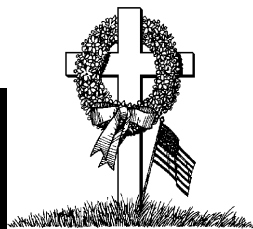


Religious Education

for the whole parish family

Early Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs for Fall 2008 is now taking place.

A discount is available for registrations received before June 1.
Forms available on the parish website.



Memorial Day

All Parish and Education Center offices will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Eucharistic Adoration will resume Tuesday, May 27, 7:00AM

Middle School Youth

Mark your calendars: YIKES Adventureland Trip, Wednesday, June 25.

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Last 9th Grade class: Wednesday, May 28, 7-8PM, A/Y Room.

Confirmation Meeting with Parents: Wednesday, May 28, 8-8:30, A/Y Room.

For Youth Ministry information please visit the website www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth

Young Adult

Young Adult Faith-Sharing Group: All adults 18-35 are welcome to join us for our Memorial Day Grill-Out, Thursday, May 29, 7PM at Brookside Park. Bring a dessert or side to share! R.S.V.P. to Anna, 515-232-3514.

RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, June 5, 6:30-9:00PM** in the A/Y Room. **All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session.** To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the A/Y room. Next session: June 2 (No scripture study on Memorial Day.)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Next session: May 27.

Saint Cecilia Parish, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010

Pastor: Father Ivan Nienhaus

Deacons: Gary Aitchison, John McCully

Ron Smith, Richard Tondra

Parish Office: 515-233-3092

School: 515-232-5290

Religious Education: 515-232-3514

Rectory: 515-233-9477

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is May 28. **Fellowship will meet at Brookside during summer months. Dates to be announced.** Contact Jenni Mortimer starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858 or Jon Ryan at sjryan2@isunet.net or 232-2075. All are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars for the Graduation Mass

on June 1 at 10:30AM. There will be a luncheon following Mass in the Social Hall provided by the juniors and their parents. Invitations have been mailed with a request for an RSVP to the Religious Education office. If you have not received an invitation, please contact the Religious

Education office at 232-3514.



Saint Cecilia Pictorial Directories

If you had your picture taken you may receive a free directory. Directories may be picked up in the Parish Office. Those who did not have their picture taken but wish to have a copy, may purchase one for \$10.

Body & Blood of Christ Procession

All are invited to join a Eucharistic Procession for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Sunday, May 25, 2008, after the 10:30AM Mass. The procession will go from Saint Cecilia Parish to Inis Grove Park. Bring your rosaries along as the rosary will be prayed as we process to the park. Fr. Nienhaus will lead Benediction at the park, followed by a light picnic.

The Ames Police Department will provide safe crossings. Those who are unable to walk are invited to drive to the park and wait near the newest shelter on Duff Ave. Transportation will be provided back to the Church so that drivers may pick up their cars and return to the park to pick up the rest of their passengers. This beautiful event will be meaningful to all who spend this time in Jesus' Real Presence.

Pope John Paul II reminded us: "The devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly brings joy to those who take part in it." Ecclesia de Eucharista.

Sponsored by Eucharistic Adoration, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America.

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, May 26: NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28: 2:15PM, Early dismissal

Thursday, May 29: 9:00AM, All-School & 5th Grade Graduation Mass

Thursday May 29: 7:00PM, Band & Orchestra Concert, Multi-purpose Room

Friday, May 30: 1:00PM, Annual "Let Your Light Shine" Talent Show

Tuesday, June 3: Final Day of School, Family Picnic

Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6: Staff in-service and work days

Enjoy your summer!



Vacation Bible School

June 9-13, 9:00-11:30AM—Ages 4-10

Please register in the Religious Education office or with Heather Currans (233-2690)
hccurrans@mchsi.com.

Donations Needed: Empty paper towel tubes, round plastic kids swimming pool (not inflatable), white lab coat, science items (beakers, periodic table, goggles etc.) Donated items may be taken to the School Office, Parish Office or placed in the drop box in the Ushers Room. Please label any items that you wish to have returned.

Position Available

A Part-time Preschool teacher is needed for an additional 3 year old program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Must have Iowa licensure with early childhood endorsement. Please drop off at the school office: cover letter, credentials, transcript, and references. Closing date: June 2, 2008.

