

# Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

January 6, 2008  
Epiphany

## 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)

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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.

## Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year,  
I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings.  
You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.  
Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw.  
Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat.  
Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes.  
And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.  
As another year ends and begins in our lives,  
help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles.  
When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,  
help me take delight in the life I've received from you.  
Remind me that I will one day pass from this world  
and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.

*Amen.*



## 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. January dates, 6 & 20

### Grades 1-5

Monday, 6:15-7:30PM— January class dates: 7, 14, 21

First Reconciliation Rescheduled to January 12, 10:00AM

Wednesday, 4:00-5:15PM — January class dates: 9, 16, 23.

First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment: January 12, 5:00PM Mass

### First Eucharist Parent Meetings

January 7, 6:15PM OR January 9, 4:00PM  
Rite of Enrollment January 12, 5:00PM Mass

### Middle School Youth

Classes Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM — January date: 16  
Wednesday, January 9—YIKES 7-9:00PM, 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:** Sunday, January 6, 5:00-7:30PM in the A/Y room.  
Candidate/Parent meeting, 5:00-6:00PM. (Sponsors need not come).  
**11/12 Bible Study:** January 6, 11:30AM, St. Francis Room  
**9th Grade Class:** January 23, 7:00-8:15PM, Social Hall. Please remember to bring your *Catholic Faith Handbook* to class.

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

### RCIA

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

### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is Thursday, February 7, 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.

### Adult Education

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

**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: January 8.

### Adult Education Series

January 16: *Marriage*, Gary & Kay Aitchison  
January 30: *Lent*, Sr. Christine Feagan, O.P.

March 5: *Triduum*, Fr. Everett Hemann

April 16: *Vocations*, Fr. David Schatz



*From the Pastor*

### From the Pastor:

The celebration of Christmas this year touched the hearts of many who participated in the Christmas Liturgies at Saint Cecilia Parish. The decorations, the music, the prayers of the people were superb. Saint Cecilia Parish continues to manifest a vitality that other parishes can only envy.

2008 will be a year of change for our parish. The new Director of Development, Karen Kerns, will bring new ideas to help the parish grow. I hope you will be impressed with her ideas and abilities as our parish continues to minister to the current needs of our parishioners today and position our parish for future success.

My personal thanks for everyone who remembered Saint Cecilia Parish with their financial gifts, unselfish service and prayers during 2007. My personal thanks to those who remembered me during the Christmas Season with warm words, prayers, cards and gifts.

God Bless You!

*Fr. Nienhaus*

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Interfaith Discussion

Join in some post holiday conversation, Sunday, January 6, 2:00PM in the Social Hall when Saint Cecilia will host an Interfaith Dialogue. Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome. New members encouraged. Join with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors for an interesting discussion. Contact Sue Stanton at 515-233-4762 for more information.

**St. Anne Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 8, 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. Members will tear bandages for the Missions. Guests are always welcome.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Thursday, January 10, 6:00PM in the A/Y room. Program on National Basilica by Pat Terrones.

**Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup** meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Next session is January 9. 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.

### CEW (Christian Experience Weekend)

Looking for a New Focus for the Coming Year? Here's a wonderful tool to do just that! Christian Experience Weekends are being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny, January 25-27 for women and February 8-10 for men. The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. Brochures available in the East Social Hall Corridor. Call Debbie Landuyt at 597-2263.

**The Living Manger** will be complete this weekend with the arrival of the Wise Men. Special thanks to the High School Youth Group for their presentation.

## School News

Thursday, January 10: 9:00AM, Mass Grades 3&4

Friday, January 18: No School—staff development



## Chili Supper

Tuesday, January 8, 4:30-6:30PM

Multi-purpose room

Free Will Offering

Featuring Mr. Siepker's Famous Chili,  
breadsticks & relishes

Proceeds go to help Brenna Pinkerton, daughter of guidance counselor, Kathy Pinkerton get to Michigan for medical treatment. Brenna has Tuberosus Sclerosis causing tumors to grow in every organ and along her spine.

## Married Couples

### What Have You Done For Your Marriage Today?

- For tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)
- Mark your calendar and plan to attend *Relight the Flame*, an afternoon for your marriage on February 17.

Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

## 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 and Visiting Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

## American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls "Working Retreat" January 25-27

Reflect, Discuss, Discern, Act... Registration form available East Social Hall Corridor

## Youth Trips Available

**Acquire the Fire:** February 22-23, Des Moines  
Registration due: January 19 (10 Worship Hours)

**Steubenville of the Rockies:** June 20-23, Denver  
If you can only go on one trip this year, this is the one we recommend!  
Registration due: January 10 (20 Worship & Service Hours)

**Appalachia:** July 27-August 2, Kentucky  
Registration due before January 30 (10 Worship Hours)

**Memory Tree Ornaments** may be picked up in the Narthex up this weekend and January 12/13.



**Stewardship:** Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Expertise Needed

#### Saint Cecilia's Investment & Money Management Stewardship Group

As an extension of its Finance and Administration Commission, Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is establishing a volunteer parishioner-based committee of experts who will be stewards of Saint Cecilia's total financial profile as it relates to investment management, banking, endowment management, annuities, planned/deferred giving, and trust development. Under the direction of the Finance Commission, the committee's role is to develop a plan outlining guiding policies, procedures, and a code of ethics for operation, management, and donor education and cultivation. This committee will also advise and work with the Office of Community Development and Communications to establish an education and donor cultivation plan that will support our community by developing a menu of giving options to ensure the long-term sustainability of Saint Cecilia Parish. The group will develop and present a strategic plan/proposal for approval to the Parish Council and Board of Education by March 2008 and will continue to overview and advise as we build and grow. If you would like to volunteer your expertise, please contact David Suntkin (460-3213) who is donating his time to lead the committee or Karen Kerns (231-8658) or [kpiconi@msn.com](mailto:kpiconi@msn.com).

## 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.



## RECENT BAPTISMS

**Isaac Richard**, son of Lawrence & Darlene DuCharme  
**Hope Ann**, daughter of Larry & Charity Faber  
**Lilah Margaret**, daughter of Gregory & Amy Forbes  
**Cecelia Anne**, daughter of John & Theresa Hart  
**William Bryant**, son of Gregory & Amy Hawthorne  
**Karlie Brynn**, daughter of Adam & Erin Hill  
**Eleanor Eileen**, daughter of Ian & Suzanne Lawler  
**Grace Isabel**, daughter of Carl & Sara Markley  
**Abby Marie**, daughter of Kevin & Kristi Patel  
**Aidan & Ethan**, twin sons of Adam & Mindy Rash  
**Aidan Dominic**, son of Jeff & Jessica Trier

## Epiphany of the Lord

How many times have you heard young people say, "I just want to find myself"? Perhaps you were one of those young people! Are you still searching? It is entirely possible that the search goes on because one isn't looking for the right person. Many of us will spend our lives in frustration looking for whatever it is that might make us happy, when we need look no further than a promise fulfilled beneath a star, shining brightly over Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

Three wise men set out to find a child who was said to be the Messiah, the new King foretold throughout the ages by the prophets. They believed; their faith allowed them to follow that shining star to their journey's end. But instead of a regal palace, they found a tiny town; instead of a throne room, they found a humble home. And still they fell to their knees, worshipping him and offering him their humble, earthly gifts. Their faith led them.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. They represented the Gentiles, and their visit begins the discovery of Jesus by those who have been seeking the promised king of all nations (CCC 528). If you are searching, look for the light of life that is Jesus Christ. And if you have found that light, hold it high as a shining star so that others, too, may find it.

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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 3 SACRED SCRIPTURE

**I Christ—The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture Paragraph 103/104:** The Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.

In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God." In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them.



**On behalf** of refugee women living in Jordan, I wish to thank the Saint Cecilia Community for their encouragement and financial support for the Iraqi Women Project.

It is with great joy that I can report to you that we are almost at our goal. This allows for the project to begin once a business plan is finalized.

I ask for your prayers as this next phase of the project takes shape.

In peace and gratitude,  
Sue Stanton

Iraqi Women Projects Program Coordinator

### Please remember in your prayers:

**HELENA MARTINS**, who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to her family in their time of need. May she and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



### Saturday, January 5

5:00PM: Linus Putz

### Sunday, January 6

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Fred Swank

5:00PM: John Skelly  
(Misa en Español, Chapel)

### Tuesday, January 8

7:00AM: All the Poor Souls

### Wednesday, January 9

7:00AM: Bob Best

### Thursday, January 10

7:00AM: Bill Kemna

9:00AM: Nina Andreeva

### Friday, January 11

7:00AM: Ruth Bremer

### Saturday, January 12

5:00PM: Susan Mullaly & Marie Putz

### Sunday, January 13

8:30AM: Ann & Homer Evans

10:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00PM: Mary Camp  
(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  
(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite)

## Saint Cecilia Prayer Chain

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

## Birthright,

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## Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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