

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

*Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2005*

## POPE BENEDICT XVI

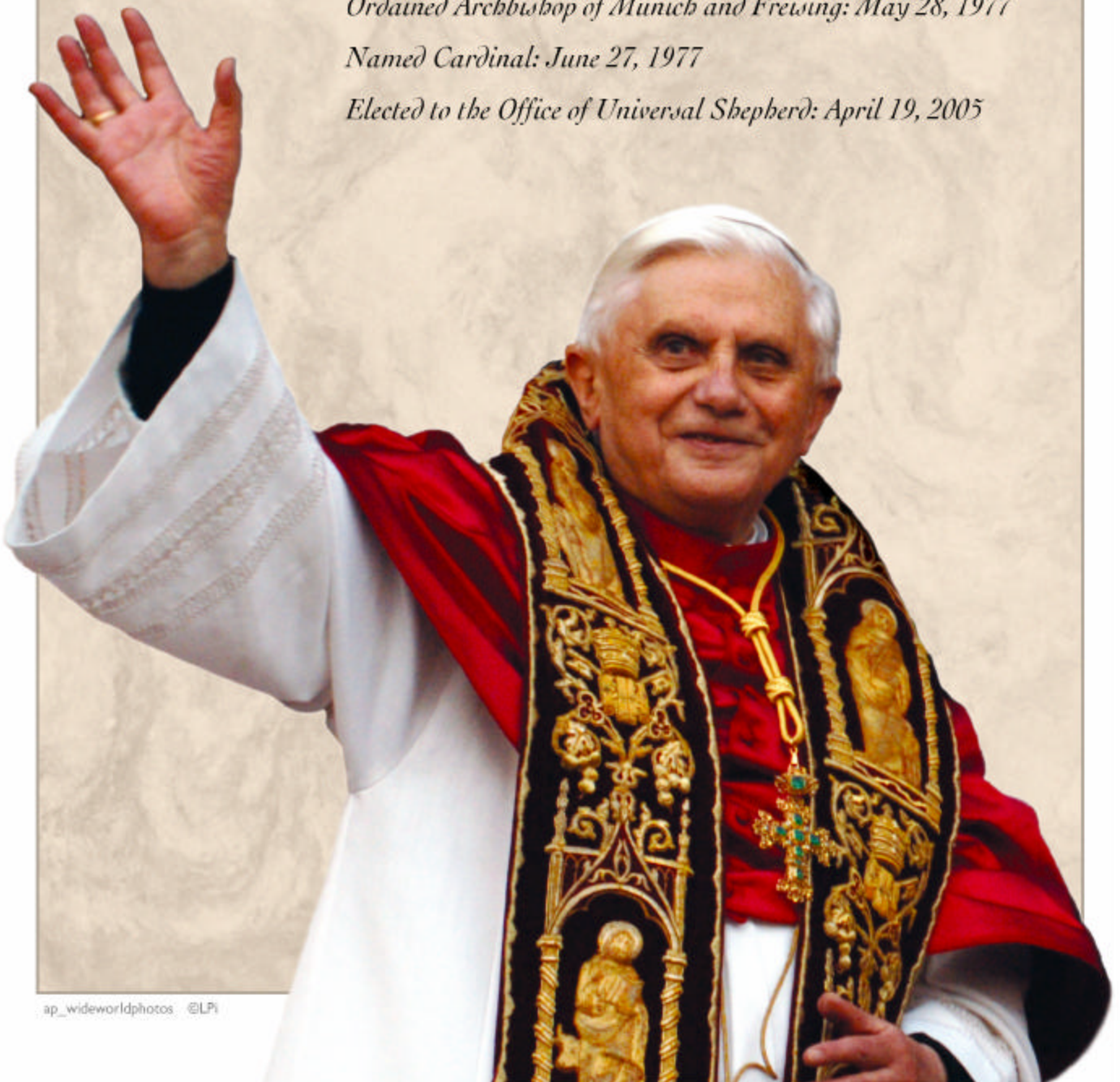
*Born: April 16, 1927*

*Ordained a priest: June 29, 1951*

*Ordained Archbishop of Munich and Freising: May 28, 1977*

*Named Cardinal: June 27, 1977*

*Elected to the Office of Universal Shepherd: April 19, 2005*



## 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. May dates: 1, 15

#### Grades 1-8

Classes have ended for the 2004/2005 school year.

