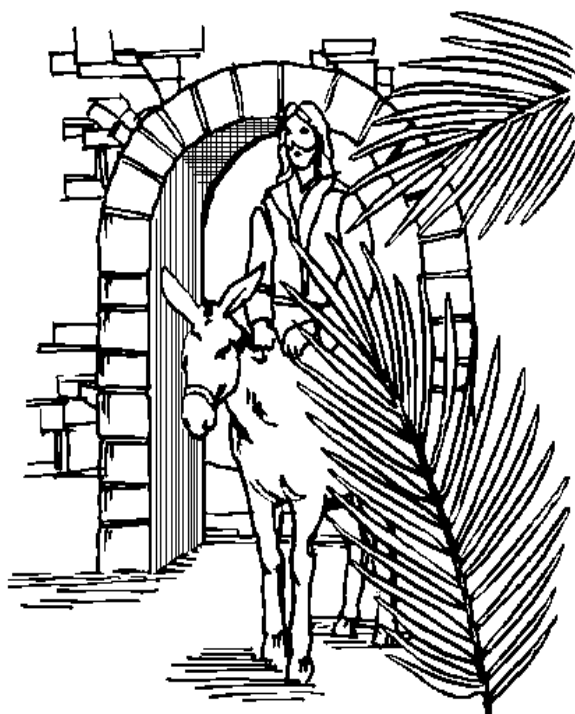


# SAINT CECILIA

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday: 7:30PM**

**Good Friday: 2:00PM & 7:30PM**

**Easter Vigil: 8:00PM**

**Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30  
& 11:15AM**



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## 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: 4, 18

?? **Grades 1-6**

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

April class dates: 12, 19

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

April class dates: 14, 21

?? **Grades 7 & 8**

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

April class dates: 14, 21

### 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

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

**April 7:** Passion Movie, Meet Ed. Center

**April 14:** Scavenger Hunt. Meet 7:00PM, 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, April 5

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, April 6

## 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

In celebration of new life, Baptisms are scheduled for the Easter Vigil & 9:30 Mass

**SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE** will meet in the Parlors at 9AM today, 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 presentation at 7:30PM. Guests are welcome. Call Radka Steffes (296-9145) for dinner reservations.

**SEDER SUPPER**, Holy Thursday, April 8, 5:30-7:00PM in the Social Hall. All members of the parish family are invited to attend —adults, kids, singles, families. There will not be a charge for the meal but donations are welcome.

The Seder will finish in sufficient time to attend the Holy Thursday Liturgy in the Church. Call 296-2966 by April 5 to make reservations.



Seder Meal

**COME TO THE PARISH POTLUCK**, Tuesday, April 6, 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.

**EVERY WOMAN** in Saint Cecilia Parish is invited to attend the SCCCW (Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women) Salad/Dessert Supper in the Social Hall, Thursday, April 15, at 6:00PM. Please bring a salad to serve 8. Everything else will be furnished. Deacon John McCully will present the program, "The Role of Deacons in the Church". If you are new to the parish this is a good opportunity to meet and socialize with other women. Need a ride? Call Darlene Bovee at 232-4520.

**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.

**REGULATIONS REGARDING  
FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Abstinence** from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older **on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.**

The obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

**Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Fasting means not eating solid foods between meals. It is limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Two additional smaller meals are permitted; however, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal.



**Q. What is the only day of the Church year that Mass is not celebrated?**

**A:** It is Good Friday, according to Liturgy Training Publication's "Gracias!" which describes the beautiful ritual of removing altar cloths and candles following Mass on Holy Thursday. The stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday is meant to focus on Christ's Passion and the veneration of the cross is a "symbol of our commitment to take up our own crosses for the salvation of the world.... We put everything away so that we can carry into this holy room on Good Friday nothing but ourselves, our book of Scriptures, and the cross that saves us."

