

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2900 Hoover Avenue • Ames, IA 50010

www.stceciliaparish.org

November 22, 2009

Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King



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.

*RCIA
Parish Breakfast*



Parish Breakfast

Sponsored by RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Breakfast served this weekend after 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses

Free will donation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is currently taking place in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday—Friday.

**LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers
Meets from 6:30-9PM each Sunday!**

November 22: Heroic Virtue. *Living a Virtuous Life*

November 29: So you Think You Can Dance? *Social*

December 6: On Loan: *Stewards of Creation*

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

Discussion Questions for Families will be available each week at <http://www.saintcecilielifeteen.net/parents>

Ninth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

December 2: *I Am/ The Existence of God*

Tenth Grade Confirmation Calendar:

December 2: *More Than Words/Personal Prayer*

****MIDDLE SCHOOL R.E. meets from 7 to 8:30PM
on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays!!****

December 2: The Prodigal Son

YIKES:

December 9: Ice Skating Party

RCIA

Call John Hayes for information about joining the Catholic Church at 232-3514.

Baptism Class

Our next preparation session is **Thursday, December 3, 6:30-8:30PM** in the A/Y Room. **All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously.** 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 North Social Hall.

Bible Study in Spanish: Meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00PM in the North Social Hall.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINES: Our printer has changed the deadlines for bulletins due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The **November 29** bulletin must be sent to the printer on **November 23**. Please submit items as soon as possible; we will keep them on file. Thank you for your cooperation.



From
Fr. Jim

St. Cecilia Day and Thanksgiving Day Prayers.

The liturgical commemoration of St. Cecilia, our parish patron, has traditionally been observed on the church's calendar of saints on November 22nd. If the feast day falls on Sunday, as it does this year, the Sunday observance supplants it. However, even though that is the case this year, below is a prayer to St. Cecilia which you may want to include in your family's "grace before meals" today or add to your personal prayer time today.

*O glorious saint, who chose to die
Instead of denying your King.
We pray you please to help us
As his fair praise we sing.*

*We lift our hearts in joyous song
To honor Him this way,
And while we sing, remembering,
To sing is to doubly pray.*

*At once in our hearts and in our tongues
We offer double prayer
Sent heavenward on winged notes
To praise God dwelling there.*

*While in our hearts and tongues we try
With song to praise God twice,
We ask dear saint, to help us be
United close to Christ!*

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day. Here is a prayer you may wish to use as "grace before meal" or, again, as a personal prayer to mark the day.

*We dare not ask you bless our harvest feast
Till it is spread for poorest and for least.
We dare not bring our harvest gifts to you
Unless our hungry brothers and sisters share them too.*

*Not only at this time, Lord; every day
Those whom you love are dying while we pray.
Teach us to do with less, and so to share
From our abundance more than we can spare.*

*Now with this harvest plenty round us piled,
Show us the Christ in every starving child;
Speak, as you spoke of old in Galilee,
'You feed, or you refuse, not them but me!'*

A Blessed and Happy St. Cecilia Day and Thanksgiving Day to all!

Fr. Jim



Adoration will be suspended for the Thanksgiving holiday starting at 7AM, Wed., Nov.25 until 7AM Tues., Dec. 1.



**Mass on Thanksgiving Day (November 26)
will be at 9:00AM.**

SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar:

Wed 11-25: Early Dismissal at 2:15PM

Thurs-Fri: 11-26 & 11-27 Thanksgiving Break

Preschool Teacher Wanted

Due to a resignation, St. Cecilia Preschool is in need of a full-time teacher to begin as soon as possible. Teacher must hold an Iowa PK-3 license, with preference given to Catholic applicants. Send letter of application and resume to Dr. Tom Budnik, Principal St. Cecilia School, 2900 Hoover Ave, Ames, IA 50010. Inquires may also be directed to 515-232-5290 or tbudnik@stceciliaschoolames.org

It's All about Helping Families Afford the School of Their Choice

The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* has provided tuition assistance to more than 5,000 students representing every Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. You can help us continue to help families afford the school of their choice. With your donation you receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The entire amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. All donations must be postmarked by December 31 in order to qualify for the tax credit in 2009. No student should be denied a Catholic education because of the inability to pay. Please consider using this incredible opportunity to make a difference in a child's future. Visit www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 563-556-2580 ext. 256, for more information or to make your contribution.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

YIKES Leaders Needed!!

