

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

March 13, 2005

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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.

“Building for our Future”

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## Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM

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

First and Third Sunday: 5:00PM (Primer y Tercer Domingo)

Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

## Sacramental Life

### Reconciliation in English and Español

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment. ( Cualquier horario para una cita)

### Marriage ( Matrimonio)

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. (Contacta la oficina de la parroquia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio).

### Baptism (Bautismo)

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required. (Para participar en el programa bautismal, por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia. Instruccion para los padres es requerida.)

### Sick Calls ( Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llama a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglo y para recibir los sacramentos)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 292-2759

## 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 date: 20.

#### Grades 1-6

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

March date: 28. No class March 14 or 21.

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

March date: 30. No class March 16 or 23.

#### Grades 7 & 8

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

March date: 30, No class March 16 or 23.

### Youth Ministry

#### Grades 9-12

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

March date: 20

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room.  
Next Session: March 14.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 9:30-11:00AM in the Adult/Youth room. **Beginners welcome.** Baby sitting provided. Deacon John McCully, facilitator.  
Next session: March 15.

**Sunday Scripture Study Group:** Meets Tuesday, 10:15-11:15AM, St. Francis Library. This group discusses the historical and social context of the readings for the following Sunday and shares personal implications of the readings for those present. Next Session : March 15.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. Inquirers are welcome to join the process at any time. For information call John at 232-3514.

### BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, April 7, 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.

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RECIPES  
FOR THE PARISH COOKBOOK**



## Lenten Schedule

### Stations of the Cross: March 18

5:00PM en Español,

7:00PM the Stations will have a special emphasis on children. All members of the parish are invited to participate. Parents, this is a meaningful introduction to Holy Week.



### Reconciliation

**Communal Reconciliation:** Monday, March 21, 7:30PM

**Private:** 7:00-8:00PM Tuesday, March 22



### Last Supper

Wednesday, March 23, 7:00PM. The Knights of Columbus present a dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting.

### Seder Supper

Thursday, March 24, 5:30PM, in the Social Hall. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist at a Seder meal. All parish family members are invited to attend. There is no charge but contributions are welcome. To make reservations, call Gary or Kay Aitchison at 296-2966.



Seder Meal

**Holy Thursday, 7:30PM; Good Friday, 2:00 & 7:30PM**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, 7:30PM**

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

**Religious Book and Gift Sale** will be held in the Parlors after all masses this weekend. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for the Lenten and Easter seasons as well as gifts for Confirmation and First Eucharist. The sale is sponsored by the Family Life committee with merchandise provided by Lemstone Books.

### Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection.

Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf-stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.



### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**The Bereavement Committee** will meet Sunday, March 13, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, March 15, 9:00AM at the home of Bonnie Callahan. Anyone interested in making rosaries may call 233-1393.

**Wednesday Morning Playgroup will NOT  
meet March 16.**

## School News

**Part-Time Position Available: Preschool Teacher Associate**  
**Hours: 8:00AM—Noon, Monday through Friday**

Teacher associate will provide non-instructional and clerical support for the preschool teacher by setting up equipment, preparing materials for instruction, duplicating materials, operating audiovisual equipment, getting snacks ready, stocking supplies, and keeping the classroom in order. The associate will also work outdoors supervising recess when weather allows. Must be able to handle classroom situations with fairness and patience, demonstrate initiative and a willingness to follow a teacher's directions. Must have good writing skills and be able to communicate effectively with students and teacher. Some college training preferred. Must pass a background check.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER IN JEWELL

Religious Education and Adult Formation meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. Mass is celebrated at 7:00PM on the third Wednesday of each month except June, July, and August. A Good Friday Service will be held at 7:00PM, March 25.



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

**This week's country: Egypt (Africa)**— Nearly 30% of girls in Egypt are not enrolled in school.

**Challenge for the Week:** Give 10 cents for every grade you have completed in school.

**Catholic Social Teaching Principle:** Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers—The ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

### Becoming the Body of Christ

Jesus said, "Take and eat, this is my Body. Take and drink. This is my blood. Then he said the words that ensured that we, too, would have this gift of communion for all times, "Do this in memory of me." This living bread from heaven feeds us today just as it did those gathered on the holy night. And Jesus speaks to us as he did to them, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life, and I will raise that person up on the last day."

This is why we share this sacred meal, the sacrifice that unites us with Christ and bonds us with all those who share it with us. We believe the words of Christ that this simple, yet profound, action makes us one body. As one body, we are strengthened to go forth which put into action the words he preached while on earth.

When you leave Mass on Sunday, what do you do to live the life of Christ in the world? In what ways do you show that you are part of His body, caring for others, showing His love?

