

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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November 28, 2010

First Sunday  
of Advent

## Advent

Prayer for Advent

Dear God,

As an Advent candle is lit

in joyous anticipation of your Son's nativity,  
remind us always of the reason for our joy.

As the purple of the candles stand for both penance  
and atonement for sin,

give us the grace to do penance for our wrongs,  
and to love Christ,

whose sacrifice atoned for the sins of the whole world.

But just as the rose candle stands

for joy in the midst of suffering and expectation,

give us the joy of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who came into a world that had so longed for its Savior,  
and made the angels themselves sing with joy at his birth.

Amen.



**First Sunday in Advent**

### Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Sunday, December 5 at 2PM

Monday, December 6 at 7PM (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Tuesday, December 14 at 7PM (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Thursday, December 16 at 7PM

### Private Reconciliation Times

Monday, December 20, 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Wednesday, December 22, 11:00AM to Noon

Thursday, December 23, 5PM to 6PM

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day Masses

Tuesday, December 7 at 5:30PM

Wednesday, December 8 at 9AM and 7PM

### Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24

4:00PM (Family Liturgy), 6:30PM, and  
10:00PM (caroling beginning at 9:30PM)

*Please note time change for late Mass.*

### Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25 at 10:00AM

*Note: Since Christmas this year is a Saturday, there  
will be no afternoon Confessions or evening Mass.*

### Masses on Sunday, December 26

8:30AM and 10:30AM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education & Youth Ministry Registration

Registration for Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Religious Education Office 8:00AM-3:30PM  
Or by appointment Monday—Friday.

All Religious Education classes for **Grades 1-8** started the week of September 20. We are always welcoming new students so please stop in to the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office to register and receive our 2010-2011 Calendar!

The **Preschool** program will continue on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** during the 10:30AM Mass. Stop in the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office for a calendar of preschool dates.

**Sunday, December 5 at 10:30:** Pre-School Religious Education.

**LIFE TEEN welcomes all High Schoolers  
Meets from 7:00-9PM each Sunday!**

**Our Calendar is available on our website at:**

[www.saintceciliailifeteen.net](http://www.saintceciliailifeteen.net)

**Sunday, November 28:** Life Night, 7-9PM

**Want to support Saint Cecilia Life Teen but you aren't able to join the Core Team?** Sign up for the Core Support Team to help with snacks, Core retreats, and other very helpful ministries! E-mail Anna at [annajsteele@gmail.com](mailto:annajsteele@gmail.com) for more details.

#### Faith Formation:

**Monday, November 29, 6:15PM**

**Wednesday, December 1, 6:15PM**

**Sunday, December 5 P/K**

**Monday, December 6, 6:15PM**


**Wednesday, December 8, 6:15PM**

**December 4 at 10:00PM First Reconciliation for 2nd grade children**

**RCIA** Call 232-3514 for information about joining the Catholic Church.

**Help Needed:** Help with child care Sunday mornings 9-11:30 during RCIA meetings is needed. If you are interested in volunteering call the Formation Office at 232-3514.

#### **Baptism Class**

 All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. **Next class is December 2, 2010.** **\*\*Note: Class is normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months.\*\*** To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the RE office at 232-3514.

#### **Adult Education**

**Scripture Study:** Meets Mondays, 7:30-9PM in the St Louis Room.

**Bible Study in Spanish:** Meets Mondays, 6:00-7PM in the St. Louis Room.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets 10:00-11:00AM in the St.

#### **Retirement Fund helps senior religious.**

"As expenses continue to increase and the economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.



## Harvest of Blessings

#### **Contributions to Harvest of Blessing**

Harvest of Blessing is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and Catholic Charities staff are, with the help of the parishes, conducting an Outreach project to give a helping hand to local people who have come upon hard times and are having difficulty meeting basic needs. Last year, your generous contributions helped 1,082 individuals residing in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Building upon the annual observance of Thanksgiving, donors are invited to contribute to this project which helps hundreds of people in need each year and relies entirely on contributions. We ask that, as you thank God for your blessings, you be as generous as possible in giving to this collection. Donations may be sent to "Harvest of Blessings", Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, P.O. Box 479, Dubuque Iowa 52004-0479, by December 1. Thank you for your help.