Adult leaders are needed to help with our monthly, middle school youth groups. Our only qualifications: you must love Christ & must love middle schoolers!!

World Youth Day 2011

Please contact Anna by December 1st if you are interested in attending World Youth Day in August 2011 in Madrid, Spain, with a possible pre-trip to Rome & Assisi. Cost of the trip will be between \$3500 & \$4500. Deposits of \$200 needed ASAP to attend. Participants must be 16 by August 2011. Young adults encouraged to attend. Fundraising will begin in 2010!

Needed: Tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL) No experience needed. Thursday 10:00-11:30 & 7:00-8:30. For additional information call Palmer Holden, Morning Coordinator -515-233-3707 or Karl Gwasda, Evening Coordinator- 515-232-7582.

Your Financial Stewardship

	Nov. 10-16	FYTD
Contributions (general)	\$ 18,889	\$371,092
Needed to meet expenses	\$19,687	\$393,740
Contributions (building)	\$ 40	\$ 26,395

Contact Business Manager, Jerry Greving, for more detailed information or to set up the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your account.

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for our Christmas Market.

Seventeen groups will be selling gift items for charitable causes this weekend. Cookies and punch will be served on Saturday night and RCIA will sponsor a parish breakfast on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to come, eat and browse!

Saint Cecilia Giving Tree

Giving Tree gift tags will be distributed at the Christmas Market this 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 21/22 may be picked up at a table in the Narthex November 28/29. Please bring all gifts to the boxes in the Narthex no later than noon Sunday, December 6.



This Weekend is our Good Samaritan Fund/Food Shelf Collection Weekend. Thank you for your continued generous support.

60 Plus Group will meet for a potluck and program on November 24 at noon at the Parish Center. Bring a dish to share and table service. The program will be "Women in the Military." Anyone over 60 years old, please join us! Please call Nancy Habing at 232-0782 if you have any questions.

Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM in the **South Social Hall**. Contact Jon Ryan at sjryan2@isunet.net or 232-2075 or Jenni Mortimer at starkmortimer@yahoo.com or 296-1858. All are welcome to attend.



****Playgroup will NOT meet Wed. before Thanksgiving, Nov.25.**

Have you considered becoming a Deacon?

Jesus said, "Come and See." Jn 1:39 The office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 & 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3 at Saint Cecilia Parish, Ames at 7:00 For more information call Deacon Tom Lang at 1-800-876-3546 ext 252.

Planned Giving: Saint Cecilia Parish has formed a Planned Giving Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide a sustainable organization that will give direction and information to interested donors for both short-term and long-term giving to Saint Cecilia Church and Education Center through outreach and support. In subsequent weeks we plan to provide a variety of information, including tax tips, way to provide support to our parish community and upcoming events such as seminars.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: SECTION TWO

CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

Article 1— I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven & Earth

Paragraph 4. The Creator

IV. The Mystery of Creation

God creates by wisdom and love

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We believe that God created the world according to his wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity whatever, nor of blind fate or chance. We believe that it proceeds from God's free will; he wanted to make his creatures share in his being, wisdom, and goodness: "For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Therefore the Psalmist exclaims: "O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all"; and "The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made."

God creates "out of nothing"

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We believe that God needs no pre-existent thing or any help in order to create, nor is creation any sort of necessary emanation from the divine substance. God creates freely "out of nothing":

If God had drawn the world from pre-existent matter, what would be so extraordinary in that? A human artisan makes from a given material whatever he wants, while God shows his power by starting from nothing to make all he wants.



