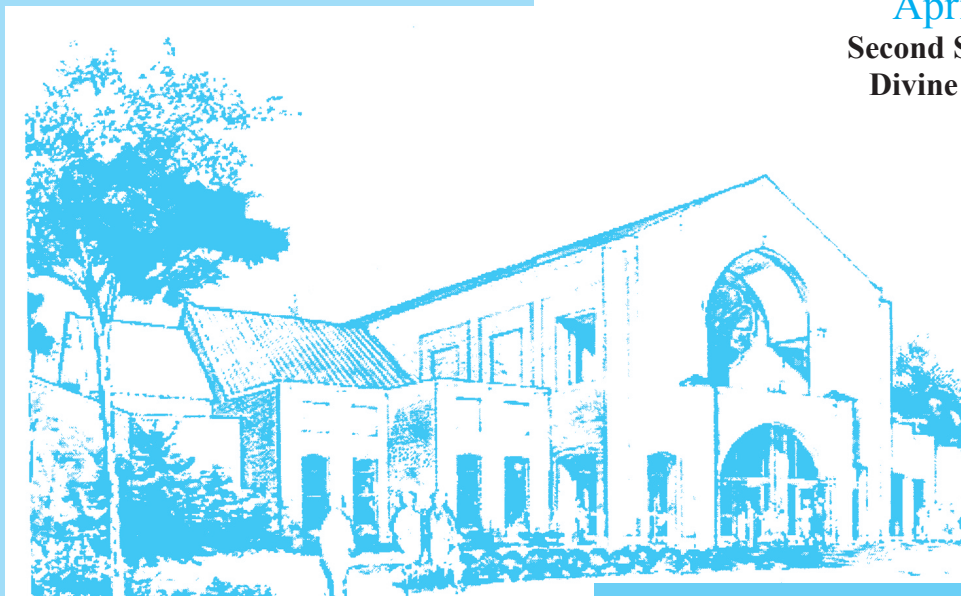


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

April 15, 2007

Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday



“Building for our Future”

**W**e 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.

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## Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Sunday: 5:00PM Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00AM, Chapel

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

## Sacramental Life

Reconciliation (Reconciliación) English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 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. Instrucción 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 recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 296-2759

## Religious Education for the whole parish family



### Generations of Faith

**Sunday, April 15:** Noon

**Wednesday, April 18,** 5:30PM

**Sunday, April 22,** 5:00PM

April topic: Dignity of Work, St. Joseph the Worker

### Pre-school

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

### Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

**Wednesday, April 18, CHANGE OF PLAN** Meet 7:00PM: in the park east of Lucullan's restaurant for a service project. After that we will go for ice cream. Pick up 8:30PM at drop off location.

Visit the Webpage at [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org), go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

**April 29: Grades 9, 11 & 12,** Class, 6:30-8:30PM

**NCYC—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. Six seats left on the bus.

**Graduation Mass and Brunch:** Sunday, May 6. Seniors, please RSVP to the Religious Education Office.

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: April 16.

**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 17.

### Baptism

Our next preparation session is Thursday, June 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 for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.

**Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who supported the Appalachia Pancake breakfast and the Fish Fry dessert fundraisers. Your support is appreciated.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00PM, Chapel, Sunday, April 15



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, 7:30-8:30PM**. For more information on this powerful devotion, please spend a few minutes at the following website [www.divinemergysunday.com](http://www.divinemergysunday.com)

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### PARISH BREAKFAST

**Sunday, April 22**

**Serving after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**

**Egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit, beverages**  
Proceeds go toward 5th grade class trip to Omaha



### Good Samaritan/Food Shelf



Next weekend is our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection weekend. Suggested items include baby foods; canned meat products; packaged, shelf stable main meals; hamburger helper; peanut butter; pasta; spaghetti sauce; canned fruit; cereal; toiletries; laundry detergent; and disposable diapers. Thank you for your continued generous support.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, April 16, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room. All are welcome.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet April 19, 6:00PM in the A/Y room for dinner followed by meeting and program. Note the change of date.

### Renewal of Marriage Vows

Married Couples—Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to focus on your marriage by renewing your marriage vows. Fr. Nienhaus will preside at this special ceremony, Sunday April 22, 2:00PM in the Church. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee



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

### Marshalltown Deanery Meeting

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic women will host the quarterly deanery meeting Thursday, April 19. The day begins with Mass at 9:00AM followed by registration and the business meeting. Lunch (\$5) will be served at noon with a program at 1:00PM. Deacon John McCully and Ron Smith will present the program entitled: Updates on the Church and Prison Ministry. All are welcome.

**Parish Pot-luck Dinner,** Thursday, April 26, 6:00PM. Fried chicken, rolls and beverage provided. Please bring a large side dish, salad or dessert to share. All parishioners are invited.

