

Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 28, 2004

First Sunday of Advent



We 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.

“Building for our Future”

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 AM

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM
Anytime by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date.

Baptism

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required.

Sick Calls

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments.

Stewardship: “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for his coming.

Religious Education

for the whole parish family

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Religious Education Classes

Pre-School & Kindergarten meet during 9:30AM Mass the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

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

Youth Ministry

Grades 9-12

Sunday, 7-8:30PM—No class November 28.

December dates: 5, 12, 19

R.U.S.S.H.

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 29.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets 10:15-11:15AM, St. Francis Library. Next Session : November 30.

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.

Olive Wood Sale

November 27/28, Parlors

December 4/5, Social Hall

Your purchase of Olive Wood items for yourself or as a Christmas gift for family and friends 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.

Religious Goods and Book Sale

December 4 & 5

The Family Life Committee will sponsor its 18th Annual Advent Gift and Book Sale the weekend of December 4-5. The sale will be held in the parish Parlors after all weekend liturgies. A large selection will be available including books for both children and adults, Advent and Christmas related materials, and gift items. The merchandise will be provided by Lemstone and a portion of all sales will go to the Parish Family Life committee for its ministry to families.

St. Gerard Circle will meet Thursday, December 2, 7:00PM at Abington on Grand Nursing Home, for caroling. The business meeting will follow at the home of Barbara Gwiasda, 3420 Eisenhower Avenue. Bring 2 dozen cookies (all one kind) for a cookie exchange. If you are not a member but wish to hear the caroling at the Abington, please contact Carol Bond (232-4175).

St. Mary Circle will meet Thursday, December 2, 6:30PM at the home of Audrey Marley, 1502 Meadowlane for the annual Christmas supper. Bring a salad to share. A collection will be taken for the Good Neighbor Fund. Call Priscilla at 232-7688 if you need a ride.

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.

Sanctity of Life Committee will meet Saturday, December 4, 6:00PM in the Adult/Youth room.

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.

CELEBRATE ADVENT A NEW WAY



LIVING
Nativity

Attend the Stations of the Nativity Wednesday, December 1, 7:45PM in the Church.

Fourteen scenes surrounding Christ's birth will be depicted by members of a 7th grade Religious Education Class and their parents. Each scene will have a New Testament verse, short meditation and prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**. Please take one or more "Tag Ornaments" from the tree and use as a gift label. Check the poster near the tree to match the tag ornament color to the organization you wish to purchase a gift for. 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 the following: Bethany Manor, the Richmond Center, The Abington on Grand, Mary Greeley Adolescent Psych Ward, Riverside Manor, Saint Cecilia Home Ministry, Youth and Shelter Services, and Lutheran Social Services of Iowa.

Suggestions for gifts include the following;

MAN—Shaving lotion, cologne, handkerchiefs, socks, suspenders, gloves, paper, envelopes, stamps, books, dried fruit, magnifying glass, poster, calendar, puzzle, window-type birdfeeder, cards, sun catcher, disposable camera, flashlight, phone card, gift certificates, slipper sox. Please, **NO CANDLES** or **CANDY**.

LADY—Bath and body lotion, soap, spray or powder; stationery; greeting cards; envelopes; books; dried fruit; jewelry; hairbrush, poster; calendar; panty hose; knee high stockings; floral arrangement; slippers; stuffed animal; perfume; scarf; picture frame; cut glass or crystal window decoration; sun catcher; disposable camera; phone card and gift certificates. Please, **NO CANDLES** or **CANDY**.

