

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

April 17, 2005

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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. April date: 17; May dates: 1, 15

#### Grades 1-6

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

April 18 (Last Session)

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

April 20 (Last Session)

#### Grades 7 & 8

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

April 20 (Last Session)

### Youth Ministry

#### Grades 9-12

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

April dates: 17, 24 (Last Session)

**Confirmation will be held at 2:00PM, April 24 at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.**

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: April 18.

**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: April 19.

**Sunday Scripture Study Group:** Meets Tuesday, 10:15-11:15AM. 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 : April 19, St. Francis Library.

### RCIA

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

### BAPTISM

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, June 2, 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 May 22, 9:30AM; June 12, & July 10 at 1:00PM.

**Misa en Español:** Santa Cecilia celebrara una misa en Español cada primer y tercer Domingo del mes a las 5:00PM.

**Generations of Faith:** A new approach to religious education in the parish. Come and learn about this new process for faith formation, involving all ages.

**Attend an informational session on Sunday, April 17 or Tuesday, April 19, 7:00PM in the Church.**

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, April 19, 9:30AM, at the home of Mildred Finnegan. Call 233-1303 if you are interested in making rosaries.

**The Marshalltown Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women** will hold their quarterly meeting Thursday, April 21, at St. Boniface Church, 306 4th Street, Garwin, Iowa. Registration begins at 9:00AM. Judy Egnew will present the program on "The Franciscan Mission".

**Wednesday Morning Play Group** meets 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. All are welcome. For information, contact Dawn at 233-6157 or e-mail [tdwied@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tdwied@worldnet.att.net).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13-17-11:30AM. Registration dates are April 30/May 1 & May 7/8 after all Masses. Many volunteers are still needed. Please contact Brenda Diesslin at 292-0625 or [bdiesslin@yahoo.com](mailto:bdiesslin@yahoo.com) if you can help with VBS.



### National Unplug the TV Week April 25-May 1.

Take the opportunity to turn off the TV and make plans for a creative and meaningful week with your family.

### The Year of the Eucharist

Reasons from the teachings of the Church for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

? ? This is a personal invitation from Jesus to you!

"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love"

Available hours are Tuesday, 7:00AM; Wednesday, 2:00AM, 3:00AM (4th Wed. only), 9:00AM; Thursday, 1:00AM; Friday, 2:00AM; Saturday, 6:00AM,

## MEMO: Check out ways to get involved in your parish....

- ▶▶ **Saint Cecilia's Home Ministry** needs one minister to take Eucharist to our home-bound parishioners. The ministry requires only an hour or two of your time after Sunday Mass once every 8 weeks. It is a very easy, but rewarding ministry. Please give some thought to helping those who need us. Call Julie Haas (232-7138) or the Parish Office at 233-3092.
- ▶▶ **Teen Mass** is looking for coordinators to help plan and recruit teen ministers. If interested, please contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.
- ▶▶ **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.
- ▶▶ **Meals to New Parents:** A parishioner has volunteered to arrange a meal for parish families with new babies. Many parishioners have volunteered their baking/cooking skills and will be called upon for this ministry. If you are not currently on the baking/cooking list and wish to help provide meals, please call the Parish Office (233-3092). If you, or someone you know, has a new baby please contact the Parish Office so that meal arrangements can be made.
- ▶▶ **The Bereavement Committee** attempts to support parishioners due to illness, death, grief or frailty. Committee members pay visits, send cards and try to show concern for fellow parishioners. If you would like to serve your parish community by becoming a committee member, please call the parish office (233-3092) or Martha Simmons (232-7500). Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month, 7:00PM.
- ▶▶ **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. 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.
- ▶▶ **Lawn Care:** A volunteer is needed to mow the front area of the Church grounds. A riding mower is provided. Please call the parish office to volunteer your services.
- ▶▶ **Adopt a Flower Bed:** Our former parishioner Terry Eyer, planted most of the flower beds that Saint Cecilia parishioners and visitors have enjoyed the past several years. Parishioner John Richard planted flowers under the cross tower for many years before assuming care of all the flower beds when Terry moved to Arizona. John passed away in January and Saint Cecilia Parish is in need of volunteers to care for the few remaining areas not affected by construction. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) if you or your organization would like to care for an area or begin a new flower bed in back.