#### **Apply for Harvest of Blessing**

Harvest of Blessings provides some assistance to needy people during the Christmas season and also to connect hurting people to local parishes beyond the Christmas season. If you know of someone who needs help, please contact the Parish office or one of the Deacons to apply as soon as possible.



#### **Father Nienhaus**

You're invited to welcome Fr. Ivan Nienhaus, former pastor, back to St. Cecilia's for one special evening, Dec. 9, 2010. Fr. Nienhaus will concelebrate the 5:30PM Mass in the Church with Fr. Richmond. A light snack reception in the Social Hall will be hosted by the CDA and K of C following Mass until Fr. Nienhaus's talk at 7PM. Fr. Nienhaus will be speaking about his sabbatical experience including his trip to Ghana. The evening also marks the 14th anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Cecilia's. Please join us for all or any part of this event.

### **It's All About Helping Families Afford the School of Their Choice**

The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* has awarded nearly 12,000 grants over the past four years. You can help us continue to help families afford the school of their choice. With your donation you receive an **lowa 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 2010. 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](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org) or call 563-556-2580, ext. 256 for more information or to make your contribution today.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Saint Cecilia School News

**Wednesday, 12/1:** Early Dismissal at 2:15PM

**Tuesday, 12/7:** Catholic School Board Meeting at 7PM

**Wednesday, 12/8:** All School Mass at 9 a.m. and  
Early Dismissal at 2:15PM

**Monday, 12/13:** Christmas Concert at Ames City Auditorium  
at 7PM

**SCRIP Reminder:** Please remember to use **SCRIP** for your holiday purchases. Gift cards are the easiest presents and the easiest way to support education at St. Cecilia. Orders received by Mondays by 9AM will be ready to pick up on Fridays at 9AM. Order forms can be found on the school website, at the Parish office, school office, and in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting education at St Cecilia by using **SCRIP!**



St. Cecilia  
Choir Practice

**The St. Cecilia Choir** will rehearse this Saturday, December 4 from 9AM to 10:30AM in the music room. The choir is currently rehearsing for the Advent/Christmas season. **New members are always welcome!** For more info, contact Bob Hauser at the parish office.

**NCYC Registration!** Do you want to attend the 2011 **National Catholic Youth Conference** in Indianapolis? Current 8th - 11th graders are encouraged to attend. Please contact the Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Office by **December 1, 2010**. A \$50 deposit is needed to officially reserve your spot. We will have an information booth set up on the weekend November 20th & 21st following all masses if you have any questions or would like to turn in your



### Trip to Haiti

**VOLUNTEERS FOR HAITI MEDICAL MISSION TRIP:** Anyone interested in joining a medical mission team to Haiti may contact Deacon Dr. Mike Whitters of St. John's Parish in Clarion, IA. Next planned trip is to a remote parish in Anse Rouge, Haiti, in February 2011. Contact Dr. Whitters at 515-689-3765 or Deacon Ron Smith at 515-441-0480.

### Saint Cecilia Giving Tree

Gift tags for the Giving Tree are still available in the Narthex this weekend. Over 500 gifts are needed for various organizations in the community. Please place your wrapped and tagged gift in the collection boxes in the Narthex **by NOON on Sunday, December 12**, so the organizations can pick them up in time for their holiday parties.



The Giving Tree

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Fellowship For Parents/Playgroup:** the playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10-11:30AM in the South Social Hall. Contact Jon Ryan at [sjryan2@isunet.net](mailto:sjryan2@isunet.net) or 232-2075 or Mary Cowan at [mary.cowan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.cowan@hotmail.com) or 291-7409. All are welcome to attend.

**Novena:** Please join the Knights of Columbus for our 2010 Immaculate Conception Novena at 6:30PM each evening from **November 30-December 8** in the Burke Chapel.