CHILDREN, TEENAGERS, AND YOUNG ADULTS—Games, cards, stuffed animal, clothing, craft set, toys, personal items, school supplies, backpacks, soccer ball (size 3, 4, or 5), basketball, new packages of underwear and socks, phone cards, gift certificates, and bath and body soaps and sprays. Please, **NO KNIVES OR SHARP OBJECTS**.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Day and Night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend **ONE QUIET HOUR WITH HIM EACH WEEK** in the Blessed Sacrament. *"Where your treasure is, there is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt6:21;26:40)*

GIVE A GIFT OF LIFE

St. Cecilia's Alternative Gift Market will be held after all Masses December 4 & 5 in the Social Hall. Instead of the usual commercial gifts, you can give, in honor of your friends and relatives, life giving gifts such as livestock, medicine, trees, food and shelter that will be sent to people in crisis overseas and in the U.S. by ecumenical non-profit organizations. Several local organizations, including Good Neighbor and the Emergency Residence Project are also represented. You'll receive holiday cards with gift inserts to send to those on your gift list. Examples of gifts include \$4 for school supplies for a child in Iraq and \$15 for one week of groceries for a Good Neighbor client.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

A Handbell Choir is forming for the Christmas season. Call Bob at 233-3092 if you are interested in joining.

The Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee

needs volunteers to help coordinate certain jobs during the Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, December 19. The jobs include tree prep, tree lighting/decoration, poinsettia/altar decoration, wreath, Chapel and most important – clean-up. Please contact Bob at 233-3092. Outdoor decoration preparation will take place on Saturday, December 11 and /or 18. Contact Bill Haas at 232-7138 to help with these projects.



October Baptisms

Briar Beth, daughter of Shawn & Tricia Crain
Hunter James, son of Daniel & Catheryn Gorman
Elijah James, son of Erik & Janet Potter
Keegan Fitzgerald, child of Craig & Regina Reinier
Grace Ann, daughter of Aaron & Lindsey Wirth
Jacob Henry, son of Joseph & Jan Wenke

Our next preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, December 2, 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, call the Parish Office at 233-3092.



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.

1st Sunday of Advent

Patience will probably never be known as the great American virtue. We want everything yesterday! No matter where we are or what we are doing, we do not like to wait for anyone or anything. Yet how often people say that anything worthwhile is worth waiting for. It is not too likely that waiting will replace baseball as the American pastime.



The prophets remind us that all things happen in God's time, and we must be patient and wait for the Lord's coming. There is no rushing God. In due time and in due season, His plan will unfold just as He intended. When it does, we will realize that God knows what He is doing and our faith in Him is never misplaced.

Once again, we begin a season of expectation, of watching and waiting for the Lord. Be patient. Look not only for the ways that God is present in your life, but also for the things He calls you to do, and the person He calls you to be. Heed the advise of Isaiah and Paul. The time of the Lord is upon us. Wake from your sleep and walk in the Presence of the Lord.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 27

5:00PM: Mike Rolling

Sunday, November 28

8:00AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

9:30AM: Keith Roberts

11:15AM: All Souls

Tuesday, November 30

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Wednesday, December 1

7:00AM: Catholic Daughters

Thursday, December 2

7:00AM: Linus Putz

Friday, December 3

7:00AM: Shirley Reece

Saturday, December 4

5:00PM: Anton Uthe

Sunday, December 5

8:00AM: Fred & Amelia Habing

9:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

11:15AM: Youth of the Area

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

DECEMBER 7: 5:30PM

DECEMBER 8: 7:00AM, 9:00AM,
7:30PM

Parking Update



Now that we have additional parking along the driveway by the Social Hall, parishioners may park there at any time. People who have difficulty walking will find these parking areas especially helpful for getting in and out of the church. The door by the Social Hall kitchen and the south door in the back

of the church are opened by 7:30AM on Sundays. The door (northwest) with the automatic opener is still a good option for people who have physical disabilities or who use a wheelchair. The old driveway is open for people with disabilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Terry

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.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 11, 5:00PM

The Bi-Lingual Mass will be followed by a procession and a potluck dinner in the Social Hall. Please bring your own beverage, a main dish and a salad or dessert to share.

(Vengan celebremos la fiesta de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe con una Misa el Sabado, 11, de Diciembre, a las 5:00PM. Al terminar la Misa se realizara una procesion. Inmediatamente despues tendremos una convivencia, para ello pedimos que traigan un plato principal y ensalada o postre y una bebida para compartir. ! Vengan celebremos!)



Those in our parish and the community who are ill.

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2004

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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12