

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

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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**

### Reconciliation (Reconciliación)

#### English & Español

**Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM**

Anytime by appointment.

(Cualquier horario para una cita)

December 17, 2006

Third Sunday of Advent

**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



**T**he Manger near the front entrance was built by 9th grade students. They will present a Living Nativity for 1/2 hour before each Mass from now through Epiphany. The presentation will change each weekend as the Nativity unfolds.

## Religious Education

for the whole parish family



### Generations of Faith

December 17, 5:00PM

Topic: Reconciliation

### Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Next session: December 17.

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

**YIKES!**

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

**January 3: 7:00-8:30PM.** Come for New Year fun, faith and friendship.

**January 17: 7:00-8:30PM,** Casino Night.

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

Confirmation Class for December 20 is cancelled.

**Appalachia Service Trip** applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125. Verbal commitments **not** accepted due to number of expected applications.

**Outstanding service requirements/saint reports** for 9th & 10th grade students are due before Christmas break.

**Next Benediction night** is Wednesday, January 3, 7:00PM in the Church.

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Will not meet December 25 & January 1. Next session, January 8.

**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. Class will not meet December 19, 26 or January 2.

**Next Session: January 9.**

**Sunday Scripture Study:** Please call John (232-3514) if interested in restarting this group to study the Sunday Scripture Readings.

**RCIA:** meets Sundays in the Adult/Youth Room following 8:30AM Mass. New inquirers welcome. For more information contact John at 232-3514.

### Baptism

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, February 1, 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve:**

4:00PM —Children's Mass

5:30PM—Spanish Mass, Chapel

6:30PM—Mass

11:30PM—Caroling

12:00 Midnight—Mass

**Christmas Day:**

10:00AM: Mass

**New Years' Eve: 4:00PM, Mass**

**New Year's Day: 10:00AM, Mass**

**The regular weekend schedule will be followed both weekends in addition to these Masses**



CHRISTMAS



Adoration will be suspended from 7:00AM, Friday, December 22, until 7:00AM, Tuesday, January 2.

The Chapel will be locked each evening starting December 22 and all day December 23-26 and December 30-January 1.



**Parish Offices will close at noon on December 22, and reopen on December 27. Parish Offices will also be closed New Year's Day.**

## Meetings/Events



**The Hanging of the Greens** will take place Sunday December 17, starting at noon. Please come and help decorate for the Christmas season. Many hands make light work.

**Social Concerns** will meet Monday, December 18, 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, December 19, at the home of Mildred Finnegan. Anyone interested in making rosaries may call 233-1393.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. **Fellowship will not meet December 27.** Contact Jenni Mortimer at [mortimer@mchsi.com](mailto:mortimer@mchsi.com) or 296-1858 or Diana Thatcher at [thatchmd@yahoo.com](mailto:thatchmd@yahoo.com) or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.

## Reconciliation

Let us spiritually prepare ourselves for Christmas by making ourselves available to receive God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Communal Reconciliation with individual Confessions, 7:30PM, Thursday, December 21

Nine priests will be present for individual confession. Penitents will be given the opportunity of going face-to-face or behind a screen.

#### Individual Confessions

Fr. Nienhaus will hear confessions Tuesday-Friday, December 19-22 at Noon and again at 5:00PM each day until all are heard each day.

#### At St. Thomas

December 20, 7:30PM

**Saint Cecilia Bereavement Ministry** is beginning a grieving support group. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 2:00PM in the St. Clare Room ( former rectory living room). Attendance is encouraged if you are hurting or know someone who has experienced a loss and needs support.



#### November Baptisms

**Taylor Sue**, daughter of Troy & Kelly Banning  
**Aiden William**, son of Craig & Stacy Monroe  
**Logan Richard**, son of Kyle & Kathleen Youngberg  
**Ryan Scott**, son of Darrin & Alisa Lindquist and grandson of Leon & Gloria Girard.

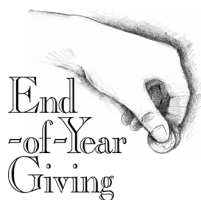
#### November Weddings

Gregory Buse & Amanda Ellis  
Aaron Wirth & Lindsey Ortmann



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for a unique gift that will keep on giving for you and your spouse? Give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends: February 9-11, in Cedar Rapids or Des Moines, June 8-10 in Dubuque or Ames. Call Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352 or visit [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org) for more information.



**Thank You** to those who support Saint Cecilia Parish with gifts of treasure. Your gifts are needed and appreciated. **Gifts that are received or post-marked by December 31 will be included in 2006 donations.** Please contact the parish office before making a stock donation and allow at least a week to process.

