

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007



A Seder Meal will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 5, 5:30PM in the Social Hall. All members of the parish family are invited to attend—families, singles, seniors. **Call Gary or Kay Aitchison (296-2966) by April 1, to make reservations.**



Holy Thursday

7:30PM: Mass
(no morning Mass)

Good Friday (Day Of Fast and Abstinence)

2:00PM: Stations of the Cross/Communion
7:30PM: Good Friday Liturgy
(no morning Mass)

Holy Saturday

12:30PM, Blessing of Easter Food
7:30PM: Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday Mass Times

7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM
Misa en Espanol: 5:00PM, Chapel

Private Reconciliation

April 2, 3 & 4 at noon & again at 5:00PM each day until all in line are heard.



The Last Supper

An Hour of Drama & Reflection

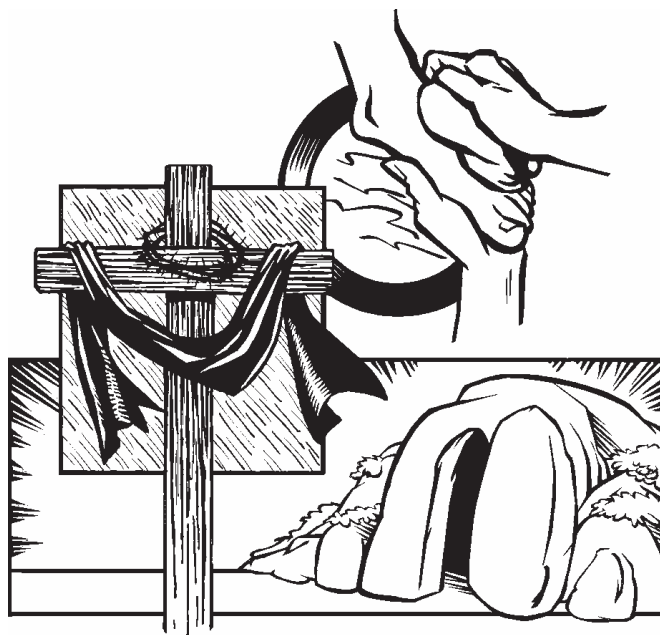
Join the Knights of Columbus for a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting—The Last Supper. The performance will be presented at Saint Cecilia Church, Wednesday, April 4, 7:30PM. Listen to the Apostles as they reflect on the burden Jesus has just shared with them. **"One of you will betray me."**

Traditional Easter Food Blessing

This year Saint Cecilia will once again be participating in the Eastern European tradition of blessing the foods to be used on Easter morning. Generally, these foods consisted of bread, eggs, butter, salt, pepper, sausages, cheeses, wine, pastries, etc. This blessing will be held in the chapel at 12:30 on Saturday, April 7.

Parish Offices Closed for Easter

The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will be closed on **Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9**. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 10.



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Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, Pastor

Religious Education for the whole parish family

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. April Sessions: 1, 15

Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00-8:30PM, Regular Youth Group. Multi-purpose room. All Middle Schoolers welcome.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00-8:30PM: Meet in the Multi-purpose room. Top Secret Special Activity. Come join us.

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Confirmation Class:

April 1—Day of Reflection 1:00-5:00 PM

April 11—Rehearsal at St. Thomas, time to be announced

April 15—Confirmation Rite at St. Thomas, 2:00PM

Grades 9, 11 & 12: Classes on April 1 & 4, 7:00-8:30PM
April 29, 6:30-8:30PM

Applications for the Catholic Daughters scholarship (\$500 for post secondary education) are available in the church office and Religious Education office.

CYC—Is it for you? Don't miss a chance to witness with 25,000 other Catholic teens—music, workshops, keynote speakers. Columbus, Ohio, November 8-11. \$400.00 includes transportation and lodging. Contact Joe for more information.

Appalachia Service Trip applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125. Verbal commitments not accepted due to number of expected applications.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, April 2.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Babysitting provided. Next session: April 3.

RCIA: meets Sundays in the Adult/Youth Room following 8:30AM Mass. New inquirers welcome. For more information contact John at 232-3514.

Baptism

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

Rita M. Howe Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Catholic graduating high school senior within the Marshalltown Deanery who is active in their parish and planning to further their education at a two or four year post secondary institution. Application forms are available in the Parish or Religious Education Office. Application deadline is April 15.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Committee will meet Sunday, April 1, 9:30AM in the St. Francis Room.

