

# 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** 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

### Registration for 2004-2005 Programs Religious Education/Youth Ministry Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Sunday, April 18, 7-8:30PM**

**Monday, April 19, 6:15-7:30PM**

**Wednesday, April 21, 4-5:20PM & 7-8:20PM**

Registration will take place in the Education Center Multi-purpose Room.

### Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

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

**Next class:** March 21

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

**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 22



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

**LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION:** Wednesdays, 7-8:00PM, in Parlor B.

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION:** Monday, April 5, 7:30PM

**LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION:** Wednesday, April 7, 7:30PM

**SEDER SUPPER:** Thursday, April 8, 5:50-7:00PM

All members of the parish family are invited

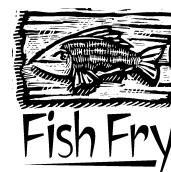
**Friday, March 26**

**Serving 5-7:00PM**

**Adults \$6; Ages 4-12, \$4**

Children under 4 eat free

**Desserts available for a small donation**



Profits support vocations and the mentally handicapped of Story County. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**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 Connecticut through the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Inc.

**SIXTY PLUS GROUP** meets for a potluck luncheon, Tuesday, March 23. Please bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. Plan to eat by 12:15PM. Following the meal, Story County Sheriff, Paul Fitzgerald will speak and answer questions.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS National Day of the Unborn Child.** All are invited to a holy hour including the rosary, Thursday, March 25, 6:00PM in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Rev. Zachary Kucin Council #2230 in association with the Sanctity of Life Committee.

**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.

**ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN** provides bulletins at no cost to the parish and lets other parishioners know of your business. The week of April 12, Dick Girman of Liturgical Publications will be in Ames setting up advertising for our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, or the battered women's shelter etc. Please give these ideas some thought. If you are interested call Dick Girman at 800-678-4574 or call the parish office (233-3092) the week of April 12.



## 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

### THE SAINT CECILIA 5TH GRADE

**CLASS** will serve a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast following the 8:00 & 9:30AM masses Sunday, March 28. Please plan to attend and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Free will donations will go toward their field trip. Hope to see you there.



**Pancake Breakfast**

**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 recently sent 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.

**THANKS** to the people of Saint Cecilia for their generous support of the Walk to Cure Diabetes! On Saturday, March 6, Emily's Army of Angels, our team of 33 walkers participated in the Walk, which was attended by more than 6,000 people. We raised more than \$2,000.00 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

*Saint Cecilia 5th grade class*

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the Knights of Columbus for providing meals to the 45 members of the St. Benedict's/John's Wind Ensemble.

### 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 20

5:00PM: Lillian Hussey

### Sunday, March 21

8:00AM: Richard Sullivan

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Richard Lang

### Tuesday, March 23

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

### Wednesday, March 24

7:00AM: Dorothy Healy

9:00AM: Edward Holden

### Thursday, March 25

7:00AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

### Friday, March 26

7:00AM: Joan Donovan

### Saturday, March 27

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

### Sunday, March 28

8:00AM: Lillian Hussey

9:30AM: Mike McPeak

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

## **Operation Rice Bowl**

**This Week's Country and Program: East Timor**—East Timor is one of the newest countries in the world. It was declared independent on May 20, 2002. 64% of the households in the country do not have access to electricity.

**Challenge for the Week:** Give 10 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every light switch in your house.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** A \$500 scholarship in memory of Rita M. Howe, will be awarded to a Catholic graduating senior in the Marshalltown Deanery who is active in their parish and planning to further their education at either a two year or four year school of their choice. Rita was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Parish in Saint Anthony and known in the Marshalltown Deanery for her work with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Application deadline is April 15. Pick up an application in the parish office.

**NEWMAN SINGERS** in concert, Friday, March 26, 7:30PM, St. Patrick's Church, 1027 10th Street, Nevada. A free will offering will be taken.

### LECTURE ON SALVATION

Fr. Michael Fahey, S.J. professor of Catholic Theology at Marquette University, will speak on *"Salvation" Who is Saved?*, **Wednesday**, March 31, 8:00PM in the Memorial Union Sun Room. Sponsored by the campus ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Student Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**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.

## **We Need The Following:**

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)?

The school kitchen is in need of empty Cool Whip containers, ice cream pails, etc.

Call the Saint Cecilia school office at 232-5290, to make a donation.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

During an election campaign, the focus can easily slip away from issues and ideas and focus on the flaws and imperfections of the candidates.

One editorial made the cynical observation that there is nothing like a bit of bad press to turn the political sinner into a prodigal son! Past faults, failings and mistakes are acknowledged just as quickly as they are uncovered. Election Day finds candidates squeaky clean!



The word "prodigal" means wastefully extravagant. This son returns to his father when he realizes that the family servants have a better life than his. He wastes his inheritance, running through money and friends. Left alone, he comes to the realization that he is now alone and broke. Home looked pretty good!

People repent for many reasons: fear, or greed, or lack of options, or genuine sorrow. Our reasons are not as important as the fact that we repent. God welcomes us back, embracing us with love and mercy that restores us and heals us. We don't need a special reason or well-defined motives for turning from sin. Lent and the nearness of Easter give us our reason to repent, to make amends and move forward in faith. Don't wait. The Lord is anxiously waiting for you.

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### JUST CHANGE: VOICES FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE:

A Resource Fair will be held Tuesday, March 30, 7:15-9:15PM, 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.



Please pray for our parishioners who are ill.

### Readings for the Week of March 21, 2004

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11