

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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November 16, 2008

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Saint Cecilia Parish*



# *Christmas Market*

## **Saint Cecilia Social Hall**

**November 22: 5:30PM - 7:00PM**

Homemade apple pie & coffee served after 5:00PM Mass

**November 23: 9:00AM - 12:30PM**

Pancake Breakfast served after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  
by the Saint Cecilia School Fifth Grade Class

Ames Alternative Gift Market

Beyond Welfare Homemade Apple Pies

Catholic Daughters Craft Sale

Connectus Olive Wood Sale

Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale

Don Justo Fair Trade Coffee from El Salvador

Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women Tootsie Pop Sale

Saint Cecilia Gift Shop

Saint Cecilia Giving Tree

Saint Cecilia Parish Cookbook Sale

Saint Cecilia Rosary Makers Religious Articles

Saint Cecilia Social Concerns Recycled Holiday Decorations

*This is a wonderful opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for family and friends and support great causes!*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass

### Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. November date: 17  
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. November date: 19

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

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, November date: 17

### Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, November date: 19

#### Confirmation:

Confirmation retreat: November 22/23.

#### Glory:

November 17—Braveheart (revised for PG-13 viewers)

**World Youth Day 2011** will be held in Madrid, Spain. Youth who will be at least 16 by the summer of 2011 are eligible to attend. Fundraising will begin soon for those who would like to attend this life-changing event.

**An informational meeting will be held 6:00PM, Wednesday, November 19, A/Y Room.**

### RCIA

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

### Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, December 4, 6:30-9:00PM** in the A/Y 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 A/Y room.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the A/Y Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.

**Adult Education Presentations** are held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM in the Social Hall. December 3, **The Journeys of St. Paul** presented by Joel Rogers R.C.

### Radical Hospitality

In keeping with the Radical Hospitality presentation given by Fr. Haugen, we will be offering coffee in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. You may drink the coffee in the Narthex or take it with you as you leave. The coffee maker, cups and lids will be situated near the Welcome Table. Please help yourself.



## Sacrament of the Anointing

The Sacrament of the Anointing will be administered during all Masses the weekend of November 22/23. Anyone who is in danger of death, suffering from illness, or of advanced age, may be conferred the Sacrament of the Anointing. Participants are asked to sit near the aisles in order to easily proceed to the front of the Church to receive the Sacrament following the homily.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS

### Priest and Deacon Appreciation

Please come to the Social Hall after all Masses this weekend, to let Fr. Nienhaus and Deacons Gary Aitchison, John McCully, Ron Smith and Richard Tondra know how much we appreciate their efforts in serving Saint Cecilia Parish. The Saint Cecilia Council of Catholic Women will host the event. Refreshments served Saturday and Sunday.

**Social Concerns Committee** will meet Monday, November 17, 7:00PM in the South Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Sixty Plus Group** will meet Tuesday, November 18, 12:00 Noon in the South Social Hall for a potluck meal. Please bring your own table service and a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. A program on Good Neighbor Assistance will follow the meal. Anyone age 60 or over is welcome to attend. **Note Change of Date.**



POTLUCK

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers** will meet Tuesday, November 18, 9:30AM at the home of Audrey Marley. Please bring your rosary kits. Anyone interested in making rosaries may call 233-1393.

**Saint Cecilia Choir** will rehearse this upcoming Saturday, November 22, 9:00-10:30AM. The choir is preparing music for the end of the Liturgical year and the Advent/Christmas season. New members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Bob Hauser at the parish office (233-3092) or [bhauser@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:bhauser@stceciliaparish.org).



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

**The Next Interfaith Dialogue Session** will be held at Saint Cecilia Church, Sunday, November 16, 2:00-4:00PM in the Social Hall. Bring your bibles. Call Sue Stanton at 233-4762 if you have any questions. Newcomers are welcome!

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Wednesday, November 19:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM

Passport to Kindergarten: 3:00-4:00PM

**Thursday, November 20:** 9:00AM, Mass grades 1 & 2

**Wednesday, November 26:** Early dismissal at 2:15PM

**November 27/28: No School - Thanksgiving Break**

Look for the school link on the parish website: [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org)

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Saint Cecilia 5th grade class will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 23, as part of the Christmas Market event. Free will donation. Proceeds will help pay for the class trip next spring.



### Homemade Pies/Fair Trade Coffee at Christmas Market

Pie will be served by the slice during the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 22. Whole pies may be purchased to take home. Proceeds from pie sales will benefit the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Fund. Fair Trade coffee, both whole bean and ground, will be for sale. Sales help support a Catholic Mission in El Salvador.

