

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

January 4, 2009

Epiphany of the Lord



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.

 **Pop Corn**

Youth Ministry Fair

Sunday, January 4, 4:00-7:00PM

Saint Cecilia Education Center Multi-purpose Room

**Over 20 booths featuring programs available for students
in Grades 6-12**

Teen Mass to Follow at 7:00PM

 **Raffle for Free Y.M. Tuition**

 **Prayer Corner**

Snow Cones

ALL ARE INVITED

Mini-Golf

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PreSchool & Kindergarten

Meets First & Third Sundays of the Month during the 10:30AM Mass. January dates: 4, 18

Grades 1-5

Monday classes meet 6:15-7:30PM. January dates: 5, 12, 26
Wednesday classes meet 4:00-5:15PM. January dates: 7, 14, 28

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Monday January 5, 6:15PM, OR
Wednesday, January 7, 4:00PM
Meetings are in the Social Hall.

First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment January 10, 5:00PM Liturgy

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM. January dates: 7, 21
No class January 28
YIKES!: January 14, 7:00-9:00PM

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM, January dates: 7, 14, 21
No Class January 28
Glory: 7:00-9:00PM, January 11, 18 & 25.
First Theology of the Body for Young Men, 5:30PM, January 11
TEEN MASS: January 4. 7:00PM

RCIA

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

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, February 5, 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. **WILL NOT MEET JANUARY 6.**

Adult Education Presentation WILL NOT BE HELD IN JANUARY.

VIOLIN RECITAL
Caleb Polashek
Sunday, January 11
3:00PM, Narthex



New Year Blessing

Heavenly Father,
In this time of new beginnings we recall how the heavens celebrated the birth of Christ. We think back to the new kingdom he proclaimed, and remember the new life we gained in our baptism. In this time of new beginnings, and at the beginning of the New Year, may we always act as good examples of the new life in you that all Christians have and be the same for others. Give us the joy that is ours as adopted members of God's family.

Amen

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Feast of the Epiphany - Fr. Richmond will celebrate a special Mass Tuesday, January 6, 7:30PM in the Chapel for the Christians in the Spirit Prayer Group. All parishioners are invited to attend.

St. Gerard Circle will meet Thursday, January 8, 7:00PM in the North Social Hall. Sue Stanton will present the program, Update Middle East, a report about the lives of women who live there. If you would like to attend the meeting or need a ride, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

Catholic Daughters will meet, Thursday, January 8, in the Adult/Youth Room. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM with meeting and program to follow.

Sanctity of Human Life Committee will meet Sunday, January 11, 9:30AM in the Sun Room

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 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, January 5: Classes Resume
Wednesday, January 7: Early dismissal at 2:15PM
Friday, January 9: 9:00AM, All School Mass

Look for the school link on the parish website: www.stceciliaparish.org.

Full of Grace Study Series for Women

"Women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling. It is for you to save the peace of the world." This is one of the many focuses in the Full of Grace Study series, which also includes information on several women saints who lived the Gospel and made a difference in their time. If you are interested in discovering femininity and living the spirit of the Gospels, join us and learn how you can make a difference in our time. **An informational meeting will be held January 6, 7:00PM, in the St. Clare room.** This meeting will introduce you to material covered in the 9 week session to begin in February. If you are interested in joining the study but unable to attend the informational meeting, please contact one of the facilitators: Janine Greenwood (232-1359) Saint Cecilia, Lynn Lynch (233-6057) St. Thomas or Char VanKerckvoorde (233-2695) Story/Marshall Cluster for more information. Registration deadline for the study series is January 26.

Fundraising Dinner Saturday, January 31

Dinner Coming Up! Show your support for all of all of the Youth Ministry trips by attending our first ever *Amore Meal* - a spaghetti dinner hosted by youth attending Appalachia, the National Catholic Youth Conference, World Youth Day and Steubenville of the Rockies. Make a reservation with any participating 8-12 grader today.

Touched By God's Love *Saint Cecilia Gala* February 7, 2009

The Gala's purpose is to raise funding for Saint Cecilia School and Religious Education programs via an endowment fund; it is a fun-filled evening at Gateway Hotel featuring a delicious dinner and wine, Silent & Live Auction items, a raffle drawing and a fun game called *Heads or Tails*—everyone has a chance to win.

Tickets on Sale Now

Contact Jean & Dave Dirks at 292-8544, or visit StCamesGala.org for more information. RSVP cards are available in the Narthex.