## Saint Cecilia School

**Christmas Break December 21-2006 through January 2, 2007**

May your family have a Blessed Christmas & New Year



### Up-Coming Events

During Catholic Schools Week (CSW), January 28-February 3, Saint Cecilia Day School students will host a grandparent/grandfriend day Wednesday, January 31. This is in lieu of the CSW Family Picnic. **All senior members of the parish are invited to attend Mass at 10:30AM followed by a luncheon, entertainment and tour.** The luncheon is \$5 per person and senior members can RSVP by January 5, by calling Mrs. Vidimos at 232-5290 or e-mail [lvidimos@stcames.com](mailto:lvidimos@stcames.com).

**Stewardship:** Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

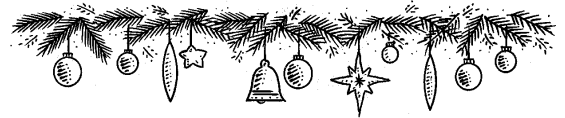
## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Save Cancelled Stamps

Your cancelled stamps can be used to provide money for missions. Please leave 1/4 inch of paper around stamps when cutting them out. Place cancelled stamps in the special collection box in the usher's room.

### 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.



### Christmas Ornaments

There are still several ornaments remaining from orders placed last Christmas. If you ordered an ornament last year and did not pick it up please check the usher's room. Any ornaments remaining after Christmas will be discarded.



### Cookbooks

**Need a new recipe or a great gift idea for the holidays?**

**Parish Cookbooks available in the Parish Office**

**Special Pricing Through the Holidays**  
**\$15 each, 2 for \$25 or 3 for \$30**

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Luke 3:10-18**



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

At this time of year, many holiday gatherings are being planned. For so long, we have waited for this occasion; to get together, to share meals and stories, all in the name of remembering the arrival of a child who would change our world forever. And just as important, we remember that this innocent child promised to return again someday. Within that promise, we were told to make ourselves ready, to be prepared. What, then, should we do?

For hundreds of years, the prophets had foretold of the coming of a king. Quietly, patiently, faithfully, the people waited. And now, a man named John was proclaiming that the time had arrived, and so too would this king. As word spread, people from all walks of life hurried to see John and to be cleansed of their sins by the waters of the traditional Jewish rite of baptism. As they came, they asked John what they needed to do in preparation. He answered each according to their profession, and to all according to their responsibility in this world.

During this season of Advent, we spend time wondering what we should do to prepare. John advised all to share their food and clothing with those who have none. These simple acts of charity are our responsibility as we are all the body of Christ and individually members of it. Therefore, if one suffers in this Body, all suffer. The smallest act of charity, then, returns as a benefit to all. (CCC 952)  
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**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**  
**SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"**  
**CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD**

**II. Ways of Coming to Know God - Paragraph 34:** The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls "God".

**Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity**

Did you know that you could contribute a portion of your state tax liability in support of Catholic education by giving a gift of the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tax Organization*? You give the gift and then you get an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of the amount of your gift. Tax credits reduce the amount of the tax you pay to the state by reducing your tax liability dollar for dollar equal to the tax credit you receive. A contribution may also reduce your Federal tax if you itemize deductions. If you give \$1,000 you receive an Iowa tax credit equal to \$650, and if you itemize your federal income tax, you take the full \$1,000 as a deduction! Please consider a contribution to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* for scholarship support of students with financial need. It's your tax dollars—you decide where they go! If you choose, you can even designate a portion of your money to the Archdiocesan school of your choice. Download a donor application at [www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us) and mail it before December 31. Thank you.

**Keep Christ in Christmas cards** are available in the Gathering Space near the coat racks.

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**Address:**  
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 8701 36th Avenue N  
 New Hope, MN 55427  
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**Saturday, December 16**

5:00PM: Sr. Gene Marie OSF

**Sunday, December 17**

8:30AM: Ethel & Pete Grise  
 10:30AM: John & Gladys Konechne  
 5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners  
 (Misa en Español, Chapel)

**Tuesday, December 19**

7:00AM: Rose Marie Hadaway

**Wednesday, December 20**

7:00AM: Sylvester Upah

**Thursday, December 21**

7:00AM: Agnes Tondra

**Friday, December 22**

7:00AM: Lois Johanns

**Saturday, December 23**

5:00PM: Germaine Mullenbach

**Sunday, December 24**

8:30AM: Poor Souls  
 10:30AM: Special Intention  
 4:00PM: Melvina Wasel  
 6:30PM: John & Theresa Hudak  
 Midnight: Special Intention  
**(Misa en Español, Chapel)**  
 5:30PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

**Monday, December 25**

10:00AM: Special Intention

**Prayer Opportunities**  
**(Held in the Chapel)**

**Scriptural Rosary:** Monday, 7:00AM

**Evening Prayer:** Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Chapel will be locked nights, December 22-January 1 and days the Parish Office is closed.

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

**Rosary:** Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday before 7:00AM Mass

**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. St. Faustina, who was declared a saint in 2000, stated "The 3:00 hour is the 'Hour of Great Mercy' for the graces we most need." Everyone is welcome.)

**Readings for the Week of December 17, 2006**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
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