### Year End Gift Giving

The downturn in the economy is being felt by the parish. Contributions in the first four months in our fiscal year are approximately 7% under budget. We will continue to monitor revenues and expenses and make necessary recommendations to optimize resources. Your generosity is appreciated.

### The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008

legislation extended the opportunity for individuals age 70+ to contribute to traditional IRA's with potential favorable tax consequences retroactive to January 1, 2008.

**Our Building For Our Future Campaign** is coming to a close at the end of December. Several have completed their pledge and most others will complete their pledges next month. If you have questions on your pledge status, please contact the parish office. Please remember that all gifts should be received or postmarked by December 31 to be counted as 2008 contributions. If you wish to give stock or IRA contributions, please contact Jerry Greving, Business Manager, as soon as possible as this type of contribution requires time to process.



Looking for recipe ideas for the Holidays?  
Need an inexpensive gift?

**Saint Cecilia Parish Cookbook**  
**\$10**

**Available in the Parish Office and  
at the Christmas Market**

**Stewardship:** Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Holiday Items Wanted

The Social Concerns Committee will sponsor a table at the Christmas Market for Recycled Holiday Decorations. Bring decorations (for any holiday) that you no longer use to the parish office the week of November 17. Decorations will be available for others to choose (for a free will donation) at the Christmas Market on November 22/23. All proceeds will benefit the Good Neighbor Assistance Program.

### Youth Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help with the many activities on a regular or occasional basis. Please contact Anna Steele, Youth Minister.

### ESL Tutors

Tutors are needed in the English as a Second Language program especially for the **Thursday, 7:00PM session**. Call Karl Gwiasda at 232-7582 to volunteer, or for more information. Most activity is one or two students per tutor and involves visiting and helping with reading. Knowledge of a second language is NOT needed. If you can help with the Thursday 10:00AM session contact Palmer Holden at 231-5543. Those interested may visit one of the sessions to see how easy it is and how much the students appreciate the tutors.

### Saint Cecilia Giving Tree



Since several receiving organizations have their parties early in December, *Giving Tree* gift tag distribution and gift collection deadlines have been moved up. The gift tags will be distributed at the Christmas Market next weekend. Stop by the table in the Social Hall to select one or more gift tags and a list of suggested items. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex the weekend after Thanksgiving. Any gift tags not picked up on November 22/23 may be picked up at a table in the Narthex November 29/30. Please bring all gifts to the boxes in the Narthex no later than noon Sunday, December 7.

### October Baptisms

**Avery Marie**, daughter of Jay & Melissa Rodgers

**Cecilia Mae**, daughter of Neal & Brenda Schwager

### Your Financial Stewardship

**November 3-November 9**

Weekly Contributions (general).....	\$19,309
Needed weekly to meet expenses .....	\$19,648
Weekly Contributions (building) .....	\$3,420

More detailed information can be shared by contacting Jerry Greving at the Parish Office. Remember automatic contributions can be made directly from your bank account on the 1st or 15th of each month.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE" , CHAP. 3, ARTICLE 2 , We Believe III. Only One Faith

#### In Brief

**176** Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words.

**177** "To Believe" has thus a twofold reference: to the person and to the truth: to the truth, by trust in the person who bears witness to it.

**178** We must believe in no one but God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**179** Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.

**180** "Believing" is a human act, conscious and free, corresponding to the dignity of the human person.

**181** "Believing" is an ecclesial act. The Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports, and nourishes our faith. The Church is the mother of all believers. No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (St. Cyprian, *De unit.6:PL 4, 519*).

**182** We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed"

**183** Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).

**184** "Faith is the foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come" (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Comp.theol. 1,2*).

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For more than twenty years, the Golden Apple Award has been given to Chicago-area teachers for excellence in education. The 2007 winner, Danna Dotson, says this about her pupils: "I insist that my students know they have a lot to offer in what they already understand and that they overcome their fear of being incorrect. I try to instill in them that the smallest contribution can have the most dynamic effect." Danna wants them to know that they are all given tremendous gifts, and no matter how small, they must be willing to invest the time to grow them and share them with others.

At first glance, today's Gospel reading from Matthew appears to be a lesson in sound economic principles, but as with all of Jesus' parables, one must look beyond the obvious to discover the true meaning. Just as the man in the parable entrusted his servants with various amounts of money, God entrusts us with gifts. And just as some of the servants chose to invest his money, most of us use our gifts. But the servant who buried his coin is likened to those of us who fail to share our gifts with others.