40th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Richard Gaul who served Saint Cecilia Parish in Ames is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, June 1. A Mass of

Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10:00AM at St. Patrick Parish in Monona, Iowa. This will be followed by a dinner in the Parish Center. He would be honored by the presence of any of the Saint Cecilia Parishioners who might like to join him for this special occasion. Cards may be sent to: Very Rev. Richard Gaul, 311 7th St., McGregor, IA 52157



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Altar Server Ministry: Youth, just finishing their fourth grade year and older, may consider an Altar Server ministry. The role of the server is to assist the other ministers of the liturgy, especially the Presider, so that the ceremonies proceed smoothly. Their functions include holding the book as the Presider leads the community in prayer and offering and returning various objects as they are needed in the worship service. The training session will be held in the Church, and will last about an hour. New servers will be scheduled and added to the server list coming out in July. Please choose one of the following sessions for training: **Tuesday, May 27, 6:30-7:30PM;** **Thursday, May 29, 6:30-7:30PM.** Any questions please contact Wayne Baumhover at 290-8586.

Postville Raid

After the recent raid in Postville, Archbishop Hanus pointed out the need for comprehensive immigration reform and reminded "believers to welcome the stranger among us, to treat the alien with respect and charity, and to provide pastoral and humanitarian assistance." The Archbishop's statement can be found at www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Body and Blood of Christ

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus promised us great things, such as eternal life and the Holy Spirit to guide us. He promised us comfort and nourishment for all of our lives, and in exchange for these things, he only asked that we believe in God and love one another. Not a bad deal at all! But realizing the pressures we would be under from an unbelieving world, he asked us to remember him also with a very special meal, the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving" (CCC 1360). Today, as you approach to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, do it as if it were the very first time, and give thanks for all that has been given to you.

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Parish Election Results

New Members

Board of Education

Mark Hanson, Nathan Pelzer & Diana Thatcher

Parish Council

Jon Nelson, Gary Novey & John Sankovitch

Thank you to all candidates in the election. We had an excellent slate of candidates. Your willingness to serve our parish is appreciated.

Saint Cecilia Community Book Store Hours

Saturday: 1:00-6:30PM

Sunday: 9:30AM-12:30PM

Monday 5:30-8:30PM

Other Evenings by Special request

Your Financial Stewardship (May 12-May 18)

Weekly Contributions (general) \$ 22,356

Needed weekly to meet expenses \$ 18,217

Weekly Contributions (building) \$ 2,189

Thank you to contributors to our General Fund and Building Fund. A special thank you to those who have increased their contributions. More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

Chapter Two: God Comes to Meet Man, Article 3 Sacred Scripture

IV The Canon of Scripture

Paragraph 127: The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident both in the veneration which the liturgy accords it and in the surpassing attraction it has exercised on the saints at all times:

There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.

But above all it's the Gospels that occupy my mind when I'm at prayer; my poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I'm always finding fresh lights there, hidden and enthralling meanings.

Why is Corpus Christi Sunday now called the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ?

Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) as the feast honoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the elements of bread and wine became a universal church celebration in 1264, under Pope Urban IV. At the time, so few people felt worthy to receive the Eucharist that in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council stipulated that people had to receive communion at least once a year.

This came to be known as the Easter duty, since one was obliged to receive communion yearly sometime between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, a period of over ninety days. At that time, and up to the time of Vatican II (1962-1965), Catholics only shared the host at communion time. The cup was reserved exclusively for the priest to partake.

Vatican II liturgical reforms stressed recapturing the richness and fullness of sacramental symbols, moving away from the diminishment of symbols that had sometimes been prevalent. The cup was reinstated for all, enriching the fullness of the sacramental presence of Christ in the elements of both consecrated bread and wine. So a feast known simply as the Body of Christ is now enriched by renaming it the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. When receiving communion, we are now strongly encouraged to share both in the host and the cup.

Reflect on how sharing communion under both kinds makes our Eucharistic celebration more rich and meaningful.

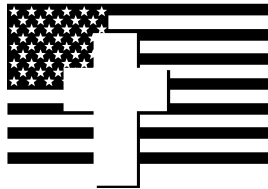
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Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 9:00AM on Memorial Day. No Mass at Saint Cecilia on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear God,
on this day we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom. Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake. St. Martin, St. George and St. Joan of Arc: pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be.
Amen.

MEMORIAL DAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 24

5:00PM: Doris Kleinschmidt

Sunday, May 25

8:30AM: Doris Schaeffer

10:30AM: Stephen Richeson

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, May 27

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

5:15PM: Vivian Pometto

Wednesday, May 28

7:00AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:15PM: Msgr. William Schultes Family

Thursday, May 29

7:00AM: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Collins

9:00AM: Bob Vidimos

5:15PM: Joe Buboltz

Friday, May 30

7:00AM: Stephen Asjes

5:15PM: Amanda & Jason Kramer

Saturday, May 31

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, June 1

8:30AM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

10:30AM: Simon Langel

5:00PM: An End to Abortion

Prayer Opportunities (Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration: The chapel is open for adoration.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM

Rosary: Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday before 7:00AM Mass. The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite)

Prayer Hour for Youth & the Future of the Church:

Friday, 4:00PM

Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain Requests:
stceciliapayerchain@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

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