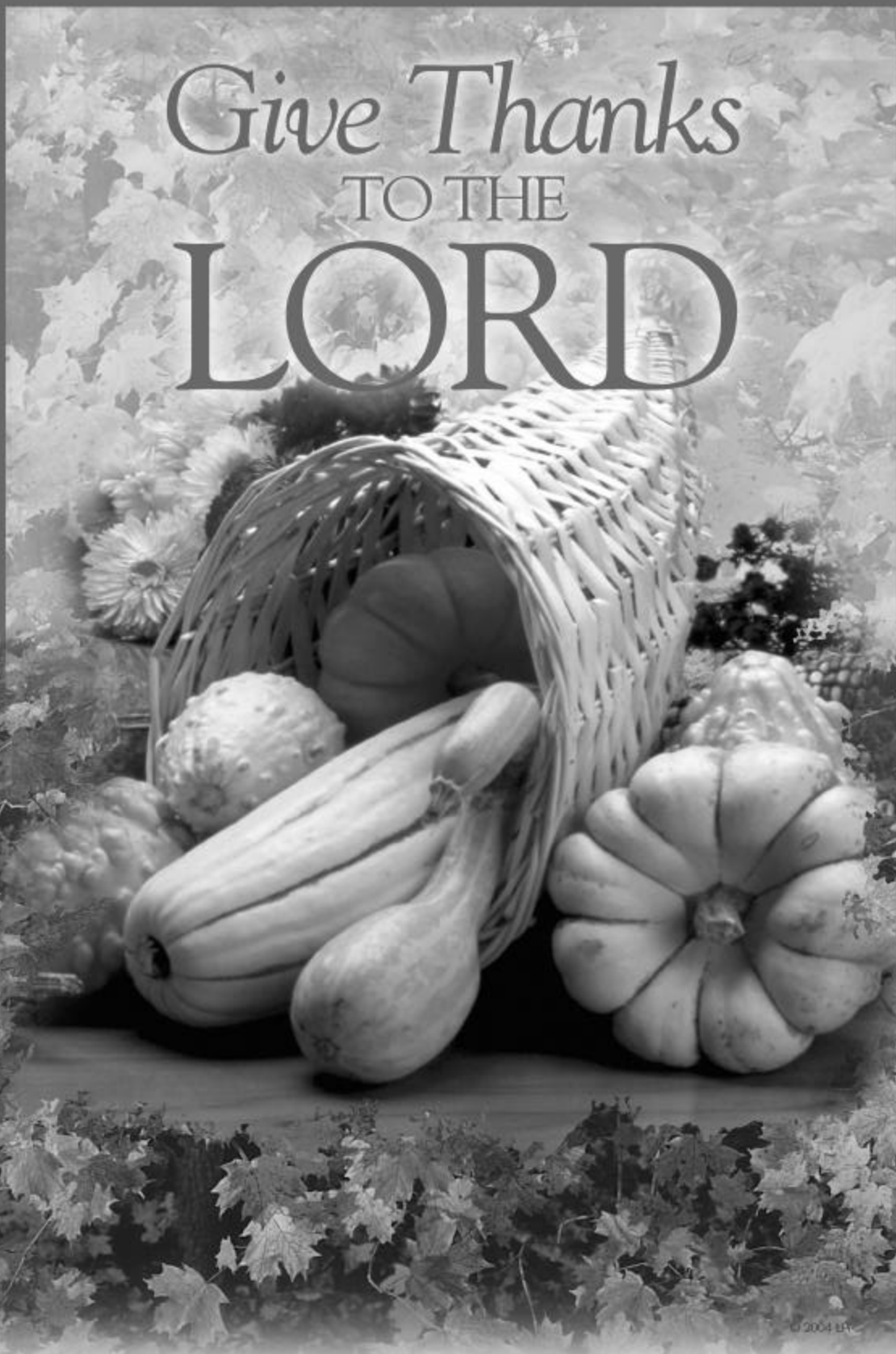


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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November 21, 2004

CHRIST THE KING

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.

November date: 21; December dates: 5, 19.

Grades 1-6

Monday, 6:10-7:30PM

November date: 29; December dates: 6, 13.

Wednesday, 4-5:20PM

December dates: 1, 8, 15.

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, 7-8:20PM

December dates: 1, 8, 15.

Registration is available during office hours (8:00AM-4:00PM) in the Religious Education Office.

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM

November date: 21(9th grade only; no class for 10th grade)

R.U.S.S.H.

Nov. 24: Nothing Scheduled—Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 1: Bowling at ISU Memorial Union. Contact Joe to sign up.

Dec. 8: Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 15: To be decided

Dec. 18: Special Saturday activity—Christmas Caroling at Green Hills. Meet at Saint Cecilia 9:00AM

Dec. 22: Christmas Caroling. Meet at Saint Cecilia 6:00PM

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next Session: November 22.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, St. Francis Library. Next Session : November 23.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process through which people learn about the Catholic faith and are welcomed into the Church. Inquirers are welcome to join the process at any time. For information call John at 232-3514.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH COOKBOOK



Wanted: Your favorite recipes for a parish wide cookbook. The more recipes the better! Please type recipes or print clearly, giving clear, concise instructions. Recipes may be placed in drop boxes by the school or parish offices. Proceeds will go toward the Building Fund.

Saint Cecilia Feast Day Celebration Sunday, November 21, 2:00PM Parish Social Hall

All parishioners are invited to come listen as fellow parishioners share their musical talents in a coffeehouse atmosphere.