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women

(SCCCW) will hold its annual Spring General Meeting and Salad Supper, Thursday, April 12, 6:00PM in the Social Hall. St. Mary and St. Anne circles will host. Sue Stanton will present a program on the Holy Land. All women in the parish are invited to attend. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Beverage and table service provided.

Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 starkmortimer@yahoo.com or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or thatchmd@yahoo.com. All are welcome to attend.

Renewal of Marriage Vows Sunday, April 22, 2:00PM in the Church. All married couples in the parish are invited to participate in this very special ceremony. Sponsored by Family Life Committee

Divine Mercy Sunday

A pamphlet on the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet is included in today's bulletin. This 9 day novena begins on Good Friday and is an excellent way to prayerfully prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15.

During the Mass of canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, the year of the Great Jubilee, Pope John Paul II proclaimed: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (699) So that everyone may fulfill the conditions for these graces, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for an extended time on Saturday, April 14, 1:00-4:30PM and 7:30-8:30PM and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in the Chapel at 3:00PM Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15. For more information on this powerful devotion, please spend a few minutes at the following website www.divinemercysunday.com

From The Pastor

One of the major components to the Annual Parish Budget is the Easter Collection. In gratitude for Christ's Resurrection we celebrate this particular aspect of God's mysterious love. As an expression of the gift of Eternal Life for ourselves and our loved ones, we offer to God our gratitude in the form of a monetary gift to our parish. The two snow storms in February hit the parish budget in a negative way. On one weekend alone the Parish Budget saw a decrease of \$10,000. This decrease has not been made up in subsequent weeks. We are hoping that generous parishioners consider increasing their Easter gift in gratitude for growing ever closer to that date when we are called to "rise with Christ!" *Fr. Ivan Nienhaus*



A special Thank you to Sound Track for providing an evening of inspiring Lenten music allowing us to reflect and hear God's voice in music as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The beauty and acoustics in the Narthex made it a special evening.

Eucharist Adoration Break

There will be no scheduled Eucharistic Adoration from 12:00PM (noon) Holy Thursday, April 5 to 7:00AM Tuesday, April 10.



School News

Thursday, April 5: Registration packets sent home, please call the school as soon as possible if your child did not bring one home (232-5290)

Friday, April 6: Good Friday, No School. Easter Blessings!

Saint Cecilia Gala, April 28

Ticket order forms available in the parish office, school office, or by calling Matt or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or visit stcomesgala.org.

An Interfaith Event

The Catholic community of Saint Cecilia in Ames extends an invitation to all members of the Abrahamic traditions for **Kitchen Table Talk**, an interfaith event focusing on ideas and traditions that bind us together in faith. Discussion will focus on common ideas that exist for all faiths. Refreshments served. Register by April 10.

Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00PM: For Women Only

Saturday, April 22, 1:00-3:00PM: For Men Only

Both sessions will be held in the North Social Hall

If you have questions or wish to make reservations, please contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762 or send email to merton420@hotmail.com.

Men & Women discussion group **LEADERS** are being sought for the interfaith discussion to take place here at Saint Cecilia April 21 & 22, 1:00-3:00PM in the Social Hall. For more information, contact Jane Graham at 382-4186 or Sue Stanton at ssl1720@msn.com.

Fr. Nabil Haddad, Melkite pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Amman, Jordan, and Executive Director of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center will be speaking at Iowa State University on April 19 at 7PM. His talk will be on the Christian-Muslim relations existing in Jordan. The talk is sponsored by the university and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Fr. Haddad will also be giving a talk on Christians in the Holy Land, April 21 at 7PM in the Saint Cecilia Social Hall.

Fr. Haddad is a well-known international speaker who has been in interfaith efforts for over twenty years. For more information contact the church office (233-3092) or call Sue Stanton at 233-4762.

Catholic Daughters Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to Catholic high school seniors from area parishes. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and plan to pursue full-time post secondary education. Consideration will be given to all relevant information including, scholastic record, financial need, extracurricular activities, school and community service, participation in the Religious Education or Parish Offices. Application deadline is April 30.

