

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.

Catechists needed: Catechists are needed for grades 1-6 in both the Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon programs. Catechists are also needed for the Wednesday evening Middle School programs. For information, contact John in the Religious Education Office at 232-3514.

Adult Education

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

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.



The Spiritual Growth & Liturgy Committee

meets, Tuesday, August 10, 7:00PM in parlor A. New members and visitors are welcome.

Knights of Columbus will hold their annual open meeting and picnic Wednesday, August 11, 5:30PM at the Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park. (This is the recently built shelter located just off of Duff Avenue) Mass will be held at 6:00PM. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Those whose last names begin with letters A-N are asked to bring a salad or vegetable side dish—letters O-Z are asked to bring dessert. A clown will provide entertainment for small children.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup

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

TRADITIONAL CORNFEST

Saturday August 21
5:00PM: Polka Mass
7:30PM: Holy Ground Band, South Lawn

Sunday, August 22
10:30AM, Polka Mass
2:30PM: Food served
3:30-6:00PM Jazz band--Steve George & the Other Brothers
There will be entertainment for children

Corn, Meat, beverage and table service provided.
Parishioners with last names A-K bring desserts
Parishioners L-Z bring side dishes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—SIGN UP AUGUST 7/8 & 14/15

MUSIC MINISTRY

Raise your voices and sing out to the Lord.

The **Saint Cecilia Choir** will sing at the 8:30AM Mass, Sunday, August 15. Rehearsal will take place at 7:45AM in the Education Center Music Room.

Bell Ringers are needed for the 8:30 and /or 10:30AM Liturgies on Sunday, August 29. Music reading skills are helpful, but not required.

Sign up today by contacting Bob Hauser at 233-3092. Please consider joining this joyful ministry.



Cornfest Polka Masses are scheduled the weekend of August 21-22 at the 5:00PM & 10:30AM Liturgies. The polka choir will rehearse Wednesday, August 18, 7:00PM in the Education Center Music Room. Come join us.

STEWARDSHIP

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel wants those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—“at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

VIDEO AVAILABLE

VHS and DVD copies of Fr. Terry’s 25th anniversary mass are available in the Parish Office. VHS - \$15.00; DVD - \$20 plus tax.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

“God established the family as the basic cell of human society. Therefore, we must strive to make the needs and concerns of families a central national priority. Marriage as God intended it provides the basic foundation for family life and needs to be protected in the face of many pressures working to undermine it.”

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 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.

A Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) Weekend will be held in Marshalltown, Friday evening, September 19—Sunday, September 21. The program is designed for couples who don’t want to divorce but are living in a marriage that is causing them pain. Call Dick & Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 or 563-875-8791 for confidential information.

BAPTISM

Our next preparation session will be held Thursday, October 7, 6:30- 9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To Register, call the Parish Office at 233-3092.

Baptisms are scheduled for September 5, 9:30AM and October 10, 1:00PM. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.



The lost and found box in the ushers’ room is overflowing. Pans and dishes have been set on the table in the ushers’ room. If you lost an item or provided food for an event and did not get your container back, please check the ushers’ room. Items not claimed by August 23 will be discarded.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 7

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, August 8

8:30AM: Marvin Rader

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, August 10

7:00AM: Kenneth Trebbe

Wednesday, August 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

Thursday, August 12

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach

Friday, August 13

7:00AM: Ralph Besch

Saturday, August 14

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, August 15

8:30AM: Michael Strom

10:30AM: Ken Simmons

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Housekeeper position available: looking for someone to clean two priest's apartments as well as do laundry for the priests. Three to four hours, one day a week. If you, or someone you know is interested in this job, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 292-3810.

COMMUNITY

The local chapter of the **American Red Cross** offers classes in First Aid, CPR and Babysitter training. Call 232-5104.

Red Cross Disaster Volunteers are needed. Call 232-5104.

MICA has fans for people suffering from the heat. Call 956-3333

Produce for the Food Pantry: Clean fruits and vegetables can be dropped off at the Maintenance Building in the Reiman Gardens parking lot Mondays 7-8:30AM


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.

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

Please remember in your prayers: **ALBION EICKMIER**, father of Cheryl MacVey, 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.



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the middle of a snowy day our young neighbors took the kids and walked to the store. The two older kids had a ball as they played in the snow, turning every street sign into a snowball target. But the youngest one had the best trip. Wrapped up in blankets, he was tucked in his stroller. He napped away the afternoon, warm and secure in his winter cocoon, occasionally accepting the ooohs and ahhs of admiring grandmothers. What a way to travel!

Security can be an elusive feeling that is necessary for all aspects of life: marriages, families, careers, studies, raising kids and helping others. It allows treaties to form, causes wars to cease, and helps businesses to grow. It promotes well-being, good mental health and creativity in all forms. It comes from confidence, the certainty and assurance that one can count on something, that promises will be kept and what is said is the truth.

Jesus offers us security, the reassurance and confidence that what God promises he will do. We are given the Kingdom, where God's love protects us from evil, wrapping us in a cocoon of grace. We are not to live in fear, but to "live large," to proclaim all that the Father has done for us. We do not fear his coming, but rather are prepared for him by our firm belief and dedication. Rest assured, we can count on his Word, secure in the knowledge of his love.

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THANK YOU to Bob Hauser for organizing and to the Knights of Columbus for funding the trip to the Iowa Cubs baseball game. July 28 was Duck Tape night providing extra entertainment for those who attended.

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2004

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-5, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56