## School News

**Monday, April 16:** 7:00PM, FWA meeting

**Wednesday, April 18:** 9:00AM, Mass  
Grades 2 & 5.



## Saint Cecilia Gala—April 28

The catalogs have been mailed. Don't miss out—reserve your tickets today. Ticket order forms available in the parish office, school office, or by calling Matt or Diana Thatcher at 292-9511 or visit [stcomesgala.org](http://stcomesgala.org).

Pick up something special for the girl in your life at the Gala

**Hand-crafted Doll:** This hand-crafted one of a kind Baby Toes Reborns doll is sure to become a family heirloom.

This life like, collectable girl doll is great for kids and adults. Comes complete with doll, basket, quilt and accessories. Thank you Kim Noble!

**Necklace and Bracelet Set:** This beautiful pair is a black pearl necklace set donated by Pat Rood. It is one of many affordable jewelry items featured in the Gala catalog. Each piece of jewelry featured is unique and sure to please.

**Princess Gift Basket:** This package will please any little girl—Cinderella Barbie, Snow White Barbie, a tiara that lights up, and three pairs of hand-beaded socks in green, pink and purple..

## Knights of Columbus

### Pennies for Heaven Fundraiser, April 21/22

Next weekend The Saint Cecilia Knights will hold their annual Pennies for Heaven fundraising campaign. All monies received for this campaign are donated to Vocations. Please bring your loose change and drop it into the wooden Pennies for heaven cross in the Narthex. Paper money also accepted. Thank you for your generous offering for our Vocations.

## 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.

## Missing Items??

### Please check the usher's room for:

- Dishes left behind from parish events
- Lost and Found items

**Saint Cecilia  
Cookbooks make great  
gifts for bridal showers  
and Mothers Day.**

Available in the  
parish office.



\$15 for 1  
\$25 for 2  
\$30 for 3

**Stewardship:** "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Funeral Lunch Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed to help set-up and/or serve lunches held after funerals in our parish. This is a very worthwhile service to fellow parishioners. Volunteers need not work at every lunch. Please call the Parish Office (232-3092) to volunteer.

### English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Due to the success of the ESL program, more volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary because the students have a high proficiency and merely need some conversational practice. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

### 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.

### 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.

**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 please contact Sue Stanton at 233-4762 or send email to [merton420@hotmail.com](mailto:merton420@hotmail.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.



## Second Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel reading from John, we are again introduced to Thomas. He was not with the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them after the Resurrection; instead he was off by himself, fearful for his safety and deeply saddened by the loss of his friend and teacher. Not believing the others had seen Jesus, he only proclaimed "My Lord and my God!" after seeing him himself. This is our challenge; to reach out to those who doubt the most.

Thomas, though, was only the last of them to doubt. Remember, these believers had just experienced the Passion and death on the cross; so great was their grief, one can imagine that the Resurrection seemed impossible (CCC 643). But, as with all things having a purpose, it was through Jesus' appearance to them in their time of doubt that their faith was born. Look around you for signs of life; remove whatever doubt you may have that such signs are anything but a gift of the promise of new life in Christ.

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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 53:

The divine plan of Revelation is realized simultaneously "by deeds and words which are intrinsically bound up with each other" and shed light on each other. It involves a specific divine pedagogy: God communicates himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

**Theology of the Body Series** begins, Monday April 30, 7:00PM Social Hall. Presenters Jennifer Settle & Stephan Tatz invite you to glimpse Pope John Paul II's revolutionary *Theology of the Body*. Real life and real theology come together in this liberating message of hope for Monday, May 7; Wednesday, May 16; and Monday, May 21.

## Community

### Good Neighbor Fund Raiser

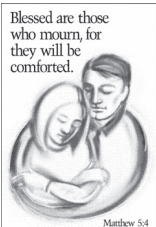
**Food & Fun: Spaghetti Dinner & Dancing,**  
**Sunday, April 29, 5:30PM,**  
**Bethesda Lutheran Church.**

Free will donations accepted. Proceeds will go to provide emergency food assistance to residents of Story County through Good Neighbor Assistance (Healthy Food Voucher Program). Lonna Nachigal will be the caller for the featured dancers, the Porch Stompers. Bring the family, have some fun and do some dancing!



### Please remember in your prayers:

**GLADYS WHEELOCK**, and **JIM MCDERMOTT**,  
brother of Carol Catus, 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, April 14

5:00PM: Dan & Patrice Maher

### Sunday, April 15

8:30AM: Daniel McGrory

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Gregory Brown

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, April 17

7:00AM: Mark Wessman

### Wednesday, April 18

7:00AM: Arnold Winslow

9:00AM: Bill & Mary Oberg

### Thursday, April 19

7:00AM: Sylvester Upah Sr.

### Friday, April 20

7:00AM: Don Finnegan

### Saturday, April 21

5:00PM: Harold Cooper

### Sunday, April 22

8:30AM: Stanus & Lena

10:30AM: Melvina Wasel

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

(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)

**Birthright**, 108 Hayward Ave. 292-8414

Pregnancy tests & counseling, free and

confidential. [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org)

## Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: [stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com)

Requests remain on the list for six weeks

### Readings for the Week of April 15, 2007

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21