

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

Classes for Grades 1-8 begin the week of September 12. Registration is available during office hours (8:00AM-4:00PM) in the Religious Education Office.

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Fall Kickoff, Sunday, September 12, 6:30PM in the Church for **ALL** students and parents.

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

Adult Education

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

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 Adult/Youth Room. Call John at 232-3514.

TEEN MASS

Saturday, September 4, 5:00PM

ADOPT A PERENNIAL

Next spring the first phase of our building program will eliminate most of the flower gardens around the entrance to the church. In order to save most of these beautiful flowers, we are offering them to parishioners under an "Adopt a Perennial" program. Our hope is that individuals will take some of these perennials home and enjoy them for the next year. After the building is completed and new garden areas are established, some can be returned to again beautify the church.

The majority of the flowers will not be available until October; however, one of the flower beds is over an underground fuel tank which will likely be removed in September. If you wish to participate in this program please contact the parish office with your name and e-mail address/phone number. You will be notified when the flowers are to be removed.



**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SCHEDULE**

MASS SCHEDULE

STARTING SEPTEMBER 5

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Mass on Labor Day, September 6, 9:00AM

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.



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.

St. Mary Circle— Want to learn about the literacy program in Ames or about other Ames Public Library programs? Come to St. Mary's Circle, Thursday, September 1, 7:30PM, 2626 Ridgetop Road. For details call Pricilla Matt at 232-7688.

Sanctity of Life Committee meets Sunday, September 5, 9:00AM in the Parlors.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 233-6157 for information.

THE TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

for the day school and religious education programs is very low and there is a great need for assistance. Donations to this fund are always welcome and needed. Envelopes may be found in the church entrance. Donations may be taken to either the parish, school office or placed in the collection.

ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, August 30, 6:30-8:00PM, Multi/Purpose Room
Ice cream social. Come and have fun!!

Wednesday, September 1, 9:00AM, Church
All School Mass—Everyone Welcome

Reminder: No school, September 6, Labor Day

STEWARDSHIP

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give openly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

“Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack.”

(U.S. Bishops statement on Faithful Citizenship)

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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

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.

JERUSALEM FUND

Due to the ongoing conflict and lack of work, Holy Land Catholics, especially those in Jerusalem, are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Just as with us at the beginning of a school year, the cost of keeping their children in the Catholic school system is prohibitive for many. Saint Cecilia's Jerusalem Fund is ready to assist needy families with funds so that their children may continue to receive a Catholic education in the Islamic world. Please stop by the parish office and donate. Any amount will be of great help. Thank you!!

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 28

5:00PM: Joseph Mack

Sunday, August 29

8:30AM: Stan Olsson

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, August 31

7:00AM: Ralph & Lilian Svec

Wednesday, September 1

7:00AM: Rose Banford

Thursday, September 2

7:00AM: Norma Miller

Friday, September 3

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Saturday, September 4

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

Sunday, September 5

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Rosemary Roepke

11:15AM: Ralph Besch

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE LORD

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it seems like all we do is schedule appointments for ourselves and our families. Amongst all those appointments do we remember to schedule time with the Lord—a time where we can just sit quietly with the Lord our God and praise Him for the wonders of creation; tell Him that we are sorry for the things we forgot to do and ask His mercy for the things we did and shouldn't have; thank Him for the many blessings he has given; and ask for help and healing for our family, friends, co-workers, the Church and the world.

Eucharistic Adoration gives us this opportunity—to schedule an appointment with the Lord! It can be made anytime that fits into our daily schedule. Some parishioners have found that there is no better time to be with the Lord than the quiet of the night. Comments from the 12:00AM-6:00AM adorers include:

"It's a great way to begin the day. I enjoy being alone with the Lord. There is so much peace & quiet; no interruptions. It's easier to hear God speak & to lose yourself in the presence of the Lord."

"I used to think sleep was pretty important, but now that Jesus keeps giving me "opportunities" to be with him in the middle of the night, I'm thinking maybe sleep isn't so important after all. Our friends, our family, our co-workers, our priests, our church, the world, all need us to pray for them everyday. It's not what we get out of our adoration hour that matters; but rather what we can do for others with our prayers that really counts. People say to me, "I can pray at home; I don't have to go to the chapel," and that is true! But in the middle of the distractions of our daily routines, how many times do we really stop to pray for those who desperately need our prayers? The "midnight" hours are ideal for deep prayer for others. Give it a try"

Sign-up weekend is September 11/12.

"Midnight" hours needed are:

Mondays: 11:00PM

Wednesdays: 2:00AM, 3:00AM (4th week only)

Thursdays: 1:00AM (3rd & 4th weeks only)

Fridays: 2:00AM,

Saturdays: 12:00AM (weeks 3, 4, & 5), 4:00AM

Please remember in your prayers:

BLAIR JOHNSON, son of Charles and Mary Kay Johnson, 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.



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



No matter how much classroom education one has received, or how good the grades, in many professions there is nothing quite as useful or practical as an internship. Hands on training and guidance help transform the textbook knowledge of the classroom into useful, everyday skills. A mentor can offer shortcuts, pointers and insights that develop after years on the job. A good mentor is vital to successful training.

The book of Sirach is a collection of wise sayings and advice. It instructs young men on how to conduct themselves in relationship to others. The sayings and proverbs are the type which lend themselves to reflection and are not only practical, but also filled with wisdom. It is this type of wisdom that Jesus imparts to His disciples, showing them the practical side of humility and virtue when dealing with others. He, like the author of Sirach, mentors his disciples in the virtues of self-control and social grace.

We all need social graces, the core of which is respect for others. In recognizing the value and worth of other people, we can more easily put ourselves at their service, paying particular attention to the needs of the poor, and those unable to fend for themselves. We cannot allow people to be treated as less than human, or used for the profit and gain of someone else. If Jesus died and rose for all people, then no one is worthless. The lessons he taught us is our internship in faith.

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

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue
292-8414

Readings for the Week of August 29, 2004

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33