ATTENTION: All parishioners are invited to a Gala Preview Weekend after all Masses January 10 (wine & Cheese), January 11, (coffee & donuts). Preview Auction items, buy a few raffle tickets and purchase your Gala Tickets

Stewardship: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers Needed

Matthew 26:18-19. Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The teacher says, " My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered and prepared the Passover.

Mass Coordinator is a new ministry providing a special role to prepare the gifts of bread and wine for communion. It includes turning on lights, assisting visiting Priests, and special guests. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry at all weekend Masses. Please call Jerry Portis at 515-388-4015(home) or 515-556-8542(cell) for more information or to volunteer

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.

Baptism Mentor Parents Needed

Parents who have celebrated baptism in the past 5 years are sought as mentors to parents of the newly baptized. This is a telephone ministry involving 10-12 phone calls per year. Call John at 232-3514 for more information.

Votive Candles

As of January 1, 2009, a \$5 donation will be asked for each 6-day plastic votive candle lit in the Church proper. Costs are increasing in every area and this includes the cost of candles. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Fr. Nienhaus



**Decorations will be Taken
Down After the 10:30 Mass
January 11.**

All Help will be Appreciated!

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: SECTION TWO

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE CREEDS

193 None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church's life can be considered superseded or irrelevant. They help us today to attain and deepen the faith of all times by means of the different summaries made of it. Among all creeds, two occupy a special place in the Church's life:

194 The *Apostles' Creed* is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is "the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith."

195 The *Niceno-Constantinopolitan* or *Nicene Creed* draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day.

196 Our presentation of the faith will follow the Apostles' Creed, which constitutes, as it were, "the oldest Roman catechism." The presentation will be completed however by constant references to the Nicene Creed which is often more explicit and more detailed.

197 As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the "standard of teaching," let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Credo with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe:

This Creed is the spiritual seal, our hearts's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+09. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 09 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar-the Magi-or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means "Christ, bless this home."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects; it was as if they were born to do this-to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and savior of the world (CCC 528). In the three wise men from different lands and different religions, we understand that in Jesus Christ, all are welcome. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery. Perhaps your pastor will bless a piece of chalk for you, or better yet, invite him over for dinner and ask him to bless your home.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"True Love...How Will I Know?" Conference

Saturday, January 31, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Patty Schneider, a nationally-known speaker from St. Louis, Missouri who specializes in aspects of



Theology of the Body, will present three talks on living the Church's teaching on love and marriage. The conference audience is for college students, young adults, parents of adolescents, and those who mentor them. Cost is \$10 for adults who register by January 17. Late registration (until January 26) is \$15 for adults. A special rate of \$5 applies to

all young adults and college students. The fee covers, talks, lunch and snacks. More information about Patty can be found at her website: www.pattyschneider.com. Registration forms for the conference can be found at <http://trueloveconference.blogspot.com> or near the bulletin board in the east corridor of the social center.

AREA CHURCHES

CEW at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny

Looking for a new focus for the coming year? **Here's a wonderful tool to do just that!** Christian Experience Weekends (CEW) are being held at Our Lady's Immaculate Church in Ankeny. The CEW weekend is an adult renewal experience offering participants a better understanding of old and new aspects of their Christian faith. The 2009 weekends will be held January 23-25 for women and February 20-22 for men. Brochures are available on the counter beneath the bulletin board in the east corridor of the Social Center and at www.olih.org.cew. If you have questions, call Debbie Landuyt at 515-597-2263 or Marian Kresse at 292-7251.

Gift Shop

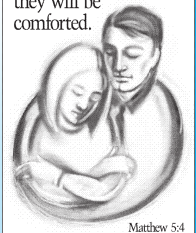
Open : Saturday, January 10, 4:00-6:00PM
Sunday, January 11, 9:30AM-12:30PM
And by Appointment. Call 233-3092

After Christmas Sale 30-50% off Sale

Please Remember in Your Prayers: CHAR BEAUDRY.

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.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Matthew 5:4



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM: Jack Gehm†

Sunday, January 4

8:30 AM: Linus Putz†

10:30 AM: Stephen Asjes†

5:00 PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 6

7:00 AM: All the Poor Souls

5:15 PM: Christopher Trotto

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 AM: Char Beaudry†

5:15 PM: Nancy Hadaway

Thursday, January 8

7:00 AM: John Preston†

5:15 PM: Char Beaudry†

Friday, January 9

7:00 AM: Brian Donlon†

9:00 AM: Rena Waterbeck†

5:15 PM: Frank Reyna†

Saturday, January 10

5:00 PM: Michael Rolling Family

Sunday, January 11

8:30 AM: Homer & Anna Evans†

10:30 AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

5:00 PM: For an Increase in Vocations

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

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

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 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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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 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.