

# 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**

### 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. June dates: 6 & 20

**Pictures taken at First Eucharist are on a table in the Church Entrance. Pictures not picked up this weekend will be taken to the Religious Education Office.**

### Youth Ministry

?? **Grades 9-12**

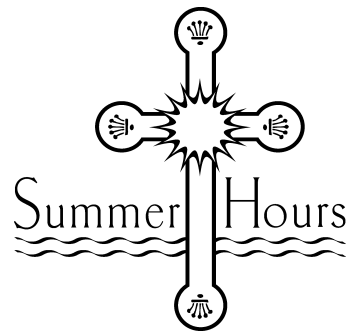
Come to R.U.S.H. hour every Wednesday...

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

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, May 24.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00AM in the Adult/Youth Room. Next session, May 25.



### SUMMER MASS TIMES

**Beginning June 6** our Sunday Mass Schedule will change for the summer. **There will be two masses—8:30 and 10:30AM.** Saturday evening mass will remain at 5:00PM. The current mass schedule will resume September 5.

### MEETINGS

**Sixty Plus Group** meets Tuesday, May 25, in the South Social Hall for a potluck meal. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. A speaker from ACCESS will present a program on the Assault Care center.



**Wednesday Morning Playgroup** meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the Adult/Youth Room. All are welcome. Playgroup will meet at Brookside Park during the summer months beginning June 2. Contact Dawn at 515-795-4224 for information.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, June 12, 8:30AM, 2019 Pullman Street. Help send donated items to Appalachia. Sort clothing and help load boxes into the truck bound for Williamsburg, Kentucky.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Mass will be held at 9:00AM, Monday, May 31.

**Scheduled Eucharistic Adoration** will not be held from 7:00AM, Friday, May 28 until 7:00AM, Tuesday, June 1.



The color red...the color of fire, is the color used for Pentecost, when tongues of fire descend upon the disciples. We encourage you to wear something red to Mass next weekend.



"Yes, I did cancel my wedding. How did you know?"

**VBS NEWS**

Attention VBS leaders:

There will be a brief meeting Sunday, May 30, after the 9:30AM mass in the Social Hall. Please call Brenda at 292-0625, if you are unable to attend.

VBS volunteers are needed to help decorate on Sunday, June 6, 6:00PM. Meet in the Multi-purpose room.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Volunteers needed** to help prepare and serve lunch to Habitat for Humanity workers on an upcoming Saturday. Please call Joan (233-3092) or Patty (233-1302) if interested.

**Television Special, "The Way Home"**  
**Sunday May 23, Hallmark Channel**

Actress Glenn Close narrates three poignant stories illustrating how individuals find the power to give or accept forgiveness, overcome hate and embrace cultural and religious differences.

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**FOR NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES** and locations call 800-627-7846 or internet [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or use the "other links" connection on Saint Cecilia's web page.



The last day of class for Saint Cecilia Students is May 28.

**CELEBRATION FOR FR. TERRY**

Fr. Terry was ordained June 1, 1979 and will celebrate 25 years as a priest on June 12. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM with a picnic supper on the lawn starting at 7:00PM. All parishioners are invited.



**Volunteers are needed** to help with this event. Special thanks to those who have already called to offer their assistance. There is a need for volunteers to set up in the afternoon and to help put tables and chairs away after the event. Please call the Parish Office at 233-3092 to volunteer.

**READ ABOUT IT IN THE WITNESS**

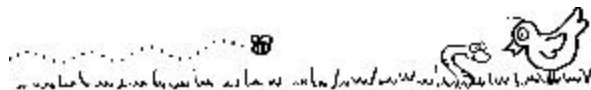
- ? ? Holy Cross Church sustains wind damage
- ? ? Muslim & Catholic children study together
- ? ? Cedar Rapids couple describes their Pre-Cana ministry
- ? ? The value of scouting

Subscription cards to *The Witness*, our Archdiocesan newspaper, may be found in the literature rack in the Social Center hallway.

**BAPTISM**

Our next preparation session will be held **Thursday, June 3, 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 are scheduled for June 6, 1:00PM and July 11, 8:30AM. Contact the parish office to schedule a baptism.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 22**

5:00PM: Pat & Tony Terrones  
 (50th anniversary)

**Sunday, May 23**

8:00AM: Jack Gehm  
 9:30AM: Joseph Mack  
 11:15AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Tuesday, May 25**

7:00AM: Dorothy Buckley

**Wednesday, May 26**

7:00AM: Patricia Beshaw  
 1:00PM: Penny Sullivan

**Thursday, May 27**

7:00AM: Hazel Solzbacher

**Friday, May 28**

7:00AM: Dean Forestoski

**Saturday, May 29**

5:00PM: Bill Lyon

**Sunday, May 30**

8:00AM: Joe & Mary Moore  
 9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners  
 11:15AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

**BENEFIT RUMMAGE SALE**

**BAKE SALE**

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Finding items you no longer need? Consider donating them to the Knights of



Columbus/Catholic Daughters of America fundraiser sale June 18 & 19. The monies raised will benefit the remodeling of the New Mellerrey Monastery. All items (books, games, toys, dishes, furniture etc.) will be accepted—**no clothing or appliances, please.** For pickup of items, call 232-7688 by June 15. Unsold items will be donated to the Appalachia Warehouse. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**SUMMER MONASTIC EXPERIENCE**

Single women, ages 18-38 who are considering a religious life are invited to spend June 10-16 with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at Clyde, Missouri. For more information, call Sr. Colleen Maura, OSB toll free at 877-632-6665 or e-mail: [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).

**WANTED:** A Catholic individual or family that would be interested in opening their heart and home to an upcoming Professional Cosmetology Institute female student from July 2004 to fall of 2005 with a room for rent in their home. For information, please call Rob or Coleen Swisher at 515-280-5188.

**Pregnant? Need Help?**  
**Birthright of Ames, 108 Hayward Avenue**  
**292-8414**

**Catholic Teaching on Caring for God's Creation**

The world that God created has been entrusted to us. Our use of it must be directed by God's plan for creation, not simply for our own benefit. Our stewardship of the Earth is a form of participation in God's act of creating and sustaining the world. In our use of creation, we must be guided by a concern for generations to come. We show our respect for the Creator by our care for creation.

—USCCB Administrative Committee,  
*Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 15

**The Ascension**

The assignment was easy - draw anything you'd like. So, the first grade teacher walked



around her classroom to see what the students were drawing. Each one drew something of interest - dolls, balls, trucks, family. She asked one little girl what it was that she was drawing. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher said, "Oh, but no one knows what God looks like." Without even looking up from her work, the girl replied, "Not now, but they will when I'm done!"

Jesus gives His Apostles an assignment, instructing them to carry His message to all the world. He does not give them directions, but He does promise them the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete who will guide them in all things. With spiritual gifts they will be equipped to show the world the face of God as Jesus reveals Him - a God of love, mercy, peace, joy and truth.

The Apostles do not stand around staring at the place from which He ascends. They return to Jerusalem, teaching in the Temple and praising God for all that had been seen and heard. Faith calls us to act. Words like redeem, resurrect, and ascend demand responses like pray, preach, work, call, and witness. When our work is done, the world should know what Jesus said and did for all of us. We will show them what God looks like!

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*Please be Praying for...* Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

- Readings for the Week of May 23, 2004
- Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
  - Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
  - Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
  - Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
  - Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
  - Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
  - Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
  - Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23