

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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May 10, 2009

5th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day



**Cardinal Mindszenty's message on a mother is:**

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

*-Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty*

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty's respect for Mothers was deep and abiding. He wrote one book on a Mother and had planned two more; however, his imprisonment by the Nazis and then the Communists prevented the completion of his work.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School: **Crocodile Dock—Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light**, the week of June 8-12. Participants and volunteers may register at any time. Forms are available in the Saint Cecilia Education Center Office, or via e-mail request. Many volunteers are needed to make this year's program another great success. Please contact Heather Currans at 233-2690, [chcurrans@mchsi.com](mailto:chcurrans@mchsi.com) or [heathc2009@hotmail.com](mailto:heathc2009@hotmail.com) to inquire about available volunteer positions.

### Preschool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. May date: 17 (last session until fall)

### Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

YIKES!: May 13, Ice Cream Social—5th Graders Welcome!

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

**Girls of Grace:** A study group for 8th grade girls only, 6-7:00PM, Wednesdays thru May 20.

**Glory:** 7:00-9:00PM, May 17, 24 & 31. Glory will not meet May 10.

**Graduation Mass:** May 17, 8:30AM

### RCIA

For information on joining the Catholic Church, call John at 232-3514.

### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, June 4, 6:30-9:00PM** in the A/Y Room. **All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously.** To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the Religious Education office at 232-3514.

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the A/Y room.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

### Meet the Candidates, May 10

after the 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses  
In the Social Hall  
Coffee & Donuts Served

### Parish Elections, May 16/17

**Early Voting:** A ballot box will be placed near the Parish Office for those who will not be able to vote during Masses on May 16/17.



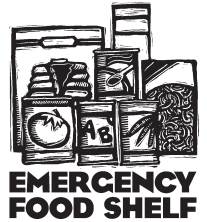
## Blessing of Religious Items Next Weekend

Fr. Nienhaus will bless religious items in the Narthex following 5:00PM & 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses May 16/17.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is

next weekend. Suggested food items include canned meat products, packaged, shelf-stable main meals, hamburger helper, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and canned fruit. The following non-food items are needed: laundry detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, paper towels and Kleenex. Homemade jams and jellies are not accepted. Please check the expiration date on items.



**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 12, 1:00PM at Café Shi.

**St. Gertrude Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 12, 1:30PM, in the St. Clare Room.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, May 14, in the North Social Hall for dinner at 6:00PM followed by a meeting and program by Dale Alquist.

### Help Teens Remain Catholic

Dale Alquist, President of the American Chesterton Society, will speak at Saint Cecilia, Thursday, May 14, 7:00PM, in the North Social Hall. Dale helps parents and grandparents start clubs with and for teens. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Saint Cecilia Widows, Widowers,

**& Single Seniors Group** will meet for brunch at 11:45AM at Café Shi on Sunday, May 17. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets every Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. Contact Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net) or Jenni Mortimer at [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

### Prayer Garden Planned

Saint Cecilia Parish would like to have a prayer garden completed by this time next year. Saint Cecilia had beautiful gardens before the construction of the Narthex. Many of the plants from those gardens were "adopted" by parishioners for safe keeping. If you have any of those plants that could be used in a new garden, please contact Joan at [jjones@sccparish.org](mailto:jjones@sccparish.org) or 233-3092. Plants are not needed at this time but the information will be used to develop a plan for the garden

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Wednesday May 13:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM

**Thursday, May 14:** 9:00AM, Mass Grades 3 & 5.

**Thursday, May 21:** 7:00PM, Band & Orchestra Concert  
Multi-purpose room

Last day of preschool for 3 year olds

**Friday, May 22:** Field Day (rain date is 5/29)

Last day of preschool for 4 year olds

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day—No School

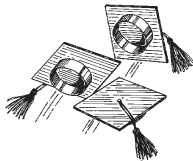
School link on the website: [www.stceciliaparish.org/stcschool](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/stcschool)

## Mother's Day Bake Sale After All Masses May 9 & 10

Proceeds will help fund the  
Youth Steubenville Trip this summer.

**Altar Server Ministry:** Youth, just finishing their fourth grade year and older, may consider an Altar Server ministry. The role of the server is to assist the other ministers of the liturgy, especially the Presider, so that the ceremonies proceed smoothly. Their functions include holding the book as the Presider leads the community in prayer and offering and returning various objects as they are needed in the worship service.

The training session will be held in the Church, and will last about an hour. New servers will be scheduled and added to the server list this summer. Please choose one of these sessions for training: Monday, May 18, 3:30-4:30PM or Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-7:30PM. Any questions please contact Wayne Baumhover at 290-8586.



**Graduating Seniors** of Saint Cecilia Parish will be honored at the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, May 17. A brunch for seniors and their families will follow in the Social Hall. Invitations were mailed to seniors. If you are a graduating senior and did not receive an invitation, please accept our apologies and contact Annette at 232-3514 by May 13 for information or to make brunch reservations.

