

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: August 2.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Will resume in the fall.

Teen Mass
Saturday,
August 7, 5:00PM



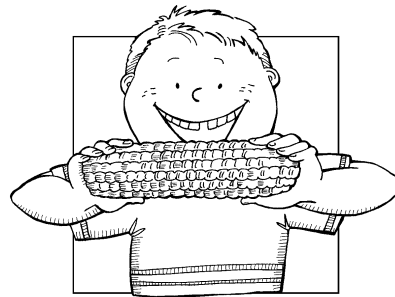
Cornfest

August 22, 2:30PM

Volunteers are needed to help with picking, shucking, cooking, and serving the corn as well as general set-up, clean-up, food service, games etc.



Sign-up sheets will be available at all masses August 7/8 & 14/15. Helping with Cornfest for a couple of hours is a great way to meet other parishioners and contribute to your parish community.



August

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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fall Week-ends: 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

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



- ?? My Mom survived a serious car accident
- ?? For relief from constant pain
- ?? My son received the job that he wanted
- ?? That Betsy does not have cancer

Search your heart and schedule—Jesus is calling you to spend time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament! To schedule an hour each week with Him in the Chapel, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

STEWARDSHIP

Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to do something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to listen to Jesus—and then act!

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Politics...should be about an old idea with new power—the common good. The central question should not be, “Are you better off than you were four years ago?” It should be, “How can we”—all of us, especially the weak and vulnerable—be better off in the years ahead: How can we protect and promote human life and dignity: How can we pursue greater justice and peace?”

USCCB Administrative Committee,
Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, p.2

MUSIC MINISTRY

Raise your voices and sing out to the Lord. The Saint Cecilia Choir will sing at the 10:30AM Mass, Sunday, August 8. Rehearsal will take place at 9:30AM in the Education Center Music Room.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

On the third weekend of each month, parishioners bring non-perishable food and supplies to the church. These are donated to MICA (Mid Iowa Community Action) for the Food Pantry located at 126 S. Kellogg. In addition, Saint Cecilia donates \$200.00 to Bethesda Lutheran Church Food Pantry and \$150.00 to MICA for food vouchers. This is to supplement the non-perishable food with funds for milk, fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, bread, etc.

An average of approximately \$500.00 worth of food/supplies is donated monthly. Saint Cecilia school children; principal, Duane Siepker; custodian, Terry Sorenson; parents and the members of the Social Concerns Committee sort and deliver the donations.

We are very grateful to everyone who has made contributions. Please mark your calendar for the third Saturday/Sunday of each month and continue to bring items to provide for those in our community who need assistance.

We thank you one and all.
Social Concerns Committee

SIXTY PLUS GROUP

All parishioners 60 years of age or older are invited to attend. The group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month (holiday exceptions), 12:15PM, for a potluck lunch and short program or social activity. Recent speakers included the Story County Sheriff, and retired radio personality Jack Shelley. Representatives from ACCESS and Reiman Gardens have presented programs. Parish members have told about their travels and family heirlooms. Sixty plus is a great way to enjoy excellent food, visit with fellow parishioners and learn something new.

Meeting dates for 2004-2005 are: September 28, October 26, November 16, December 21, January 24, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, and June 28. Mark your calendars now. Call Mary Kay at 232-4793 with questions.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31

5:00PM: Mike Rolling, Sr. Gene Marie OSF

Sunday, August 1

8:30AM: Mary L. Girard

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, August 3

7:00AM: St. Anne Circle

Wednesday, August 4

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters, Penny Sullivan

Thursday, August 5

7:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak

Friday, August 6

7:00AM: Elvira Lersten

Saturday, August 7

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, August 8

8:30AM: Marvin Rader

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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.

ISU CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Fall semester courses for Iowa State University College for persons age 50 and over, begin September 20. All courses are offered in Ames, one day per week for either 4, 6 or 8 weeks. To find out about the courses from the instructors, a preview will be held Wednesday, August 25, 1:30PM in the Scheman Building. Persons interested in receiving a catalog with course descriptions, information about instructors and the registration form, may contact College for Seniors by e-mail at ealicht@iastate.edu or by calling 294-3830.

Members of the College for Seniors Board of Directors are available to speak at forums, gatherings and meetings to encourage people to consider continuing their life-long learning.



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.

To pray only when in peril is to use safety belts only in heavy traffic - *Corrie ten Boom*

God answers all prayers. Sometimes the answer is yes. Sometimes the answer is no. Sometimes the answer is, "You've got to be kidding!" - *Jimmy Carter*

If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "Thank you," that would suffice. - *Meister Eckhart*

18th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time



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Quite a number of food commercials make their pitch by promoting their product as the best choice. Not a word about nutrition or ingredients, but all kinds of silly situations and exaggerated claims about taste and effects. Pop-corn, ethnic foods and drinks are all portrayed as making the consumer better, smarter, healthier, more popular or more independent. Quite a bit to pack into a taco or slice of pizza!

Paul encourages the Colossians to focus on the higher realm, the things above rather than things of earth. Keeping an eye on the goal can inspire and motivate us to do great things as well as do the right thing. As the Colossians work to establish their Church and live their faith, they need to set their focus high. All traces of their old way of life need to be rooted out so that grace, knowledge and truth will take root in their hearts.

Paul puts the practice of faith in clear terms, but it is easier said than done. It takes an effort and a clear choice to grow in faith. We need to root out those things which hold us back, those pesky sins and faults that we know make us less than we could be. We need to set our sights on the higher virtues, the ones which require patience, sacrifice and prayer. Strive for the best that faith has to offer!

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Readings for the Week of August 1, 2004

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;