

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

November 25, 2007

Christ the King



“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 tener 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. Se requiere que los padres reciban instrucciones )

### Sick Calls ( Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Para una cita, y si desea recibir los sacramentos.) llame a la oficina de la parroquia

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

## Religious Education

for the whole parish family

### Preschool & Kindergarten

Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during the 10:30AM Mass. December dates: 3, 17

### Grades 1-5

**Monday, 6:15-7:30PM**— November class date: 26

**Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM** — November class date: 28

### Middle School Youth Group - YIKES

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM — November date: 28

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

**Sacrament Preparation:** Sunday, December 2, 5-7:30PM, A/Y Room

**9th Grade Class: November 28, 7:00-8:15PM**

**Glory:** November 21, 7-9PM, A/Y room

**High school parents:** Please continue to register your ninth through twelfth graders! **Only registered ninth graders will be eligible for Confirmation next year.**

**Advent Mini-Retreat: December 8.** Come decorate for Christmas and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception! Cost: \$15 (includes Purity Ring!) 5 Worship Hours for Freshmen & Sophomores. Sign up this week in the R.E. office!

For Youth Ministry information please visit the new website [www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth](http://www.freewebs.com/stceciliayouth)

### Adult Education

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session: November 26

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Next session: November 27.

### RCIA

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

### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, December 6, 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.

### Registration

If you attend Saint Cecilia Parish and have not registered please contact the Parish Office of download a registration form from the Parish Website [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

### Directory Pictures

Due to the response, Busson Photography will add **December 10** as an additional day to have portraits taken if enough people sign up. Please call the Parish Office (233-3092) very soon if you wish to schedule an appointment for the 10th. A few afternoon time slots remain for **December 4**.



**Saturday, December 1,**

**5:30-8:00PM, Social Hall**

**\$8 per person or \$20.00 per Family**

**Smokin Caboose BBQ Competition Team and Catering**

The menu includes apple & hickory smoked brisket sandwiches, Smokin Caboose BBQ apple baked beans, potato chips and dessert.

Proceeds will go to the 5th grade class trip.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Adoration suspended from  
until 7:00AM, Tuesday, November 27**



**Sixty Plus Group** will meet for a pot luck dinner, Tuesday, November 27, 12:00PM in the South Social Hall. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Parishioner Val Hinz will present a program **Pets for Seniors**, following the meal.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets in the A/Y room, 10:00-11:30AM twice each month. Next session is December 5. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or [starkmortimer@yahoo.com](mailto:starkmortimer@yahoo.com) or Jon Ryan at 232-2075 or [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net). All are welcome to attend.

**Saint Cecilia Choir** will practice Saturday, December 1, 9:00-10:30AM in the Music Room. The choir is currently preparing for the Advent/Christmas season. New members always welcome. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated. Call Bob at 233-3092 if interested.

**Sanctity of Life Committee** will meet Sunday, December 2, 9:30AM in the St. Frances Library.

## Gift Fair

**After all Masses December 1 & 2  
Narthex and Social Hall**

**Alternative Gift Market** -The money you donate will be used by non-profit organizations to assist people in crisis overseas as well as in the U.S. and the Ames area. All donations through the program are tax-deductible. **Shopping lists are available now and are with the Alternative Gift Market poster near the church entrance.**

**Catholic Daughters Craft Sale** includes hand knitted items, rosaries, and baked goods.

**Olive Wood Sale**- Beautiful hand crafted items from Bethlehem.

**Religious Goods, Book and Gift Sale** This is an excellent opportunity to purchase Advent reading materials as well as Christmas gifts.

## School News

Thursday, November 29: 9:00AM, Mass  
Grades 3 & 5



### End of Year Giving

Many of our parishioners re-evaluate their giving to Saint Cecilia Parish at year end. For some families, it may be in thanksgiving for the many blessings they received during the year. For others, it is to take advantage of tax incentives. Whatever the case, and because IRS regulations are strict and date sensitive, it is important for you to give your monetary donations on or before December 31. The church can only acknowledge gifts received or postmarked on or before December 31. This is also true of stock donations. Thank you to all those who support Saint Cecilia in time, talent and treasure.

### World Wide Marriage Encounter

Watching your figure over the holidays so that you don't get out of shape? Keep your marriage fit and trim, too. Make reservations for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend now! Upcoming Weekends are Cedar Falls, February 8-10 and Dubuque, May 30-June 1. To register or for more information, contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352.

### Mark Your Calendar

Ralph Martin, host of the weekly television program **The Choices We Face** and author of several audio books on the Catholic Church, spirituality, and the teaching of the saints, is scheduled to speak in Ames, January 29, 8:00PM in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union & January 30, 7:00PM at St. Thomas Aquinas. Proposed topics are *Wisdom of the Mystic Saints & Balancing Active and Contemplative in Spirituality*. Ralph is the president of Renewal Ministries and Director of Graduate Programs at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He is also Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He is also Assistant Professor at Sacred Heart Seminary and Visiting Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.



