

# 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

**Pastor**  
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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** meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. March dates: 21

?? **Grades 1-6**

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

March class dates: 22, 29

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

March class dates: 24, 31

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

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

March class dates: 24, 31

### First Eucharist

**March 28:** ( Optional) Bread making.

1:30PM, Social Hall. 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:** March

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

**March 17:** Spring Break

**March 24:** Pizza & movie; meet 6:30PM A/Y Room

**March 31:** Bowling at Memorial Union. Meet 6:30PM, Ed. Center

**April 7:** Scavenger Hunt. Meet 7:00PM, Ed. Center

**April 14:** Passion Movie, Meet Ed. Center

**April 21:** Praise & Worship with the Saint Cecilia "House band" **Benediction**, 7:00PM, Church

**April 28:** Bonfire social Meet 7:00PM, Ed. Center

**May 5:** Cinco de Mayo Party, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

**May 12:** Praise & Worship with band **Benediction**, 7:00PM, Church

**May 19:** Senior Appreciation Party, 7:00PM, A/Y Room

**May 26:** Graduation—NO RUSH Activity

**Stuebenville North** takes place July 30-August 1.

Sign-up now. Call Joe at 232-3514.

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, March 23.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, March 15.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays, 7:00PM, in the Church.

**LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION**, Wednesdays, 7-8:00PM, in Parlor B. **(Note change of location)**

**FISH FRY**, March 26

### LENTEN PRACTICES

Some communities have the practice of emptying the holy water fonts during the season of Lent. We have done this at Saint Cecilia in some years. Such a practice can remind us of the desert theme found in the Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent. The practice of keeping water in the font is also helpful for it directs our thoughts to our baptismal promises. This year the water remains, so we sign ourselves with it to grow in awareness of the blessing we have received in our baptism.

**OLIVEWOOD SALE**, after all masses, March 20/21 and March 27/28 in the Parlors. Lent and Easter items will be available. Please help show continued support and solidarity to our fellow Christians living in the Holy Land. Sponsored by Connectus through the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Inc.

**OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS** will meet Tuesday, March 16, 9:30AM at the home of Carol Catus. Anyone interested in making rosaries should call 233-1393.

**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.

**ACCORDING TO THE VATICAN'S 2000 page *Annuario Pontificio*, at the end of 2002:**

?? There were more than 1.07 billion Catholics worldwide, an increase of 11 million over 2001.

?? Catholics account for 17.2% of the world population of more than 6.2 billion.

?? Catholics make up 62.4 percent of the population of the Americas, 40.5 percent of the European population, 26.8 percent of the population in Oceania, 16.5 percent of the African population and 3 percent of the Asian population. Catholics make up 23 percent of the U.S. population.

?? Worldwide there are 405,058 priests, 4,685 Catholic Bishops, 31,097 permanent deacons, 54,828 religious brothers and 782,932 religious women.

?? The number of major seminarians rose from 112,244 in 2001 to 112,982 in 2002.

**JAIME CORTEZ****In Concert, Sunday, March, 28****3:00PM, Saint Cecilia Church**

Free will offering

**Workshops: Saturday, March 27, 9:00AM-3:00PM****"The Basics of Music Ministry"****"Liturgy in Music: Achieving Balance"**

\$10 registration fee includes lunch

Cortez, a composer, arranger and performer, dedicates a portion of his ministry to promoting better Hispanic liturgies and bringing cultures together for worship. His main instrument is guitar, though he is proficient in piano and other stringed instruments such as charango, vihuela and bass guitar. **To register for the workshop or for more information, call Bob Hauser at 233-3092.**

**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.

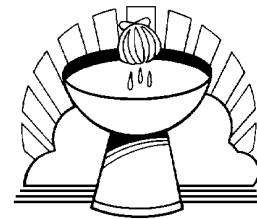
**Send resume by March 26 to:**

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.

**SPRING 3 IN 1 COLLECTION**

The Archdiocese will soon send a mailing for the Spring 3 in 1 collection. This collection is for **Peter's Pence**, **American Bishop's Overseas Appeal**, and the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. You may designate how you wish your contribution distributed. If you do not receive the mailing and wish to contribute, please use a plain envelope and mark it for the 3 In 1 collection.

**February Baptisms**

**David Michael**, son of Daniel & Michelle Andrews  
**Kynsly Nikole**, daughter of Stephen & Brenda Gehling  
**Sarah Jordyn**, daughter of Wayne & Stephanie Imhoff  
**Frederick Stangeland**, son of Mark & Sarah Lewis  
**Julia Christine**, daughter of Christopher & Jennifer Sillman

**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, March 13**

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

**Sunday, March 14**

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Guillermo &amp; Clara Suarez

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Tuesday, March 16**

7:00AM: Bunny Richert

**Wednesday, March 17**

7:00AM: Jim Sullivan

**Thursday, March 18**

7:00AM: Doris Tamashunas

**Friday, March 19**

7:00AM: George Swick

**Saturday, March 20**

5:00PM: Lillian Hussey

**Sunday, March 21**

8:00AM: Richard Sullivan

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Richard Lang

## **Operation Rice Bowl**

**This Week's Country and Program: Honduras**—19% of the population in rural Honduras lacks access to safe drinking water.

**Challenge for the Week:** Give 10 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every glass of water you drink this week.

### ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

**The Life of Christ** by Giuseppe Ricciotti gives the reader a sense of the time and place in which Jesus lived on earth and tells of His meaning for all time. This is a book to read slowly and savor. Look for it on the bookcase by the door in the St. Francis Room Library.

**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. Fee is \$35. Lunch and conference materials included. Registration forms available in the literature rack or call 563-556-2585 for more information.

**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.

**CAN YOU HELP?** A young Catholic female living with a family in Story City is in need of a ride to weekend Mass. Please call the parish office (233-3092 ) if you would be able to offer a ride either occasionally or on a regular basis.



Please pray for our parishioners who are ill.

## We Need The Following:

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Do you have a used small couch that you just don't have room for anymore? Why not donate it to the reading area of a loving classroom (grades 2, 3, and 5)? Call the Saint Cecilia school office at 232-5290, to make a donation.

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 Students need to master the skill of evaluating web sites on the internet. There are so many and some of the information contained on sites is less than true. Good research needs good information. Only reliable and trustworthy sites are a good resource for writing and research. Students line up the evidence of who, where, what, when and why and come to the moment of truth. To use or not to use - that is the question!



God gives reassurances that He is reliable and trustworthy when He calls the prophets to announce His message to His People. He calls them, answers their objections and concerns, and then offers them a word or sign of reassurance. Moses immediately realizes he is in the Presence of God when he comes to the burning bush. The miraculous sign points to the power of God which will direct Moses and free Israel from Egypt. But it also encourages Moses to faith and confidence in the promises God makes.

As a prophetic people, God gives us signs of reassurance. The steadfast presence of the Church, the grace and power of sacraments, the prayers and goodness of His People all remind us of God's Presence, grace and love in our lives. We are reassured of the fidelity of God and the power of His covenant with us. These un failing gifts sustain our efforts as we preach, teach and live the Gospel.

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### JUST CHANGE: VOICES FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE:

A Resource Fair will be held Tuesday, March 30, 9:15PM, Bethesda Lutheran Church for individuals, groups or leaders interested in basic economic issues and in understanding the global economy and its local impacts. Six books will be reviewed by local readers and can be purchased at the fair on consignment from Big Table Books. Sponsored by the Interfaith Economic Justice Initiative in Ames. Contact Beverly Reddick for more information; bev\_reddick@quest.net or 292-0861.

### Readings for the Week of March 14, 2004

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32