

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

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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 AFTER MASS
OR CALL 233-3092

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**

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Classes begin the week of September 12

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

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Registration: see schedule above

Cornfest Softball Game: Saturday, August 21, 12:00PM. Teens vs adults. Call Joe to sign up and for location.

Beloit Blue Sky Day, September 19. Call Joe to sign up.

Volunteers needed to help at Cornfest. This counts towards Service Hour Requirements

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 16.

RCIA

Want to know more about becoming a Catholic, or know someone else who does? Come to the information session on the RCIA program Thursday, September 2, 7:30PM in the Adult/Youth Room. Call John at 232-3514.

Food Shelf



Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/ Food Shelf

Collection. Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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. Playgroup will resume meeting in the A/Y room August 25, All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 233-6157 for information.

A Potpourri of Music ranging from jazz to classical, will be held Sunday, August 29, 2:00PM in the Church. Performers include Liz Morse (flute), Chuck Fox (bass), and Fr. Terry (guitar). They will be joined by percussion, piano and voice.



Please welcome John Hayes, as our new Director of Religious Education. He may be familiar to you, as he has been a member of the parish for thirty years. In the past John has been a volunteer catechist in the high school and middle school religious education programs, worked in the RCIA and baptismal programs and served as a member of the Board of Education. John recently retired from the Ames Laboratory and began as Director of Religious Education on July 1.

If you attend Saint Cecilia Church and have not registered as a member, please contact the Parish Office. Forms also available on the parish website.



School starts Thursday, August 19, 8:30AM.

If you have not turned in your registration materials, please contact the school office immediately.

Any parent volunteers need to have completed a background check form per Archdiocesan policy. If you have not done so, please contact the office.

School Staff Changes: Welcome to Kimberly Sitzman, 4th, 5th & 6th grade Teacher Associate. Dorothy Dake, Reading Assistant, has retired and will be missed.

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."

(U.S. Bishops statement on Faithful Citizenship)

Pregnant? Need Help?

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

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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.



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.**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Housekeeper position available: looking for someone to clean two priests' 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

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Have you ever considered becoming a Secular Franciscan? In making our way through life, Franciscans are guided by the spirit of St. Francis—that is by simplicity, humility, littleness and gentleness. Joy sustains our lives, fulfills our lives, and we seek the same for others. Our vocation unites us in fraternity as we deepen our prayer that the spirit will transform us and free us from all that keeps us from loving God and each other. Informational session to be held in October. Watch the bulletin for information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, August 15

8:30AM: Michael Strom

10:30AM: Ken Simmons

Tuesday, August 17

7:00AM: Charlene Jackson

Wednesday, August 18

7:00AM: Susan Mullaly

Thursday, August 19

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Friday, August 20

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

Saturday, August 21

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

Sunday, August 22

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: George Rickerl

BOLIVIAN EXPERIENCE

Hello! My name is Elizabeth Vogel. I grew up in Ames and was active at Saint Cecilia Parish where I attended elementary school, went on Appalachia trips, helped with Confirmation classes and taught in the Religious Education program. This May I graduated from Iowa State where I studied art and biology.

As Christians, we are called to live the Gospel, reaching out to and empowering those most vulnerable, standing up against structures of injustice, embracing humility, simplicity, and sustainability with others in God's creation.

Through experiences in my faith community here and at ISU, volunteer experiences in Appalachia and in Ames and much prayerful reflection, I feel called to commit to a year of international volunteer service.

This month I will be traveling to Santa Cruz, Bolivia with Lois Oldham, a friend from ISU, to volunteer at the Stansberry Children's Home and Day Care, a Christian orphanage dedicated to providing a loving home for 25-30 children ranging from infancy to 18 years of age, in addition to providing affordable day care and classes for parents to help families stay together. Lois and I will have responsibilities working in the day care, helping children with homework, caring for them, and, most importantly, loving them. I look forward to a year of great challenges, spiritual and personal growth, and learning from the children and the culture. Thank you for the role you as a community have played in my faith development and the direction of my goals.

If you are interested in learning more about the home, please visit www.stansberrychildren.org.

If parishioners are interested in donating material items, the greatest needs are for used clothing, or tennis shoes, children's books or games in Spanish and coloring books. Financial support should be directed to the Stansberry Children's Home.

You are invited to come learn about Bolivia and the work we will be doing during an informal educational evening. You will be able to view a short video about the home, taste Bolivian food, become aware of current issues in Bolivia, and buy local produce, (grown by a Bolivian volunteer turned organic farmer). **Stop by the St. Thomas Aquinas Student Lounge anytime between 7 & 9:00PM August 19.**



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When you are doing something new, or learning a skill, there is nothing like a good teacher and guide to help you through those first steps. They give you instruction and confidence, and correct your mistakes and answer your questions. After you've mastered the basics, they can take you to the next level by helping you develop your abilities and deepening your knowledge. A good teacher can bring you from novice to expert step by step.

Mary is the master teacher of faith. She becomes the model of discipleship, showing us how to blend our fears and concerns into our trust and hope in God. In spite of hardships and difficulties, she pressed on, treasuring things in her heart and continually trusting in the mercy and love of God. Her great love is surpassed only by her faith and both become the source of encouragement for the whole Church.

It is easy to become discouraged in our journey of faith. Sin, disappointment and failure can make it all seem impossible, and at times even silly to try. Grace, however, will prevail. Mary's example encourages us to remain steadfast, to trust in God, and look for the signs of grace that lead us where God wills. We are created for a purpose. Our goal is clear. Our mission may be daunting, but God does not forget his people. And he will not forget you.

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STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2004

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;

Lk 13:22-30

Please remember in your prayers: **TIM OSHEL** former parishioner 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.