It could be said that the only consistent thing in life is that we are all different. But our differences-our talents-are what belong to God's plan, and God wills that each of us receive what we need from others, and that those endowed with particular "talents" share the benefits with those who need them (CCC 1937). This quite simply is the concept of sharing; a doctor shares his or her talents to save lives, an artist shares a painting to add beauty to the world, a teacher shares her understanding of the human being to bring out the confidence in her students. Do you recognize your talent? Do you share it with others?

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### Bulletin Deadline

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, please submit articles for the November 29/30 bulletin by Thursday, November 20.

## COMMUNITY

### Community



### Thanksgiving Service

#### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The annual Ames Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held Wednesday, November 26, 7:00PM at Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Ames, 1015 North Hyland Avenue. Light refreshments will follow the service. In addition to interfaith readings and music, members of local faith communities will share brief reflections based on their own beliefs and faith practices addressing the theme: Being Grateful and generous in times of Adversity. All are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item. The collected goods will be distributed to the local food pantries, at MICA and Bethesda Lutheran Church.

#### Family Volunteer Day

The Volunteer Center of Story County will host a Family Volunteer Day event on Saturday, November 22, 9:00AM-Noon, at Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. 420 Kellogg Avenue. Families will work on one of several projects, including sorting donations and creating holiday greeting cards for those served by YSS. There will be something for all ages. A lunch and celebration will conclude the event. Please register with Amanda at [amanda.martin@vcstory.org](mailto:amanda.martin@vcstory.org) or call 268-5323.

### Book & Gift Shop

Located in the East Corridor of the Social Center

#### Prepare for Advent

- Advent wreaths & Candles 20% off
- Pick up Advent Edition of the Magnificat
- Order Fontanini Creches & figurines for the Nativity Set  
Place order by November 20 for 15% discount. Pick up after December 10
- Pick up Christmas Cards and Holy Cards to tuck into mailings

#### Weekly Specials

November 22/23: Books & Bibles 20% off  
November 29/30: Pictures & Plaques 20% off

#### OPEN EACH WEEKEND UNTIL DEC. 21

Saturday: 4-6PM; Sunday: 9:30-Noon  
Thursday & Friday: Noon-1:00PM  
or Call for appointment (233-3092)

### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

**DEAN FETT**, brother of Cay Peet 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.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, November 15

5:00 PM: Dan Maher

## Sunday, November 16

8:30 AM: Raymond Evans

10:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00 PM: All the Poor Souls

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, November 18

7:00 AM: Eleanor Elbert

5:15 PM: Claude Johnson

## Wednesday, November 19

7:00 AM: Genevieve Eck

5:15 PM: Bradley Richard

## Thursday, November 20

7:00 AM: Raymond & Marie Frank

9:00 AM: Rita Schmitz

5:15 PM: Barb Schager

## Friday, November 21

7:00 AM: John & Johnny Pepper

5:15 PM: Al Niehoff

## Saturday, November 22

5:00 PM: Frank Pershern

## Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM: Theresa & John Hudak

10:30 AM: Knights of Columbus

5:00 PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

## Prayer Opportunities

Prayer opportunities held in the Chapel.

**Scriptural Rosary** Monday 7:00 AM

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

**Rosary** Monday 7:30 pm\*, Tuesday-Friday before 7:00 AM Mass  
(\*The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.)

**Christians in the Spirit** Tuesday 7:15-9:00 PM

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Friday 3:00 PM

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 7:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration** The chapel is open daily.

Keypad access only between 10:00PM & 6:00AM. Call the parish office (233-3092) for access information.

## Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or

[stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com).

## Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1  
Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1  
Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm (Misa en Español)

**Weekday:** Tuesday-Friday 7:00 am & 5:15 pm (Chapel)

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm and by appointment.

## Parish Office

Hours ..... Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

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## Parish Staff

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## School

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## Parish Registration

If you attend Saint Cecilia Parish and have not registered, please contact the parish office or visit the website and download a registration form at: [www.stceciliaparish.org](http://www.stceciliaparish.org). Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, returned in person or by mail.

## Parish Hall Rental

Rent our facilities for parties, weddings, birthdays, etc. Contact the Reception Coordinator, Judy Trumpy at 233-3092 (parish office) or [jmtrumpy@gmail.com](mailto:jmtrumpy@gmail.com).