### Position Available

Saint Cecilia Parish is seeking to fill the full time position of Administrative Assistant in the Parish Office. The person performs duties as receptionist, bulletin editor, record keeper, and schedules facilities, works with parishioners and groups as needed and handles general office duties. Qualifications include organizational and people skills, computer skills including Windows, Microsoft Word, EXCEL, Microsoft Publisher, and the ability to learn Automated Church Systems and other programs used in the Parish Office. Please send resume and inquiries by May 18, to Jerry Greving, Business Manager, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010 or [jgreving@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:jgreving@stceciliaparish.org)

### From the Pastor

On the front cover of the April 26 Parish Bulletin we promoted the first **Tuition Assistance Fund** appeal for the 2009 Calendar Year to help defray the tuition costs for students in our school, religious education and youth ministry programs. To date the parish has received about \$1,000. That amount might help one student in our school. During these poor economic times, we are truly hoping that we might help keep our students from dropping out of our education programs through our **Tuition Assistance Fund**. This concern is a very real issue for some students and families. Please consider helping students continue their Catholic Education through your generous gifts. Thank You!

*Fr. Ivan Nienhaus*

**Stewardship:** The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

### Meals on Wheels Help Needed

A volunteer is currently needed to deliver noon meals to shut-ins in Ames on the first Tuesday of the month. Time commitment is only one hour per month. For more information, please call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.

**Food Containers** left over from donations to recent funeral luncheons may be found in the usher's room in the back of the church. Please check the shelves if you are missing containers.

### Religious Gift & Book Store \*

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### Your Financial Stewardship

|                                 | April     | FYTD      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Contributions (general)         | \$ 61,855 | \$829,066 |
| Easter                          | \$ 29,474 | \$ 29,474 |
| Needed to meet expenses         | \$ 78,592 | \$844,867 |
| Weekly Contributions (building) | \$ 5,544  | \$362,518 |

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.



## St. Gerard's Circle

Members celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Circle at the Broiler May 25. For information about St. Gerard Circle, please call Darlene Bovee , 232-4520 or Judy Brown at 231-6589.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### PART ONE: SECTION TWO

### CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

#### Article 1— I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven & Earth

#### IV. The Implications of Faith in One God

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It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you  
 Everything passes / God never changes  
 Patience / Obtains all  
 Whoever has God / Wants for nothing  
 God alone is enough.

#### IN BRIEF

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"Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God is one LORD . . ." (*Deut* 6:4; *Mk* 12:29). "The supreme being must be unique, without equal. . . . If God is not one, he is not God" (Tertullian, *Adv. Marc.*, 1, 3, 5: PL 2, 274).

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Faith in God leads us to turn to him alone as our first origin and our ultimate goal, and neither to prefer anything to him nor to substitute anything for him.

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Even when he reveals himself, God remains a mystery beyond words: "If you understood him, it would not be God" (St. Augustine, *Sermo* 52, 6, 16: PL 38:360 and *Sermo* 117, 3, 5: PL 38, 663).

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The God of our faith has revealed himself as He who is; and he has made himself known as "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex* 34:6). God's very being is Truth and Love.

## 5th Sunday of Easter

"I am the true vine," Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel reading from John, "and my Father is the vine grower." His analogy is that God has already removed every dead branch from the vine-sin-and continually prunes the good, fruit-bearing branches-you and me-so that we will grow even more good fruit. In other words, as long as we remain with Jesus, we will prosper and multiply and bring others to his good word, his glory.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are reminded by the Catechism of the Catholic Church that through the power of the Holy Spirit, "God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (CCC 736). How does God "prune" the branches of his vine, Jesus Christ? He gives us the ability to turn away from the hurtful influences of the world and live with the love that multiplies in his name.

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## Planned Giving

Planned Giving: Retirement funds and Life Insurance - You can name Saint Cecilia Parish as a partial beneficiary (such as a 1 or 2% share) of your life insurance or retirement plan. If your family needs are well provided for, consider including your parish as well. All you need to do is to give the proper beneficiary instruction to the plan administrator. For more information call the parish office or contact Jerry Greving, Parish Business Manager @ 515- 233-3092.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### Lean Into the Wind

The St. Thomas Aquinas Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8:30PM in the St. Catherine Room at St. Thomas. The first 45 minutes will focus on the Catholic annulment process, followed by a presentation on "rebuilding Self-Esteem" by Sr. Rose Hacker, Pastoral Minister and Director of Liturgy at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Jo at [jomyerswalker@gmail.com](mailto:jomyerswalker@gmail.com) or Carol at 296-2250.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, May 9

5:00 PM: N.J. Weydert †

## Sunday, May 10

8:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30 AM: Rosemary Palmer†

5:00 PM: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Collins†  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, May 12

7:00 AM: All the Poor Souls

5:15 PM: George Thorington†

## Wednesday, May 13

7:00 AM: The Gibbons Family

5:15PM: Irene Earnest†

## Thursday, May 14

7:00AM: St. Mary Circle Members†

5:15 PM: Kathy Pelzer†

## Friday, May 15

7:00 AM: Joel Rogers

5:15PM: Shirley Sibley†

## Saturday, May 16

5:00 PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners†

## Sunday, May 17

8:30 AM: Marian Putz

10:30 AM: Carolyn Weydert†

5:00 PM: For an End to Abortion  
Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Prayer Opportunities

*Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.*

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday 7:00 AM

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

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

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

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Friday 3:00 PM

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 7:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration** The chapel is open daily.

Keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information or to sign up for an adoration hour.

## Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or  
[stceciliapraychain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliapraychain@gmail.com).

## Readings for the week of May 10, 2009

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1  
Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM(Misa en Español)

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM & 5:15 PM (Chapel)

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

## Parish Office

Hours..... Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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Rectory ..... (515) 233-9477

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Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration  
packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.