### The Giving Tree

Since the first Sunday of Advent is not until December 1 & 2 and some organizations need the gifts in time to distribute at their Christmas parties, [Tag Ornaments for the giving tree will be available at a table in the Narthex this weekend.](#) Remaining tags will be placed on the Giving Tree next weekend. [All gifts need to be under the tree no later than noon on Sunday, December 9.](#) A flyer listing suggested items is included in this bulletin.



Cookbooks

**Parish Cook Books**  
**\$10**

Available in the Parish Office

**Stewardship:** Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life.?

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Appalachia Committee** is collecting new and quality used toys for its annual toy drive. Toys along with clothing and household furnishings are sent to the Appalachia region of South East Kentucky (Williamsburg). This Ames nonprofit organization has been sending items to Kentucky since 1968. Donations can be dropped off at the Appalachia Committee warehouse 2019 Pullman on Saturdays, 9:00AM-Noon. Gifts are tax deductible. Questions? Call Dan Bahr at 292-6784 or visit [www.appalachiacommittee.org](http://www.appalachiacommittee.org)

### Eucharistic Ministers for Shut-Ins Needed

Please call Julie Haas (232-7138) if you would like to help with this rewarding ministry.

### Welcome Ministry (Greeters)

If you are interested in welcoming parishioners and visitors to Saint Cecilia Parish before weekend Masses, please call the parish office (233-3092) to volunteer. Individuals and families welcome. You would be scheduled for one Mass per month.

### English as a Second Language

Classes are held on Thursday, 10:00AM to 11:30AM and 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Volunteers are needed to dialogue with students learning English. Knowledge of other languages is not necessary. All materials are provided. Contact Deacon John McCully at 232-6755 or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

## Lost & Found

Please check the box in the old ushers room for missing items. Many dishes and containers left from funeral lunches are also on shelves in the old ushers room. If you are missing dishes, please check the shelves.

### Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

The ads on the back of our bulletin make it possible to provide a weekly bulletin at no cost to Saint Cecilia Parish. We owe special thanks to our parishioners and friends of the parish who provide this service. Please take time to look at the ads and support the businesses listed.

### Your Financial Stewardship

November 18, contribution	\$ 19,965
Fiscal YTD	\$ 367,253
Budget YTD	\$ 382,557
November 18, Building Fund	\$ 1,017

An estimated average weekly offering of \$18,217 to the general operating fund is required to balance the Saint Cecilia Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 (\$965,500).

## Feast of Christ the King

We are presented with choices every day. Sometimes, the choices are many and varied; often, however, they are no more complicated than this choice or that. But with every choice, we should weigh the consequences of our decision. Too often we tend to go with our gut feeling; the problem with this is that our gut feeling is borne of desire and not of the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil.

Today on this Feast of Christ the King, we are presented with the personification of choices. The two men hanging on crosses on either side of Jesus represent, in their comments, the choice between faith in God and the rejection of faith. The first only wants to be saved from his fate; the second expresses his faith that Jesus Christ is who he says he is, and asks only to be remembered, to which Jesus promises him even more because of his faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christ died as part of God's offering of salvation for us all, as was foretold in the scriptures. (CCC 599-601) In the history of humankind, slavery has existed; only kings and rulers have had the authority to end slavery. Christ the King, in his Passion, gave his life for each and every soul on earth, freeing us from the slavery of sin.

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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 2

#### THE TRANSMISSION OF DIVINE REVELATION. III THE INTERPRETATION OF THE HERITAGE OF FAITH

**The supernatural sense of faith paragraph 93** "By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority (Magisterium)...receives....the faith, once for all delivered to the saints....The People un-faithfully adheres to this faith, penetrates it more deeply with right judgment, and applies it more fully in daily life."

## Visit our website

[www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

- The parish bulletin may be found under **Parish Office**
- **Fr. Howard's daily Homilies:** Those who remember Fr. Howard's homilies can still be inspired by his words. Click on **Other resources & Links** and scroll down to Fr. Howard's Homilies.
- Mass times and church locations around the world can be found at the end of the Saint Cecilia schedule under **Mass & Reconciliation times.**



## Saint Thomas Aquinas

**What is Restorative Justice?** On Thursday, November 29, 7:00PM, a team from the Archdiocese will present information on: What is Restorative Justice? What has prompted the need for this initiative? How is a faith-based community involved? What are the benefits for victims, offenders, their community?

**Red Cross Blood Drive,** Friday, November 30, 2:00-6:00PM. Schedule a time to donate at [www.givebloodgivelife.org](http://www.givebloodgivelife.org) (preferred) or walk-in. Consider being a blood donor.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 24

5:00PM: All the Poor Souls

### Sunday, November 25

8:30AM: Deceased Members of the Judge Family

10:30AM: Marvin Rader

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners  
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, November 27

7:00AM: Rosemary Beaty

### Wednesday, November 28

7:00AM: Harry Svec

### Thursday, November 29

7:00AM: Fred Swank

9:00AM: All the Poor Souls

### Friday, November 30

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

### Saturday, December 1

8:30AM: Jo Newell

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

### Sunday, December 2

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer

10:30AM: Mary Oberg

5:00PM: All the Poor Souls  
(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

## Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

Send requests to: [stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com)

## Readings for the Week of November 25, 2007

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

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

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

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

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