

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

May 8, 2005

The Ascension of the Lord



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. May date: 15

#### Grades 1-8

Classes have ended for the 2004-2005 school year.

### Youth Ministry

#### Grades 9-12

Classes have ended for the 2004-2005 school year

### Adult Education

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

**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: May 10.

**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 : May 10. Check parish office for location.

### 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. Scheduled baptism dates are: May 22, 9:30AM; June 12, & July 10 at 1:00PM.



## MOTHER'S DAY

In the Old Testament, we are told that God spoke these words through the prophet Isaiah, "Can a mother forget her infant: Even should she forget, I will never forget my own."(Is49:15) No mother forgets her own child, and God used that wonderful image to show the intensity of

His love for us. On Mother's Day, we celebrate the depth of human love, We honor, show appreciation and give thanks for the gift of our mothers whether living or deceased. Hopefully, we will keep the spirit of Mother's Day alive not only for one day but for the entire year.

**The Knights of Columbus are serving a Mother's Day Breakfast in the Social Hall following the 8:00 and 9:30AM Masses.**

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 29.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES WILL BE**

**8:30 & 10:30AM.**

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

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**The Bereavement Committee** meets Sunday, May 8, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Library.

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 10, 9:00AM at Perkins Restaurant. Election of officers will be held.

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 10, 1:30PM at Saint Cecilia. Check the bulletin board by the parish office for location. The Rosary will be prayed in honor of Mary, our Blessed Mother. Guests are welcome. Please call Betty at 233-2853 if you would like to attend.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, May 12, 6:00PM for dinner followed by a program and meeting. Check the bulletin board by the parish office for meeting location. The program will be presented by a master gardener who will share expertise on plants that grow well in the shade. Guests are welcome. Call Audrey Marley at 232-1394 to make dinner reservations.

**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).

**RCIA Picnic**, Sunday, May 15, 1:00PM, Shagbark Shelter, Inis Grove Park. The picnic is for all who have been involved in the process this year or in previous years. **Please RSVP to the Religious Education Office (232-3514) by May 10.**

**Last Chance** to sign up for the Source and Summit small faith sharing group to meet in May & June. Call 232-3514 for more information or to register.



"A mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after."

*Unknown (cited in Joan Lunden's book "Wake up Calls")*

"There are only two things a child will share willingly—communicable diseases and his mother's age."

*Benjamin Spock*

## Prayer Website

The popular internet website [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) has spawned a print version, "Sacred Space—The Prayer Book 2005," to reach those beyond computers. The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Ireland started the website in Lent of 1999 and has counted over 12 million visitors since who come for the daily scripture and meditation that follow the prayer model of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius Loyola's famous "Spiritual Exercises." The website, which now appears in 18 languages from Chinese to Latvian, also offers additional information, resources and a place to leave prayer requests—*Hawaii Catholic Herald*

**STEWARDSHIP:** In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

## Saint Cecilia Library News

Three concise, beautiful little children's books highlight the perennial teachings on the Mass, First Communion and The Sacraments. Nothing will so easily confirm and refresh your adult faith like sharing it with a young relative or friend. Ask the parish secretary to show you where these books can be found.

## 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

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The following positions are available:

**Youth Minister** (part-time) to organize and coordinate activities for grades 7-12. Prefer college graduate with experience with youth. Ten month contract.

**Campus Minister** with graduate degree in theology/pastoral ministry or equivalent experience to minister (retreats, outreach, supervise student leaders, educational and social activities) on a team of four in a combined parish and student center. Eleven month contract.

**Send resume and references to:** Rev. Everett Hemann, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014.

If you attend Saint Cecilia Parish and have not registered, please contact the parish office or visit the website to download a registration form.

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Vacation Bible School volunteers** still needed: Day Care Room Leader and helpers; Recreation Leaders, and "Walkers" and someone to craft a large giraffe and a large elephant. 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'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 233-3092).

**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.

**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.



## Ascension

In the Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke tells us all we need to know about Jesus. The Apostles knew Jesus well. They had spent their lives with him, teaching, healing, forgiving and loving. They knew him as friend and Messiah. As he rose to heaven in the Ascension, they said good-bye, wondering what the future would bring and when the Spirit would come. They knew that just as he returned to the Father, so he would return to us. That would be the heart of their preaching.



In our witness to faith, we do more than just know the information. We live it. We practice what we preach. By our words and deeds, we tell others all about the Gospel. We show God's love. We offer healing, forgiveness, peace, justice, joy and life. We teach by what we do, telling everyone what they need to know: Jesus is our Way, Truth and Life. That gets us all to the heart of the matter.

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## COMMUNITY

### L.I.F.T. (Living Information for Today)

**Wednesday, May 11, 11:30AM-1:30PM**

#### The Basil Restaurant

A support program for widowed persons has been established in Ames, sponsored by the Dignity Memorial provider, Stevens Memorial Chapel. The members have an opportunity to share stories, challenges, triumphs and smiles. For further information, please call 232-5473.

**Attention Cyclone Catholics:** Phi Kappa Theta, the Catholic Fraternity at Iowa State University, seeks your help identifying young men for membership in a faith based living environment. For more information please contact Mike Murphy at 515-201-0010.

**Singles Dance,** Friday, May 13, 8:00PM-Midnight, Fort Dodge Eagles Ballroom. Lots of mixers. Admission \$10. Sponsored by Single Sailors Social Ministry. Call 515-955-4156 with questions.

**Birthright of Ames needs YOU!** 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? Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, referral services, and caring understanding support for the girls, women and families in our community. Life is precious. Help us celebrate it one baby at a time. Call 292-8414.

### Plant an Extra Row in Your Garden.

Produce will be collected at Reiman Gardens starting July 11.

## STUDENT CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY MAY 7 & 8

The Sanctity of Life Committee and Saint Cecilia School is co-sponsoring a creative experience for students. Grades K-3 will make posters and upper grades will write essays on the subject of respecting human life. The theme is "Holy Mother of God, My Mother and Me." The works will be displayed in the church entrance May 7 & 8. Please take time to view the students' creative work.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 7

5:00PM: Marian Putz

### Sunday, May 8

8:00AM: Tom Remmes

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: All who have lost a child

### Tuesday, May 10

7:00AM: Richard Lang

### Wednesday, May 11

7:00AM: Konrady/Daniels deceased

9:00AM: Special Intention

### Thursday, May 12

7:00AM: Kathy Pelzer

### Friday, May 13

7:00AM: Camilla Frame

### Saturday, May 14

5:00PM: Eleanor Anderson

### Sunday, May 15

8:00AM: Jack Gehm

9:30AM: Durwood Baker

11:15AM: Patty Rua

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

## 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.

## Readings for the Week of May 8, 2005

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Ez 37:1-14/ Rom 8:22-27/

Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23