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE** our Business Manager, Arlene Stacy is a Notary Public. She is available 8:00AM—12:30PM & 1:30-4:00PM, Monday-Friday.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 18  
Serving 8-11:00AM**  
Free will donations accepted  
**Fundraiser for the High School  
Appalachia Service Trip**



**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.

**SPRING IS HERE AND EASTER IS APPROACHING.**

They are times of renewal. Does your hurting marriage need renewal? Put life back into your relationship. People do care!!! 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 or 800-470-2230.

**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.

**FIND IT ON OUR WEBSITE**

- ? ? Weekly events schedule
- ? ? Saint Cecilia School lunch menu
- ? ? Mass times nationwide
- ? ? Parish bulletin
- ? ? Links to all Iowa Dioceses
- ? ? Church history
- ? ? Link to St. Thomas website



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 3**

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Sunday, April 4**

8:00AM: Mary Myers

9:30AM: Mel Manion

11:15AM: Guillermo & Clara Suarez

**Tuesday, April 6**

7:00AM: Jill Kiernan

**Wednesday, April 7**

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

**Thursday, April 8**

7:30PM: Michael Strom

**Friday, April 9**

No Mass

**Saturday, April 10**

8:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

**Sunday, April 11**

8:00AM: Konrady/Daniel deceased

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Youth of Area

## **Operation Rice Bowl**

This is the last week of our parish's participation in Catholic Relief Services' OPERATION RICE BOWL. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. We will be collecting rice bowl envelopes on Easter Sunday and on the first weekend after Easter. **PLEASE convert any change or bills to a check (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia's) and place it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the church or by putting it in the collection basket.**

**This Week's Country and Program: United States.** 29% of working families in the U. S. with one to three children under the age of 12 do not earn enough income to afford basic necessities like food, housing, health care, and childcare.

**Challenge for the Week:** Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every bag of groceries your family buys this week.

**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 long-time 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 or contact Joe Lawlor.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU? HOW CAN YOU KNOW?** Connect with other single Catholic women, 18 and over as they explore questions about the purpose and meaning of their life's path during a "Live-in-Experience" Vocation Retreat hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict. Enjoy meals, conversation, prayers and reflection with us. You make no commitment and there is no charge. To learn more about this weekend of April 16-18 at St Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Avenue, W. Rock Island, Illinois, 61201, contact Sr. Phyllis McMurray, OSB at 800-650-1257 or e-mail [pmcmurray@stmarymonastery.org](mailto:pmcmurray@stmarymonastery.org).

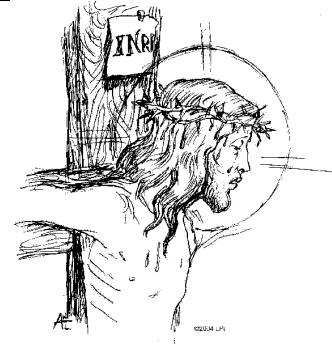
Please remember in your prayers: **GEORGIA REETZ**, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



## Passion Sunday

Sometimes words do not adequately describe events. The sights and sounds that overwhelm us are lost in the clean and neat print we read. The ugliness of the Passion is sometimes lost in the words of Scripture.

The scenes and events are described, but we do not hear the kinds of details that evoke a sense of horror and fear. The suffering of Jesus is over in a few short paragraphs, and we look beyond today to see the beauty and joy of Easter.



But recalling the passion is necessary to our living the Gospel. Each of us is called to carry our crosses, to unite them to the suffering and death of Jesus so that our pains and struggles are offered as part of our sacrifice. Redemption and salvation require a purification as we strip away the layers of sin to find the purity of baptismal innocence. It is a real rebirth, a new life that is enlivened by grace and sustained by love.

Cheap grace does nothing for us. A "feel good" mentality towards religion does not begin to scratch the surface. Faith requires conversion, a change of heart, a rejection of the old ways of sin so that we can embrace the new life of grace. Today walk the Passion with Jesus, and walk it like you mean it!

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*Please be Praying for...* the sick of our parish and our community.

### Readings for the Week of April 4, 2004

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14--23:56

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42

**Saturday:** Gn 1:1--2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15--15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9