Stewardship: In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

This is the last week of our parish's participation in **OPERATION RICE BOWL**. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten season. We will be collecting rice bowl envelopes on Easter Sunday and on the first weekend after Easter. Please convert any change or bills to a check (made out to Operation Rice Bowl/St. Cecilia's) and place it in the envelope found in your rice bowl. You can return the envelope by placing it in one of the large rice bowl displays in the back of the church or by putting it in the collection basket.



This Week's Country: United States. Hunger continues to be a pressing issue in communities throughout the U.S. 25% of the gifts collected through Operation Rice Bowl remain in our diocese to help fund local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

Challenge for the Week: Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for every dessert you consume this week.

Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Solidarity – We are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our communities around the world.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in the Ames area on the first Thursday of the month. Time commitment is about one hour per month. For more information, call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Holy Land, the birthplace of Jesus and the location where the Gospel was first proclaimed, has always been of primary concern to the Holy See and the entire Christian world. It is a part of our worldwide spiritual patrimony and represents a treasure whose value is unique. The millions of pilgrims who visit the Holy Land each year are very aware of this as they walk the land and experience the living Gospel which they find in the scenery and holy places. Uncertainty and conflicts in the Middle East threaten not only the stability and security of the people there but also the holy places which are revered by much of humanity. Please be generous with your Good Friday donation, which supports the Christian community of the Holy Land and the preservation of the sacred places entrusted to their care.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

A dear friend told me that her son had recently turned 18 and in doing so announced that he would no longer listen to her; in fact, he was leaving and moving in with his father, whom my friend had divorced years before because of his drug abuse. She was deeply hurt that her son had rejected the love she had given him over the years, and only asked that we pray for her and for her son's return.

Throughout the Gospels, we are given brief glimpses into Jesus' humanity: his rage in the temple; his joy at welcoming innocent children to his side; his tears for his friend Lazarus. As he sat with his disciples at that final Passover meal, one cannot help but wonder if he felt the very human pain of rejection, not only from the crowds who would soon call for his death, but also from one of the 12 he had chosen to carry on after him.

On this Palm Sunday, we are reminded that God will bring good from the consequences of evil caused by his creatures (CCC 312). Joseph's brothers may have meant to kill him, but instead he saved many. So, too, did the rejection and death of Jesus Christ enable his glorification and our redemption. We are called to live as Jesus did, and if need be, freely offer our lives in his name, as salvation will erase all our fears.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN, PARAGRAPH 51:

"It pleased God, in his goodness and wisdom, to reveal himself and to make known the mystery of his will. His will was that men should have access to the Father, through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit, and thus become sharers in the divine nature."

Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's VBS: Avalanche Ranch, the week of June 11-15. Registration begins the weekend of April 14th. We are in the planning process and are searching for volunteers to help make this year's program another great success. Please contact Heather Currans at hccurrans@mchsi.com or 233-2690 to inquire about available positions.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Liturgy & Music Coordinator needed. Individual works with Worship Commission to develop policy and coordinate all aspects of parish liturgies, including training and scheduling of all ministers. Must be practicing Catholic with Master's degree in appropriate area. Proficiency in vocal, keyboard or instrumental music. Send resume to: Rev. Everett Hemann, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014-7184 (515-292-3810).

Communal Reconciliation, April 3, 7:00PM

Please remember in your prayers:

DAVID SCHUBERT, & GREG BROWN, son of Lois Brown, who recently passed away. 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 31

5:00PM: Palmer & Rozella Holden

Sunday, April 1

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Paul & Judy Maggio

5:00PM: Julie Welden
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, April 3

7:00AM: Michael Welsch

Wednesday, April 4

7:00AM: Msgr. William Schulte & Family

9:00AM: No Mass

Thursday, April 5

No morning Mass.

7:30PM: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Collins

Friday, April 6

Good Friday

Saturday, April 7

7:30PM: Special Intention

Sunday, April 8

7:00AM: Special Intention

8:30AM: Special Intention

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Magdalen Walsh
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities

(Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

Evening Prayer: Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration: The chapel is open for adoration.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM

Rosary: Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday before 7:00AM Mass. The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite. St. Faustina, who was declared a saint in 2000, stated "The 3:00 hour is the 'Hour of Great Mercy' for the graces we most need." Everyone is welcome.)

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2007

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 2631a/Gn 22:118 or 22:12, 9a, 1013, 1518/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:514/Is 55:111/Bar 3:915, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 1828/Rom 6:311/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12