

# SAINT CECILIA

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 HOOVER AVENUE, AMES, IOWA 50010

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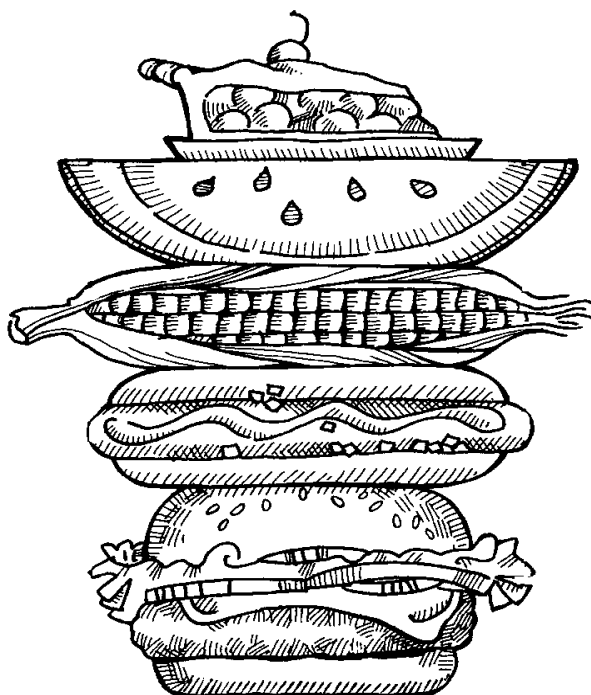


*We are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.*

### 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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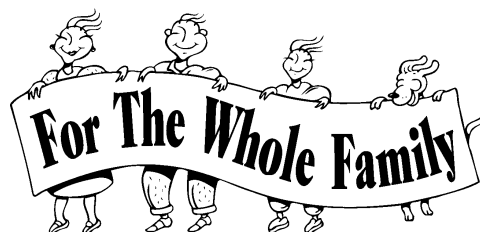
## COME TO CORNFEST

**Saturday, August 21**  
**7:30PM: Holy Ground Band, South Lawn**

**Sunday, August 22**  
**2:30PM: Food served**  
**3:30-6:00PM Jazz band--**  
Steve George & the Other Brothers  
**Bingo**

**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



## 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

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

**Catechists needed:** Catechists are needed for grades 1-6 in the Monday evening program. 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 process Thursday, September 2, or Wednesday, September 8, 7:30PM in the

**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.**



**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SCHEDULE**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 5**

**Saturday: 5:00PM**

**Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15AM**

### 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 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.

**Permanent Diaconate:** Eleven men will be admitted to candidacy on Saturday, August 28, 10:00AM at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Ron Smith of our parish is among them. All are invited to celebrate this liturgy and special service with the candidates, their wives and families.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

**If you enjoy the warmth of summer**, why not sign up for the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend and bring some warmth and intimacy to your marriage. 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 [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org)

### A Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) Weekend

has been scheduled to start on Friday evening, September 17. It will end on Sunday afternoon, September 19. The program is designed for couples who don't want to divorce but are living in a marriage that is causing them pain. Retrouvaille can help. Call Dick & Joyce Smith at 800-470-2230 for confidential information.

**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**

Building peace, combating poverty and despair, and protecting freedom and human rights are not only moral imperatives; they are wise national priorities. Given its enormous power and influence in world affairs, the United States has a special responsibility to ensure that it is a force for justice and peace beyond its borders. "Liberty and justice for all: is not only a profound national pledge; it is a worthy goal for our nation in its role as world leader.

USCCB Administrative Committee,  
*Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 14

**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. **OLD Items not claimed by August 23 will be discarded. Any items added from Cornfest will be in the ushers room**

**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.

**COMMUNITY**

**The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Central Iowa** will provide a **free 12 week education program** beginning Monday, September 13. The program is open to family members, friends, siblings or children of the mentally ill. The course discusses the clinical treatment of these illnesses and teaches the knowledge and skills that family members need to cope more effectively. To register or receive more information about this program call Deb Niehof at 233-3492.