### Youth Ministry

#### Grades 9-12

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

April date: 24 (Last Session)

**Confirmation: April 24, 2:00PM, St. Thomas Aquinas**

See bulletin insert

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: April 25.

**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 26.

**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 26, 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.

**TEEN MASS**  
**Sunday, May 1, 11:15AM**



## The Eucharist

### The Year of the Eucharist Source & Summit Groups to be Repeated

Deepen your faith and grow in your understanding of the Eucharist. If you were unable to participate in the small faith sharing groups during Lent, the Source and Summit small group meetings will be repeated during May and June. Please call the Religious Education Office (232-3514) to register even if you signed up for this time period previously.

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 29.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES WILL BE  
8:30 & 10:30AM.**

**SATURDAY MASS REMAINS AT 5:00PM.**

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Sanctity of Life Committee** meets Sunday, May 1, 9:00AM in the Parlors. Guest speaker will be Ann McAlister, President of Iowans for L.I.F.E. sharing her experiences of several bus trips to the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. Coffee and rolls will be provided. For further information contact Judy Maly at 232-1861.

**Sixty Plus Group** meets Tuesday, April 26, for a potluck dinner in the South Social Hall. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Director of Religious Education, John Hayes, will present the program on "Generations of Faith: A Radical Approach to Religious Education for the Whole Parish."



**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, 9:00-11:30AM. Registration dates are April 30/May 1 & May 7/8 after all Masses.



**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. See the bulletin insert for suggestions.

**STEWARDSHIP:** "The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards.

## Congratulations



## Graduates

**All area high school seniors** will be honored at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, May 1. Graduates and their families are invited to attend the luncheon afterwards. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to Annette in the Religious Education Office (232-3524) no later than Friday, April 29.

**Senior Participants still needed** (choir, lector, Eucharistic Ministers, 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.

## ST. CECILIA GALA

Plan to attend an informational meeting April 27, 7:00 PM in the AY room to discover how you can be a part of this exciting effort to raise money for Saint Cecilia educational programs. Many volunteers are needed from our parish family to make this event a success. This is an excellent opportunity to share your talents, have fun with friends, and make a real difference in our school and religious education programs. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday and sharing with you the adventure in store for us all over the next year.

Gala Committee

## COMMUNION

The Benedictine sisters who make the altar breads we use at Saint Cecilia make a low-gluten bread for people who are allergic to wheat. If you would like to receive communion with this wafer, come to the Sacristy before mass and place a host on the altar.

Fr. Terry

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Vacation Bible School volunteers** still needed: Day Care Room Leader and helpers; Snack & Recreation Leaders, and "Walkers" . Please contact Brenda Diesslin at 292-0625 or [bdiesslin@yahoo.com](mailto:bdiesslin@yahoo.com) if you can help with VBS.

**Project Family Support:** Churches in Ames are being asked to help support the *Parents Day Out* program sponsored by United way of Story county and the Red Cross Lincoln Way Chapter. Parents whose military spouses are deployed are treated to a 1/2 day out each month and a host church provides child care and children's activities. Families and individuals who are interested in supporting our troops and their families by helping with the children's program are asked to call John Hayes at 232-3514.

