

# 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 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 AM**

**Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM**

**Holyday:** Check inside listing for times.

### Prayer Opportunities

**Evening Prayer:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5:00PM 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, 9-10:00PM in the Chapel.

**Rosary:** Monday, 7:00AM & 7:30PM in the Chapel.

**Christians in the Spirit:** Tuesday, 7-9PM, Chapel

**Saturday Morning Prayer:** 7:00AM, 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.

### PARISH STAFF

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**Parish fax number: 233-6423**

**Catholic Charities 296-2759**  
Office located at St. Thomas Aquinas

**Religious Education**  
for the whole parish family

**Religious Education Classes**

?? **Pre-School & Kindergarten** meets during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. March dates: 7, 21

?? **Grades 1-6**

**Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM**

March class dates: 1, 22, 29

**Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM**

March class dates: 3, 24, 31

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

**Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM**

March class dates: 3, 24, 31

**Catechist In-service, March 10**

**First Eucharist**

**March 28:** ( Optional) Bread making. 2:30PM, Multi-purpose room. Call 232-3514 for reservations.

**March 30:** Share-A-Meal, 7-8:30PM, Social Hall

**Youth Ministry**

?? **Grades 9-12**

**Classes meet Sundays 7-8:30PM**

**Next class:** February 29

**Come to R.U.S.H. hour every Wednesday...**

**Mar. 3:** Movie night at North Grand 5, meet 6:30PM, Education Center

**March 10:** Praise & Worship/Topic discussion, meet in Church

**March 17:** Spring Break

**Stuebenville North** takes place July 30-August 1. Sign-up now. Call Joe at 232-3514.

Please consider donating your no longer needed dart board or foosball table or other recreational games to Saint Cecilia for use by the youth of the parish. Call Joe or Bill at 232-3514 or the parish office at 233-3092.

**Adult Education**

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, March 1.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, March 2.

**TEEN MASS 5:00PM**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held Fridays, 7:00PM, in the Church, beginning March 5.

**LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION**, Wednesdays, 7-8:00PM, in the Chapel, beginning March 3.

**FISH FRY**, March 12, 26

**ADORATION**

How about something new this Lent? If you haven't tried Eucharistic Adoration before, Lent is a wonderful time to start. It's a great way to make time for an hour a week of prayer and reflection. It helps make a habit that flows into the rest of your week and into your life. Call Cyndi Volcko at 233-5267 to set up a time convenient for you or try one of the hours where an adorers is especially needed: Wednesday, 2:00AM and 2:00PM; Thursday, 5:00PM; Friday, 2:00AM and 9:00PM; Saturday 12:00AM(midnight), 4:00AM, and 11:00AM. The 8:00AM hour (any day of the week) is in need of a second adorers.

**A RELIGIOUS GOODS AND BOOK SALE** will be held in the Parlors after all masses the weekend of March 6/7. This is a good opportunity to purchase Lenten reading materials and gift items for Easter, First Eucharist and Confirmation.



**COME TO THE PARISH POTLUCK**, Tuesday, March 2, 6:00PM in the North Social Hall. Fried chicken, beverage and table service are provided. Please bring a dish to share. Families of all ages are encouraged to attend.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will meet Wednesday, March 3, for dinner at 6:15PM followed by a meeting and program at 7:00PM. Jane Graham will speak on Living Stones and Connecticut. A small number of olive-wood items will be available to purchase.

**ST. MARY CIRCLE** meets Thursday, March 4, 6:00PM at Audubon's restaurant. Members should call Jeannine Moore at 233-1788 if they wish to attend and have not been contacted about reservations.

**ST. GERARD CIRCLE** meets Thursday, March 4, 7:30PM at the home of Barbara Gwiasda, 3420 Eisenhower Avenue. JoAnne Dalhoff will speak on "The Role of Women in the Church". Members are asked to bring items to donate to ACCESS. If you are not a member of St. Gerard Circle but would like to attend, call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP** meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the Adult/Youth Room. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 515-795-4224 for information.

The playgroup is looking for good used toys for children up to 5 years of age to replenish the toy closet. Please bring your donations to the parish office.

**PASSION OF CHRIST WEBSITE**

With the release of the Passion of the Christ film Pauline Books and Media announces the creation of a website, ChristsPassion.com. The website includes discussions about the film; catechetical and theological background material; aids for contemplating and praying the passion of Christ; suggestions for talking to children about Christ's suffering and death; and ways for people to respond to God's love as revealed in Jesus.

**PASSION OF CHRIST DISCUSSIONS** will be held in the parlors at 9:30PM, March 3; 7:00PM March 4 and 11. Discussions at St. Thomas Aquinas will be held February 28, 1:00PM; February 29, 4:00PM; March 4, 8:00PM; March 8, 1:00PM ; March 10, 6:00PM in the lower lounge.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** An informational meeting will be held March 28 during coffee and donuts, following the 9:30AM Mass, for anyone who has helped with VBS in the past and would like to help this year. Call Dawn Aitchison at 515-795-4224 or Brenda Diesslin at 292-0625 for more information.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Saint Cecilia Parish** is in need of Director of Religious Education (DRE) beginning July 1, 2004. Responsibilities include: Programs for preschool through eighth grade, adult education, sacramental preparation, RCIA and collaboration with school principal and youth minister on catechetical needs.

**Qualifications:** practicing Catholic, MA or BA degree in theology, religious studies, pastoral studies or a related field, practical catechetical experience. Salary and benefits based on education and experience.