Saint Cecilia Choir rehearses on Saturday mornings from 9AM-10:30AM in the music room of the Education Center. The choir is currently preparing for the Advent/Christmas season. New

members always welcome. Any questions, contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

Card Shower: Please send birthday cards for Archi Wierson's 90th birthday to: Archi Wierson, Bickford Cottage, 2418 Kent Ave. #117, Ames, IA 50014. An open house will be held from 1:30-2:30 on November 27.

Scrip Supports St. Cecilia Education

You can again order Scrip every Monday and have your order ready to pick up on Friday. Order forms are available at the Christmas Market, in the school office, parish office, online at the school web site and in the narthex. Profits benefit St. Cecilia education programs. Thank you to all who support St. Cecilia education by using scrip. Contact Connie Vaclav at 232-8343 or vaclav@iastate.edu with any questions.

At Home With the Word 2010 is a guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday readings. Cost is \$6, due when the book is picked up. To obtain a copy, call the Religious Education Office, 232-3514.

Stewardship: Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifices of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Christ the King

When we were little children, we were given many examples of kings, mostly in fairy tales. These were usually red-robed gentlemen who either ruled with an iron fist or spent most of their time trying to marry off their beautiful daughters. As we grew, we learned of kings who constantly battled neighboring kings for territorial conquests. None of those kings seems to coincide with what we are taught about the greatest one of all, Christ the King. Where others lead by authoritarian rule, our King leads us by serving, and by giving us his greatest treasure, love. How can we now define king any other way?

We are nearly to Advent, the time in which we all pause and celebrate the period of waiting for a coming Savior, a king for all the people. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar, and is the feast of Christ the King. In today's reading, Pilate repeatedly asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. His answer? "You say I am a king." In the footnotes to the New American Bible, it says that this is a "reluctant affirmative" at best. In other words, Jesus probably felt Pilate would never understand the type of king Jesus was; it was best to answer with a non-answer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we, the people of God, share in the royal office of Christ. In his kingship, he draws all of us to him, asking us to reign as he did, in service to others (CCC 786). The people of the time of Jesus' earthly life had heard of a coming king and savior for many generations; their own experience with kings led them to believe their king would be a mighty ruler as well. But this King of Kings, the greatest of all, spoke softly, served others, showed compassion for all, and asked only for love in return.

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November



Our Unseen Family Still Seated at the Table

You may still return the yellow cards with the name(s) of deceased loved ones (of any faith) to the parish office. They will be remembered in all the Masses offered in November.

You may also share a photo(s) of your loved ones. The photos are displayed in our memorial in the narthex entitled *Our Unseen Family Still Seated at the Table*. It is a visible reminder of our membership in the *Communion of Saints*. Photos may be brought to the church office or placed in the memorial display. Your photo(s) should be framed and should include the identification of those represented in the picture. Please remember to place your name and phone number on the back of each picture and pick up the photos *at the end of the month at the parish office*. As mentioned above, you are welcome to bring a photo of any deceased family member or friend, regardless of church affiliation. If this person, or these people, were significant to you, we welcome them as fellow members of our faith family.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 21

5:00PM: Ed & Kathleen Bruening †

Sunday, November 22

8:30AM: Frank Pershern †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Poor Souls
Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 AM: Poor Souls

5:15PM: Germaine Mullenbach†

Wednesday, November 25

7:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

5:15PM: Lorna Simpson †

Thursday, November 26

9:00AM: John & Theresa Hudak †

Friday, November 27

No Mass

Saturday, November 28

5:00PM: Rose & Al Trevelino †

Sunday, November 29

8:30AM: Kathy Pelzer †

10:30AM: Parishioners of Saint Cecilia

5:00PM: Poor Souls
Misa en Español (Chapel)

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 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 or to sign up for an adoration hour.

Prayer Chain

Send requests to Marge Sutter at 233-2622 or stceciliaprayerchain@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

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

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM & 5:15 PM (Chapel)

Reconciliation

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

Parish Office

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return via mail or drop in collection basket.
Someone will contact you. You will receive a registration packet with additional information.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish.