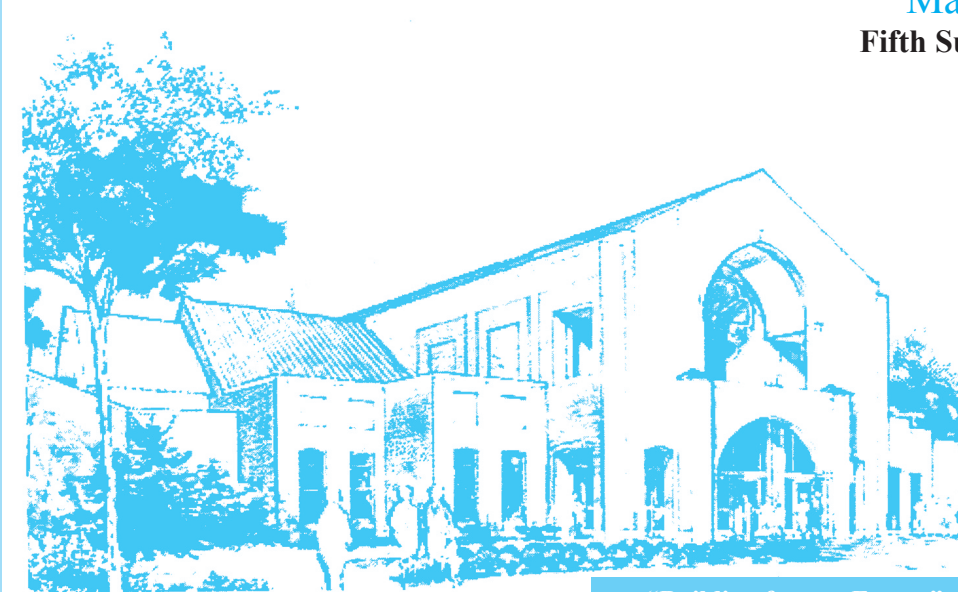


# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

May 6, 2007

Fifth Sunday of Easter



“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. (Contacte 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 llame a la oficina de la parroquia. Instrucciones para los padres se requere)

Sick Calls ( Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para una cita y ecibir los sacramentos.)

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

## Religious Education for the whole parish family



### Generations of Faith

**Sunday, May 6:** Noon

**Wednesday, May 9:** 5:30PM

**NO MEETING: May 13**

May Topic: Confirmation

### Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. May dates: 6, 20

### Middle School Youth Group - YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

**Wednesday, May 16: 7:00-8:30PM**, location TBA.

END OF THE YEAR PARTY. Come celebrate the end of YIKES school year activities. Stay tuned for summer fun.....A special *THANK YOU* to the families who contributed items for the GALA basket. It's awesome!

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

**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 Religious Education for more information.

**Appalachia Service Trip** applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125.

**Graduation Mass and Brunch:** This Sunday, May 6.

For any questions or information regarding upcoming Youth Ministry activities please contact John Hayes, Director of Religious Education, at 232-3514.

### Adult Education

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

**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: May 8.

**RCIA:** Those interested in learning about the process of becoming Catholic please contact John Hayes at 232-3514.

### Baptism Class

Thursday, June 7, 6:30-9:00PM in the A/Y Room.

## Blessing of Religious Articles

May 5 & 6

The blessing will take place in the Gathering Space after all Masses.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Theology of the Body Series:** Monday, May 7 at 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. Upcoming sessions: Wednesday, May 16; and Monday, May 21.  
*Sponsored by the Sanctity of Life Committee  
And the Regnum Christi Group*

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 8 at Perkins restaurant at 9:00AM for breakfast and election of officers.

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 8 at 1:30PM in the St. Clare Room.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30AM at Althea Palmer's home—209 S. Russell Ave. Anyone wishing to make rosaries please call 233-1393.

**St. Cecilia's Widows, Widowers and Single Seniors Group** will meet on May 20 for lunch at 12:00PM. Call Pat at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

### New Discussion Group

The Holy Father's encyclical, *God is Love (Deus Caritas Est)* will be the topic of discussion Friday mornings at 10:00AM in the St. Francis room. All are welcome.

### Women's Bible Study

Two Women of Grace Bible Studies, the **Full of Grace** study by Johnette Benkovic, will be held - one on Sundays, 1:00-3:00PM, beginning June 3, and the alternate day will be Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00PM, beginning June 6. (The same material will be presented on Sundays and Wednesdays.) The nine-week sessions will be held in the Adult/Youth Room at St. Cecilia. If you have not already registered and would like to, or if you have any questions, please contact Janine Greenwood (232-1359), Lynn Lynch (233-6057) or Char Van Kerkvoorde (233-2696).

**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.

## Parish Cook Books make great gifts.

Special Pricing

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

Available in the Parish Office





## School News

**Vocal Music Concert at Ames City Auditorium, Thursday, May 10, 7PM.**

### Saint Cecilia Preschool

St. Cecilia Preschool – Classes are filling up for next fall! Given the enrollment needs and current enrollees, only 6 spots remain open for the proposed class schedules! Please call Lois Vidimos at 232-5290 for more information.

The Saint Cecilia Preschool features an extra 1/2 hour of school, access to the day school library and librarian, and quality music, art and PE instruction from the day school. The Saint Cecilia School mission is: In partnership with families, Saint Cecilia School will create a Catholic Christian community that will stimulate individual academic excellence promoting cultural and spiritual awareness in a disciplined safe environment.