**Saint Cecilia Home 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.

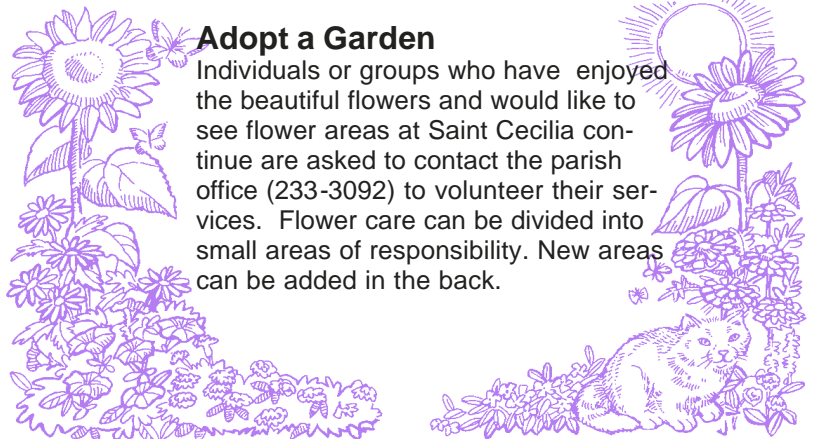
**Join the Parish Family Life Committee** and be part of a small, dynamic group that sponsors activities and events that ministers to all ages and stages of families. For more information call Gary & Kay Aitchison at 296-2966.

**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.

## Adopt a Garden

Individuals or groups who have enjoyed the beautiful flowers and would like to see flower areas at Saint Cecilia continue are asked to contact the parish office (233-3092) to volunteer their services. Flower care can be divided into small areas of responsibility. New areas can be added in the back.



Parish Office: 233-3092; Fax, 233-6423

[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

School: 232-5290 Religious Education: 232-3514

## 5th Sunday of Easter



was just around the corner.

Spiritual renewal has a lot in common with spring cleaning. We get rid of the junk that has accumulated and clean up the dust and dirt that's left behind. We clean everything, making it all fresh and new. We rediscover things stored away and find in them new meaning and value. We breathe a little easier, more confident in our faith and trust in God.

New beginnings renew our spiritual journey. A change in our style of prayer, adding something new to our practices, receiving the sacraments, or making a retreat or pilgrimage gives us a fresh start and a new perspective. Scripture, prayers and spiritual reading give clarity to our belief. A fresh start is a great way to revive a stagnant sense of faith.

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**Birthright of Ames needs YOU!** We are very short staffed and need new volunteers. Are you a good listener, someone who can offer support and understanding to others? Do you feel God is calling you to help others but don't know how or where? We need you at Birthright. We offer free pregnancy tests, referral services, and caring, understanding support for the girls, women and families in our community. Life is precious. Come help us celebrate it one baby at a time. Call 292-8414.

**Position Available:** Director of Religious Education for three north end parishes in Dubuque. This position will direct all inter parish catechetical programs through effective recruitment and training of staff and volunteers. The DRE is responsible for evaluating current programs and curriculum and recommending enhancements where needed. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a MDiv/MA degree in religious studies or related field. Three to five years experience in coordinating religious education programs is preferred. Submit letter of application and resume by May 1 to Deacon J. C. Otto, Sacred Heart Church, 2215 Queen St., Dubuque, IA 52001 or email [DBQ059PA@ARCH.PVT.K12.IA.US](mailto:DBQ059PA@ARCH.PVT.K12.IA.US)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, April 23

5:00PM: Sr. Gene Marie

### Sunday, April 24

8:00AM: Mike McPeak

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Blair Johnson

### Tuesday, April 26

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

### Wednesday, April 27

7:00AM: Margaret Lang

9:00AM: Nicholas Weydert

### Thursday, April 28

7:00AM: Deceased Chaplains of Catholic Daughters

### Friday, April 29

7:00AM: Anna Evans

### Saturday, April 30

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, May 1

8:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

9:30AM: Ronald Laws

11:15AM: Darlene & Jerrol Carlson

5:00PM: John Hayes

## 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:

**PAT FRANCIS, EVELYN MALAND & CLIFFORD NELSON**. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

**Correction:** Amorita Menke, grandmother of Debbie Landuyt recently passed away.



### Readings for the Week of April 24, 2005

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21