

# 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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**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. April dates: 21
- ?? **Grades 1-6**  
**Mondays, 6:10-7:30PM**  
 March class dates: 29  
**Wednesdays, 4-5:20PM**  
 March class dates: 31
- ?? **Grades 7 & 8**  
**Wednesdays, 7-8:20PM**  
 March class dates: 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:**

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

- 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

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


**There will be no Teen Mass in April.**

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, March 29

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, March 30

### THE SAINT CECILIA 5TH GRADE

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



## JAIME CORTEZ

In Concert

**Sunday, March 28**

**3:00PM, Saint Cecilia Church**

Free will offering

**OLIVEWOOD SALE**, after all masses 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 Connexus through the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Inc.

**THE LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday, April 2 at 7PM will have a special children's focus. Families, as well as other members of the parish, are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent devotion in preparation for Holy Week.

**SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** will meet in the Parlors at 9AM on April 4. All are invited to attend.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will meet on Wednesday, April 7, for dinner at 6:15PM. The Catholic Daughters will attend the Last Supper play at 7:30PM. Guests are welcome. Call Radka Steffes (296-9145) for dinner reservations.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 4\*:** Palm Sunday Services. Weather permitting, the congregation will gather outside the church and proceed indoors.

**Monday April 5:** Communal Reconciliation, 7:30PM

**Tuesday, April 6:** Private Reconciliation, 7:00-8:00PM

**Wednesday, April 7:** Private Reconciliation, 11:30-12:30  
 Last Supper Presentation, 7:30PM

**Thursday, April 8:** Seder Supper, 5:30PM  
 Liturgy of the Last Supper, 7:30PM

**Friday, April 9:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,  
 2:00PM & 7:30PM

**Saturday, April 10:** Blessing of the Easter Food,  
 12:30PM, Parlors  
 Easter Vigil, 8:00PM (There is no 5:00PM Mass.)

**Sunday, April 11:** Easter Liturgies,  
 8:00AM, 9:30PM, 11:15AM

\*Daylight Saving Time begins April 4 at 2:00AM.

**MARCH IS GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARENESS MONTH.**

Please take a few moments to view the display in the glass cabinet on the northwest wall of the entry to the church. The capstone event is a concert at 7PM on Sunday, March 28, at the Ames City Auditorium, 515 Clark Avenue. **Sheltered Reality**, a group composed of young lowans, age 7 to 17, will perform. They are primarily a drumming group, like *Stomp*. The members are committed to performing **Music with Meaning** by using their performances to generate money to help those in need. A free-will offering will be taken.

**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 WEEK OF APRIL 12**, Dick Girman of Liturgical Publications will be in Ames setting up advertising for our bulletin. Advertising in our bulletin provides bulletins at no cost to the parish and lets other parishioners know of your business. 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.

**A Note of Thanks**

Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed the visit from Dr. Scallon and his family and wanted to thank you for the wonderful donations they brought with them. The five suitcases full of clothing and toys and shoes was an incredibly beautiful gift. All these things will be used in the nutrition center and our new orphanage, Hogar Suyapa. Your generous financial contribution of \$1245.50 will be put to use providing food and things for the children.

We are so appreciative of your support of our work here. We would love to meet more of the parishioners of your church as they are clearly kind and generous people. Visitors would be welcome any time. Thank you again.

Yours in Christ,  
Padre Ramon Pease, S. J.

**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.

**BOOK REPORT:** *The Sign of the Cross* by Bert Ghezzi is a small, easy-to-read book on the history and power of the sign of the cross. It shows that Christ bestows many graces upon those who bless themselves with knowledge and devotion using the sign of the cross. Look for this book on the shelf by the door of the St. Francis Room Library.

**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.



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 27**

5:00PM: Edward & Paul Shevokas

**Sunday, March 28**

8:00AM: Lillian Hussey

9:30AM: Mike McPeak

11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Tuesday, March 30**

7:00AM: Joseph Gowey

**Wednesday, March 31**

7:00AM: Thomas Heaton

9:00AM: Grades 1 & 2 - Paraliturgiy in Chapel

**Thursday, April 1**

7:00AM: Doris Warner

**Friday, April 2**

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

**Saturday, April 3**

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Sunday, April 4**

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Mel Manion

11:15AM: Guillermo & Clara Suarez



## Operation Rice Bowl

**This Week's Country and Program: The Gambia**—Over 12 million children living in Africa have been orphaned since the year 2000 because their parents have died of HIV/AIDS. More than 5,000 AIDS orphans live in The Gambia.

**Challenge for the Week:** Be thankful for Ames' excellent medical facilities and contribute 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for each member of your family.

**JUST CHANGE: VOICES FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE:**

A Resource Fair will be held Tuesday, March 30, 7 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.

**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.

**DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED RENEWAL?** Put life back into your relationship. A Retrouvaille weekend will be held in Dubuque starting on Friday evening, April 16 and ending Sunday afternoon, April 18. For confidential information, call Dick and Joyce Smith at 563-875-8791 or 800-470-2230.

"Catholic teaching offers a consistent set of moral principles for assessing issues, platforms, and campaigns. Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, we start with the dignity of the human person. Our teaching calls us to protect human life from conception to natural death . . ."  
 " (U. S. Bishops statement on Faithful Citizenship)



Please remember in your prayers: **BUCK ADAMSON**, husband of Marianne Adamson, 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.

### 5th Sunday of Lent

A young doctor spoke to the parish's social justice committee about



the need for medical supplies at a mission he worked at. He outlined the needs of the clinic, the medical issues of the people and the desperate need for international aid. He made the point that when suffering and struggle is removed from us, it is out of sight and out of mind. It is easy to judge people as lazy or undeserving when we do so from a distance, uninvolved and disconnected. But once you gaze into the eyes of a sick child, help can not come fast enough. Judgment is replaced by compassion.

People can be very judgmental about sin. Every society and every age has its list of sins they deem unforgivable. As long as it is someone else, the punishment is easy to hand out, making the sinner pay not only the price of their sin, but also the price of making others feel superior and righteous. Jesus knows this as they drag a woman in front of Him, ready to stone her. He simply asks the first stone to be thrown by the one with no sin. No one is perfect and they are aware of their own sinfulness. Stones are left behind as sinners are judged by their own conscience.

We are an imperfect people, each struggling with our own sins and failures. Aware of personal shortcomings, we need to support one another in our search for grace, healing and forgiveness. Sin thrives in division but is defeated by love. As we draw closer to Holy Week, we walk with the Lord and with one another to the cross. Judgment is replaced by love

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**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 all the members of our parish and our community who are ill.

**Readings for the Week of March 28, 2004**

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56