**STEWARDSHIP:** When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### Join the Parish Family Life Committee

and be part of a small, dynamic group that sponsors activities and events that ministers to all ages and stages of families. For more information call Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is just around the corner. This year's theme is: Serengeti Trek, Where Kids are Wild About God. The dates are June 13-17. Registration will take place in late April/early May.

If you would like to play a leading role in this year's fun (snack, craft, recreation, preschool leader, etc.) please call or e-mail Brenda Diesslin at 292-0625 or [bdieslin@yahoo.com](mailto:bdieslin@yahoo.com).

**Adoration:** Looking to grow spiritually? Set some time aside to do just that. You're invited to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic adoration each week. These last weeks of Lent during the Year of the Eucharist are a good time to start.

**Adoration Hours Available:** Monday, noon; Wednesday, 2:00AM, 3:00AM (2nd week of the month only); Thursday, 1:00AM (2nd week of the month only); Friday, 2:00AM, 10:00AM. Call Cyndi at 233-5267 if you can fill any of these times.

**Appalachia Trip Chaperones** are needed for the service trip July 30—August 6. Chaperones must be 21 years of age and have a good driving record. The trip will have to be cancelled if additional chaperones are not found. Please contact Joe Lawlor, (232-3514) if you are interested or have questions.

**Meals on Wheels** program needs substitutes to deliver noon meals to shut-ins once or twice a month. Most needed are subs for weekdays. For more information, call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

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**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH 27, (EASTER) BULLETIN IS NOON, THURSDAY, MARCH 17.**

## 5th Sunday of Lent

Many people follow the tradition of making New Year's resolutions. January 1st brings a sense of a new start and fresh beginnings. New goals are set as we strive to make each new year better than the last. Resolutions don't always last, but they never fail to give us hope, short-lived though it may be. In spite of our failures, we still make resolutions each year.



Confession is like a mini-New Year. After confession of our sins and asking for forgiveness, we leave the sacrament with a determination to avoid sin, rely on God and grow in our faith and holiness. Remember the last line of the act of contrition? "I firmly resolve ... to amend my life." It is our resolution — our determination — to practice what we believe, living the renewed life of grace we find in the sacrament.

Lent is the time of preparation and reflection. We dwell upon the mysteries of salvation, marveling at the ways in which God's grace works in our lives. We are given the opportunity to see how we measure up, resolving to do better as we accept the cross of Christ in our life. Make your resolution to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

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## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IN AMES

Spring is a time for growth. Attend a weekend designed to strengthen the love between you and your spouse as well as your spirituality. Register now for the Marriage Encounter weekend to be held April 15-17 at the Comfort Suites. Contact Eric and Kris at 515-432-6945 or e-mail [kris-seeman@hotmail.com](mailto:kris-seeman@hotmail.com).

## GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARENESS

Ames Mayor, Ted Tedesco, has declared March as Good Neighbor Awareness Month. One of several social justice ministries supported by Saint Cecilia's Good Samaritan Fund, there are many exciting things going on at Good Neighbor. Sieglinde Prior, the new director, brings an enormous amount of expertise and compassion to the position. Additionally, thanks to a significant gift from the United Church of Christ Congregational, Good Neighbor is establishing an endowment fund to ensure that the Good Neighbor mission can continue even in sparse times. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, March 12

5:00PM: Ralph Britson

### Sunday, March 13

8:00AM: Camilla Frame

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Richard Lang

### Tuesday, March 15

7:00AM: John Richard

### Wednesday, March 16

7:00AM: Bunny Richert

### Thursday, March 17

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

### Friday, March 18

7:00AM: St. Rita Circle

### Saturday, March 19

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

### Sunday, March 20

8:00AM: Margaret Lang

9:30AM: George Rickerl

11:15AM: Catholic Daughters

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners  
(Misa en Español)

## Prayer Opportunities

**Estaciones de la Cruz:** 5:00PM, Viernes

**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00PM, Friday during Lent, Church

**Evening Prayer:** Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel

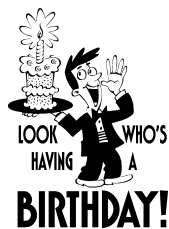
**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Chapel is always open for prayer. Lenten Children's Holy Hour, 4-5:00PM on Sunday

**Intercessory Prayer Group:** Sunday, 9-10:00PM in the Chapel

**Rosary:** Monday, 7:00AM & 7:30PM, Chapel

**Christians in the Spirit:** Tuesday, 7-9:00PM, Chapel

**Saturday Morning Prayer:** 7:00AM, Chapel



Please join the McCully family for refreshments in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 13, from 9-11:00AM to help celebrate Deacon John's 70th birthday.

## PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* is now available in both DVD and VHS in our St. Francis room library. Check it out and view it again before Easter.



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

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## Readings for the Week of March 13, 2005

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Jn 8:1-11

**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:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14-27:66