**ACCESS** Women's Shelter is looking for volunteers:

Some of the volunteer duties:

- ? ? Staff the shelter
- ? ? Answer the Hotline
- ? ? Work with Children
- ? ? Carry a Pager
- ? ? Complete an Internship

Advocate training for new volunteers, interns, staff and area professionals takes place September 11, 12, 25 & 26, 9:00AM-5:00PM. All 32 hours of training are required. Call 292-0500 or contact [julieann@assaultcarecenter.org](mailto:julieann@assaultcarecenter.org)

**Pregnant? Need Help?**

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

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, August 21**

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

**Sunday, August 22**

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: George Rickerl

**Tuesday, August 24**

7:00AM: Rosemary Roepke

**Wednesday, August 25**

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

**Thursday, August 26**

7:00AM: Ernest M. Schaeffer

**Friday, August 27**

7:00AM: Duff Diederick

**Saturday, August 28**

5:00PM: Joseph Mack

**Sunday, August 29**

8:30AM: Stan Olsson

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Initiated by the grace of God and flowing from the attention, worship and adoration given Him at Mass, Christians have, from the beginning, loved to pray to, contemplate and adore Him at all hours of the day and night.

Communities of monks such as those at New Melleray pray the Psalms together seven times during the day starting at 3:30AM. Their rule also includes work and study. Down through the ages, habits of contemplation generated by liturgy have spontaneously produced valuable contributions to civilizations and cultures.

Distinctive music and artistic themes sprang up. Many schools, universities, courses of study, trades and trade unions, spiritual and corporal works of mercy, hospital laboratories, communities, associations, healthy families, political leaders, diplomats, philosophers, scientists, architects, popes, saints, priests, sisters, holy men, women and children and now media giants and community developers, can all trace their beginnings back to these communities of prayer.

There is now a general resurgence of adoration and contemplation of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at Saint Cecilia we have adoration 24 hours a day with the exception of some weekend hours, holidays and bad weather. We can attest to and share with you how it is producing surprising personal and social blessings.

### Sign-up weekend is September 11/12.

#### Day time and evening hours needed are:

Sundays: 10:00PM

Wednesdays: 9:00AM, 1:00PM & 2:00PM

Thursdays: 1:00PM, 2:00PM, & 10:00PM

Fridays: 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 9:00PM, & 10:00PM

Saturdays: 11:00AM

Late night hours listed next week.

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

Please remember in your prayers: **Rose Banford** who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Hard part:  
 TRY LIVING  
 WHAT YOU PREACH



A priest who was traveling to preach a retreat stopped for some food and gas. Two men who were hanging

around struck up a conversation with him and began quoting passages from the Bible and mimicking a preacher. Trying to get a rise out of the priest, they teased him. "See, we can preach, too! It isn't that hard!" The priest replied, "Sure, it isn't difficult. Anyone can make a living preaching. Here's the tough part: Try living what you preach!"

Anyone can learn a catechism or memorize the responses to Confirmation questions with a little time and patience. But there is a big difference between knowledge and practice. We do not have to make a commitment to things we learn, but in order to put them into practice we do. The Letter to the Hebrews and Jesus himself reminds us that we need discipline, perseverance, and determination. We have to choose to live our life according to the values and things we believe in. It is one thing to preach that God is most important in our life. It is quite another to live by that, choosing God and God's way over everything else.

Failing to live our faith is only hypocritical when we really do not have any intention of living our faith. If we just go through the motions to please someone else, we don't really mean it. But if we try and fail, we need to try again, to keep at it until we are successful. In all our attempts to accomplish what is good, God will help us. His grace and his mercy will be our success!

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## STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself— my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the money I offer.

### Readings for the Week of August 22, 2004

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14