Prayer for Vocations: O Father, raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood, who keep the faith alive and guard the blessed memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful. Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of forgiveness. Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life. Sustain the bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, pray for us. (Pope Benedict XVI, March 5, 2006)

### From the Pastor:

This last week, a poster appeared on one of the bulletin boards in the Parish Complex. The poster promoted a certain candidate for public office. No poster or political adds are permitted on Parish property. To do so could jeopardize our tax-exempt status. Please do not take the liberty of posting materials of any sort without clearance from the Parish Office. All unauthorized posting of materials will be promptly taken down and pitched into the garbage. Thanks for your cooperation.

Fr. Nienhaus



### Youth Minister Sought

Saint Cecilia Parish, Ames, Iowa—a Catholic parish of 1400 families, seeks to fill the position of Youth Minister. The parish would entertain candidates who might be interested in either a full or ¾ time position. Salary and benefits are commensurate with availability and educational background. This position would involve Youth Ministry in grades 6-12 along with Confirmation responsibilities and an annual Service, Out-Reach Trip. Qualified candidates must be active and practicing Catholics. Send resume and three letters of recommendation by May 25, 2007 to : Jerry Greving, Parish Manager, St. Cecilia Parish, 2900 Hoover Ave., Ames, IA 50010.

**Stewardship:** In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### VBS Volunteers Needed

Youth assistants are needed for Crafts, Childcare and Crew. An adult assistant is needed for crafts and an adult leader is needed for decorations. Call the Religious Education Office at 232-3514 or contact Heather Currans at [hccurrans@mchsi.com](mailto:hccurrans@mchsi.com) or 233-2690 to offer your assistance. Adults or youth ages 10 and older may volunteer.



### 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 (233-3092) 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.

### 2007 Retreat Opportunity

Theme: *The Universal Call to Deep Contemplative Intimacy with the Holy Trinity.* Retreat Master: Fr. Thomas Dubay, July 27-29 at the Franciscan Retreat Center at Prior Lake, MN. There will be opportunities for silent meditation, spiritual direction, adoration, and reconciliation, as well as Masses with Fr. Dubay and Archbishop Flynn. The total fee is \$160 for a single occupancy room. If interested, send a \$25 down payment to Bruce or Shelley Fahay at 20939 Quadrant Ave. N., Scandia, MN 55073 or phone 651-433-2753.



This is your last opportunity to sign-up for photography appointments for our new pictorial directory. Only those who participate will receive the new directory and a complimentary 8X10 portrait. Our new directory will be a wonderful tool for you and for helping our Church to remain vibrant and to grow. We are excited that so many have signed up but this will not be effective unless everyone participates. Church representatives will be calling all families who did not sign up.

**Earn a 20% discount** on your entire purchase by volunteering as a host/hostess for a photography session (most shifts are 2 hours).

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

At some point in our lives, we have all experienced what we might refer to as our "darkest hour." A job loss, the death of a very close friend or family member, the grip of an evil addiction that refuses to let go - just a few of the many things that may have led us to feel hopeless or abandoned. How did you respond in such a situation? Did you wait for it to pass, or were you led out of that darkness by someone else? Imagine the pain Jesus must have felt, having to identify one of his 12 as the one who would betray him. Imagine the shock felt by the other disciples as Judas ran from the room and the Last Supper. How did Jesus respond? In today's Gospel reading from John, he turns to the other disciples and calmly gives them the answer, the hope, the light that will help them enter the kingdom of heaven. "Love one another," he says. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that to follow Jesus is to live in the Spirit of truth (CCC 2466). In what could have been one of Jesus' darkest hours, he instead gave his disciples - and subsequently all of us - what he called the new commandment. The love of the Father would lead Jesus out of his darkness, and it will lead us, too, as long as we love one another.

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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, ARTICLE I

THE REVELATION OF GOD, II. THE STAGES OF REVELATION

THE COVENANT WITH NOAH PARAGRAPH 56:

After the unity of the human race was shattered by sin God at once sought to save humanity part by part. The covenant with Noah after the flood gives expression to the principle of the divine economy toward the "nations," in other words, toward men grouped "in their lands, each with [its] own language, by their families, in their nations."

## St. Thomas Aquinas

**SCUBA: Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure**

**Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27, 9AM-12noon.**

**If interested, please contact Kathy: [Kathy@staparish.net](mailto:Kathy@staparish.net) or call 292-3810**

## Community

**ACCESS –Volunteer Training**

32 hour Advocate training held May 12, 13, 19, 20;  
9:00AM-5:00PM

Must be 18 years of age. Volunteers are needed to provide coverage at the shelter, answer the Crisis Line, help with children's activities, assist with office work and more. For more information or to get a volunteer application visit: [www.assaultcarecenter.org](http://www.assaultcarecenter.org) or contact Nikki at 292-0500.



### New Rocking Chair

The Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women recently purchased a wooden rocker. It is in the new ushers room located off of the northeast corner of the Gathering Space. Those needing a place to nurse or rock a fussing child are welcome to use it.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 5

5:00PM: Paul & Irene Maggio

### Sunday, May 6

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: The Hispanic Community  
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, May 8

7:00AM: Tom O'Brien

### Wednesday, May 9

7:00AM: Msgr. William Schulte Family

### Thursday, May 10

7:00AM: Richard DuCharme

### Friday, May 11

7:00AM: Magdalen Walsh

### Saturday, May 12

5:00PM: Edward & Beulah Lukes

### Sunday, May 13

8:30AM: Marian Putz

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Harry Svec  
(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

**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 May 6, 2007

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
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 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29