## COMMUNITY

**Plant a Row for the Hungry** is a public service campaign of the Garden Writers Association of America to encourage gardeners to donate produce to local food banks, soup kitchens, and service organizations to help feed America's hungry. Last year's program at Rieman Gardens was very successful. Gardeners are asked to plant "an extra row" when planting their gardens. Produce will be collected at Rieman Gardens on Monday mornings from July 11-September 26. Anyone can volunteer to help collect, wash and sort the produce and deliver it to Bethesda Food Pantry and MICA.

If you have questions or want to volunteer to help contact Reiman Gardens at (515) 294-2710, [reimangardens@iastate.edu](mailto:reimangardens@iastate.edu) or visit [www.PARStory.org](http://www.PARStory.org) or [www.reimangardens.iastate.edu](http://www.reimangardens.iastate.edu).

**Ames Community Schools** have a need for the services of translators and interpreters to aid in communication between limited or non-English speaking families and school personnel. For more information contact Karen Cantonwine at [kcantonwine@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:kcantonwine@ames.k12.ia.us); Gayle Hoepner at [ghoepner@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:ghoepner@ames.k12.ia.us); or Dr. Clemmye Jackson at [cjacuson@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:cjacuson@ames.k12.ia.us) or 515- 817-0635.

## 4th Sunday of Easter



A new family arrived in our parish from Italy and the children did not speak English. Enrolled in our school, they were a bit overwhelmed at first. But when they discovered there were several people who spoke Italian well, the children were relieved. They quickly felt at home and in no time learned to speak English well.

The language of faith is prayer. God communicates with us and we communicate with God through words, thoughts, songs, senses and events. God acts to share his life with us and we recognize him in many ways because we know and hear his voice. In the language of faith, we take comfort in knowing how close the Lord is to each of us.

Following the Lord is an everyday event, not just a Sunday activity. God uses every day, every moment, to reach out to our world, calling us to love him and to love others. As Shepherd, he leads us and guides us as we carry out our own mission in life. He will not let us down. Listen to his voice and you'll find the assurance and comfort of faith. His voice and his promise cannot fail.

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## SENIORS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS MAY 1, 11:15 MASS



The Graduation Mass and Luncheon is May 1. You should receive an invitation in the mail. If you do not receive an invitation, please call Annette in the Religious Education office. Please RSVP to Annette, if you are able to come.

**Seniors:** If you want to participate in the mass (choir, lectors, ministers of Communion, money collectors or taking up the gifts) please call Cathy Gerbracht at 663-9392.

**Juniors and their parents** who want to help with the luncheon, as is the tradition, please call Diana Weber 232-2164.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, April 16

5:00PM: Rose Marie Hadaway

### Sunday, April 17

8:00AM: St. Rita Circle

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Keith Roberts

5:00PM: Don Finnegan

### Tuesday, April 19

7:00AM: Ralph Besch

### Wednesday, April 20

7:00AM: George Rickerl

### Thursday, April 21

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

### Friday, April 22

7:00AM: Jane Ann Wesselman

### Saturday, April 23

5:00PM: Sr. Gene Marie

### Sunday, April 24

8:00AM: Mike McPeak

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Blair Johnson

## Prayer Opportunities

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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Chapel is always open for prayer.

**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

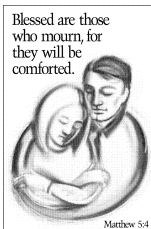
**Saturday Morning Prayer:** 7:00AM, Chapel



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Please remember in your prayers:

**AMORITA MENKE**, mother of Debbie Landuyt, 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.



## Readings for the Week of April 17, 2005

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12