 31

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sr. Gene Marie OSF

Sunday, August 1

8:30AM: Mary L. Girard

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

THE CUSTODY OF THE HOLY LAND

The special International Franciscan Province which cares for the Holy Places is called "The Custody of the Holy Land." The friars of the province come from 22 different lands and work in the countries of Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and the island countries of Cyprus and Rhodes.

The Franciscan presence in the Holy Land has a rich heritage beginning in 1216, when the first friars arrived at the coastal town of Akko, just north of the seaport town of Haifa in the eastern Mediterranean. St. Francis, himself, labored there. In 1342 Pope Clement VI officially established the Franciscan Custody with two purposes: First to maintain and defend the Sacred Sites of Christendom, and Second to preserve the Christian presence where Christ gave his life for all humankind.

Israel is the land where our Christian roots took hold. His birthplace, Bethlehem, is often in the news. Sadly, this is a land where political turmoil continues to fester, and where, for the last 5 thousand years, its people have been struggling against one another over the same "promised land". The Franciscan Friars have maintained the sacred sties in Nazareth, Jerusalem, by the sea of Galilee an elsewhere for the last 800 years.

Success in maintaining the Christian presence has been challenging, especially since 1947, when Palestine—as this region had been known for more than two thousand years, was partitioned by the United Nations and the state of Israel was created. At that time 25% of the population of Israel was Christian. Today only 2% of the 8.6 million people in the Holy Land are Christian.

Most church officials say that if nothing is done to stem the Christian flight from the Holy Land that within 60 years Christianity will be only a memory in the place where Christ founded His Church. Pilgrims will no longer see a living, worshiping community of believers, but only empty, abandoned religious monuments and museums! To stem the flight, the Franciscans have built schools, trained youth, started housing projects while the needs of Christians and the work multiplies.

Saint Cecilia parishioners have formed an organization called **Connectus** to help the Christians in the Holy Land mainly through sales of Olive Wood items, jewelry and perfume from the Holy Land. Donations are also accepted. If you are interested in finding out more about Connectus, contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762.

Please be Praying for...

Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

The youth and adults of our parish who are participating in the Appalachia Service Trip. They leave for Harlan, Kentucky July 31 and return August 7. Your prayers for a good feeling of community, spiritual awareness, a good learning experience and for their safety will be appreciated.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A young mom was trying to teach her 4-year old about prayer. As they were driving by the Church, she told her daughter to say a prayer and ask God to bless them. So the little girl dutifully began to ask for God's blessing, all the while shouting her prayer. Mom complimented her daughter on her prayer but had to ask why she shouted. "God is in Church," she replied, "and I wanted to make sure He heard me."



Jesus teaches His disciples to pray with confidence. Like children in need who call upon their parents, we are to call upon God, assured of his love and care for us. God knows us better than we know ourselves. We don't need to shout our prayers to be heard. We need to open our hearts, allowing God's grace to fill us up so that we see and hear and act with the heart and mind of Christ. The interesting thing about the Lord's Prayer is that we pray it as Jesus did, calling God Our Father.

Prayer is our way of connecting with God. It is our awareness of and communication with God. It is the lifeline of faith, the nourishment of love and the foundation of hope. Without prayer, we are left in our isolation, so close, yet so far from the comfort and guidance of the Lord. Spend a few moments with the Lord each day, voicing your needs, concerns, fears and hopes. Just talk to the Lord - and there's no need to shout!

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Ingrid and Hugh Brady as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. They were married at Saint Cecilia Church, July 24, 1954.

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2004

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21