Persons who want to share their talents may do so even if they have not signed up ahead of time.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

OLIVE WOOD SALE

Connectus is once again sponsoring a sale of Olive Wood items to help support the "Living Stones" Christian Palestinians living on the West Bank of Israel. Your purchase of these items helps to financially support the remaining 1% of the Christian population living in the Holy Land and support the craft of olive wood sculpture that began 1000 years ago. Sale dates are **November 27 & 28** and **December 4 & 5**. In the spirit of giving during the Advent Season, let us remember our struggling Holy Land Christians with a purchase of Olive Wood as a Christmas gift for family and friends.

Teams Of Our Lady will hold an informational meeting Thursday, December 2, 7:00PM in Parlor A. Teams of Our Lady, an international lay people movement approved by the Pope, encourage the couple's spirituality of marriage which is a sacrament, vocation and covenant. The Patron Saint of Teams is Blessed Virgin Mary. Teams couples meet once a month. For more information contact Charles and Rindi Bernhard at 233-2105 or arbernhard@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Morning Playgroup meets from 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y room. All are welcome. Contact Dawn at 233-6157 or tdwied@worldnet.att.net for information.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE

The Knights of Columbus will sell **Keep Christ in Christmas** cards after all masses beginning November 20. The cards, priced \$6.50-\$10 per box are located on a display table in the vestibule.



November 22, 2004
The Feast of Saint Cecilia

My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The elections are over and we are approaching the wonderful season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is an excellent time to reflect on the many blessings we each enjoy in our families and our community.

I, personally, want each of you to know that I am very grateful for your presence in our parish family. You do a good job of being active participants in the life of Saint Cecilia Parish. Our Worship and our Education programs are bearing fruit in making us more committed to our faith in Jesus Christ. We, as a community, also do a good job of caring for the poor and needy with our Good Samaritan collections and our personal charities, but there are tendencies in all of us to let someone else bear the burden. At the end of each Mass we are sent to "Love and serve the Lord". We sometimes forget that each of us is also sent to do our part to support our parish.

In this special Season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ, I ask each of you to rededicate yourself to the mission of the Church. I ask each of you to give your life (time, talent, treasure) in the service of our community. Please consider your generosity to Saint Cecilia Parish in your Christmas giving. All gifts made on or before December 31 are tax deductible for the year in which your gift is made. Giving securities, cash, or, even being remembered in wills are all excellent ways you can assist in the Church's efforts to, "Build up God's Kingdom." For all in the present and the future who will benefit from your generosity, I THANK YOU!

During this Joyous Season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, please know that you are remembered in my prayers and I pray your families will have a blessed holiday and prosperous new year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Terry Rassmussen, Your Pastor.

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

In an effort to give those families we missed, and those who are new to the parish, an opportunity to participate financially in the Building for Our Future Campaign, we will be making calls on Sunday evening, November 21, from 5-9:00PM. If you are not contacted during this phone-a-thon and would like more information about how you can help, please contact Jean Kresse at 292-7251. Together we can make a difference.

Christ the King



When someone is seen as the best at what they do, they are often given the unofficial title of "king." The list of such titles is exhaustive, ranging from food to music, from sales to art. The title of "king" means you are the best, the top of the heap.

One would hardly expect to find Jesus on a list of kings. It is not the first title that occurs to us to describe him. Yet, that is the very title given him by Pilate: King of the Jews. On his cross, the King reigns. He conquers sin and death as he gives us life and hope. We prefer to call him Savior, Lord, Son of God and Messiah. But he is indeed the King, and we, with all of creation, are subject to him.

As we come to the end of this Church year, we renew our commitment to our faith. We give the honor and praise due the Lord for all he gives us, all he does for us, and all he hopes for us. It is a time to remember that he asks of us nothing more than he himself has given; to love God and others with all we have and all we are. Long reign the King!

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THE GIVING TREE

Continuing the long tradition of sharing the spirit and hope of the holiday season, the people of Saint Cecilia Parish will celebrate Advent with a Giving Tree. The tree will be in the vestibule starting November 27. Please take one or more "Tag Ornaments" from the tree and use as a gift label. Leave the wrapped gift with contents marked at the foot of the tree by the morning of December 12. Over 700 gifts will be distributed to various groups. Check the poster near the tree to match the tag ornament color to the organization you wish to purchase a gift for.



COMMUNITY

Volunteers Wanted

A Free Supper is served every Thursday night from 5:30-6:30PM at First United Methodist Church, 516 Kellogg. Volunteers are welcomed to cook, serve or clean-up. Food and financial donations are also welcomed. Interested in helping expand the Free Supper? If enough other churches or groups are willing to help, First United Methodist would like to add the Free Supper ministry to Tuesday nights. Contact Scott Walker scott@gstwalker.com or Pastor Chuck Kelsey chuck@fumcames.org or call FUMC at 232-2750.

Please remember in your prayers: **PATRICK CLEARY**, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to his family in their time of need. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 20

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, November 21

8:00AM: Blair C. Johnson

9:30AM: St. Rita Circle

11:15AM: Eleanor Anderson

Tuesday, November 23

7:00AM: Doris Warner

Wednesday, November 24

7:00AM: Thomas Modrowski

9:00AM: All Souls

Thursday, November 25

9:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

Friday, November 26

7:00AM: George Rickerl

Saturday, November 27

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, November 28

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Keith Roberts

11:15AM: All Souls

Prayer Opportunities

Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday, 5:00PM in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Chapel is always open for prayer. Call 233-3092 if you wish to sign up for a scheduled adoration hour.

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

Please be Praying for... Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2004

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44