**Send resume by March 26 to:**

Search Committee  
Saint Cecilia Church  
2900 Hoover Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

**SAINT CECILIA CHOIR** will rehearse for the Lent/Easter season on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM. The choir sings at the 9:30AM Mass during Lent, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. New members are welcome to join for the season. For more information contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.



**SAINT CECILIA WILL HOST JAIME CORTEZ**, OCP composer and clinician, the weekend of March 27/28. Born in New York and raised in El Salvador, Jaime is fluent in both English and Spanish. His involvement in the pastoral music ministry begun at St. Bridget Church in Mesa, Arizona, reflects his long-term dedication to promoting better Hispanic liturgies and bringing cultures together for worship. On Saturday, March 27, Cortez will lead a music ministry workshop from 9:00AM-3:00PM, focusing on the Basics of our Music Ministry and Achieving Balance in our Liturgy and Music. **Cortez will perform a concert at 3:00PM, Sunday, March 28. All are invited.** A free-will offering will be taken. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN! A REMINDER OF THE Women's Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)** scheduled for March 12-14 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny. **Don't put your need for a deeper relationship with God and community on the back burner this year.** Brochures are available in the literature rack or the pamphlet holder outside the parish office. Call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263 if you have questions.

**BAPTISM**

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday, April 1, 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 can be scheduled for any masses on Easter as a celebration of new life. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 28**

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Sunday, February 29**

8:00AM: Mary Meyers

9:30AM: Jack Gehm

11:15AM: Richard Delaney

**Tuesday, March 2**

7:00AM: Doris Warner

**Wednesday, March 3**

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

9:00AM: Kathy Ennis

**Thursday, March 4**

7:00AM: Marge and Carl Benson

**Friday, March 5**

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

**Saturday, March 6**

5:00PM: Youth of the Area

**Sunday, March 7**

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Rosemary Roepke

11:15AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty



## Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our Lenten activities, the parish will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, a program initiated by Catholic Relief Services. The rice bowls are being distributed as part of the bulletin this weekend. Home calendars are in the baskets at the church entrance.

**This Week's Country and Program: Pakistan**—The level of literacy in Pakistan is one of the lowest in the world. 72% of the women cannot read or write.

**Challenge for the Week:** Please contribute 10 cents for every book, magazine and newspaper you read this week.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**, Saturday, March 27, Dyersville, IA. The Journey Home: "Coming to Faith" begins with registration at 7:00AM and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hanus at 5:15PM. Preregistration fee is \$25 postmarked by February 25, or \$35 at the door. Lunch and conference materials included. Registration forms available in the literature rack or call 563-556-2585 for more information.



**PLEASE CHECK THE USHERS ROOM:** Misplaced items located there include diaper bags, earrings, dishes, and clothing items. Unclaimed items will be discarded at the end of the month.

**FINDING GOD IN OUR DAILY LIFE**, a Lenten presentation by Fr. Richard J. Hauser, Professor of Theology at Creighton University, will be held Saturday, March 27, 9:00AM-3:00PM, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center in Webster City. This presentation is intended for anyone who desires to live a deeply Christian life in the midst of busy daily schedules. Please call 515-832-1190 or e-mail DBQ218secAarch.prt.k12.ia.us by March 17, if you wish to attend in order to provide a count for those preparing the soup luncheon. There is no charge for the presentation but a free will offering will be taken for the lunch.



**WE ARE PLEASED** to thank you for your sustained efforts on behalf of the Holy Land Gifts program and the artisans in Bethlehem. This year, more than 100 churches across the United States hosted gift sales during the Christmas and Advent seasons.

We know that you understand the impact of this work on the lives of Holy Land Christians, but we also want to thank you because your efforts have "not simply" provided some income stability for Christians in the Holy Land. More than that, your work invited many new people to pray and live in solidarity with the Christians of our Mother Church. It is this "living Community" that will produce the real fruits of our efforts.

We are beginning to have more blessings that we can ever count.

William Peecher- Holy Land Gifts Chairman  
Rand Handal-Holy Land Gifts Coordinator

**THE NEXT OLIVEWOOD SALE** will be held after all masses the weekends of March 20/21 and 27,28 in the parlors. Lent and Easter items will be available.

# Do something different

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1st Sunday of Lent

Many of us have had the experience of being distracted in the middle of doing some work, and we forget what we were on our way to do. At times, it is helpful to retrace our steps, our conversations, and our actions to pick up where we left off. It helps us remember what we were doing and what we intended to do.

The readings from Luke's Gospel these past few weeks lead us up to Lent. In his preface, he gives us reasons to be excited about faith. We are called to a mission: to be committed to actively living faith. The Beatitudes provide a blueprint for living faith, and Jesus Himself teaches a practical lesson on how faith changes us. So now, we come to the great retreat of the Church, Lent. It is a time to prepare for Easter and a time to seek spiritual cleansing and renewal.

In response to Luke's Gospel, do something different this Lent. Do something for your faith. Practice the beatitudes. Read the whole Gospel of Luke. Attend a Lenten program. Pick out one of the works of mercy and do it. Get in the habit of performing random acts of kindness. Be extra friendly to strangers. In our hearts we know what we need to do to draw closer to God, deepen our faith, and be more Christ-like in our attitude and behavior. This is the time to practice **what we preach!**

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"**JUDAS**" the story of Jesus from the point of view of the friend who betrayed him, can be seen Monday, March 8, 8:00PM on the ABC television network. Help support quality entertainment rooted in faith by spreading the work to your family and friends.

### Readings for the Week of February 29, 2004

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13;  
Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1;  
Lk 9:28b-36