**St. Mary's Circle:** Christmas salad luncheon will be Thursday, **December 2**, at 12:00 noon at the home of Jane Baty, 2626 Ridgetop Road. Each member is asked to bring a salad.

**St. Gerard's Circle** will meet on Thursday, **December 2** at 7:00 pm at Abington on Grand to sing Christmas carols for the residents. After caroling, we will meet at Diana Weber's at 1403 Top-O-Hollow for our meeting. After the meeting, we will have a white elephant gift exchange for anyone who would like to participate--no more than \$10. If you would like to attend the meeting, or if you need a ride, please call Janice Grove at 233-2510.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet the first Thursday of the month in December, **December 2**, in the South Social Hall for our annual Christmas party. Dinner is at 6. We will sing carols following a brief business meeting. Bring an unwrapped gift.

### English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at St. Cecilia's

**Catholic Church.** Classes meet from 10:00 to 11:30AM and 7:00 to 8:30PM on Thursdays and are usually one tutor to one student depending on numbers. Please contact Palmer Holden (231-5543) for morning classes or Karl Gwiasda (232-7582) for evening classes.



### 60+ Group

**Note: There will be no meeting on December 23.**

**60+ November & December Meeting** will be **December 7** at Noon in the South Social Hall. The program will be presented by Linda Thomas from Wild Birds Unlimited. Call Nancy Habing at 232-0782 with questions.

## COMMUNITY

**EXPLORE THE WORLD** and support Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. A portion of all purchases made at Worldly Goods (223 Main Street in downtown Ames) on Thursday evening, **December 2** from 5-8 pm will be donated to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Worldly Goods, a nonprofit retail store, offers unique, finely crafted products by skilled artisans from around the world. Good Neighbor provides emergency rent, utility and food assistance to our neighbors in need throughout Story County

**The Appalachia Warehouse** is loading a truck on **December 4** at 9:00AM at 2019 Pullman. All help is welcome! The Appalachia Warehouse collects items for use by people in the depressed regions of Appalachia throughout the year and delivers them to that area.

**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 6. Man  
IV. Man in Paradise**

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The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ.

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The Church, interpreting the symbolism of biblical language in an authentic way, in the light of the New Testament and Tradition, teaches that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were constituted in an original "state of holiness and justice. "This grace of original holiness was "to share in . . . divine life."

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By the radiance of this grace all dimensions of man's life were confirmed. As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die. The inner harmony of the human person, the harmony between man and woman, and finally the harmony between the first couple and all creation, comprised the state called "original justice."

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The "mastery" over the world that God offered man from the beginning was realized above all within man himself: *mastery of self*. The first man was unimpaired and ordered in his whole being because he was free from the triple concupiscence that subjugates him to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason.

**Restorative Justice**

Mentors wanted to support three men returning to Ames area in the very near future. Training will be provided. Please contact Deacon Ron (515-441-0480) or [deaconron.ames@gmail.com](mailto:deaconron.ames@gmail.com) as soon as possible for more information.

**Story County Jail Ministry:** We would like more volunteers to help with scripture sharing and prayer service for the residence. Volunteers have the opportunity on a rotation every Saturday morning to share about the Sunday readings and offer prayer. Training is available. Please contact Dave Temple at 232-9271 or Deacon Ron Smith at 515-441-0480 for more information.



**Early bulletin deadline:** Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, our publisher has moved up our bulletin deadlines. **All items for the combined December 25 & 26/January 1 & 2 bulletin are due to the parish office by 4:00PM on December 15.**



**Coffee and doughnuts will not be served this weekend, due to the holiday.**

**Stewardship:** "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

**1st Sunday of Advent**

Wheel of Fortune is more than a TV game show with Pat Sajak and Vanna White. While they have been at it for almost thirty years, having contestants spin the wheel and puzzle out the hidden phrase-"I'd like to buy a vowel, Pat!"-Fortune's Wheel has a much longer history. Going back to Roman times, and then made famous in the Middle Ages, the true "Wheel of Fortune" is an allegory on life. Fortuna (Fortune) is shown as a woman who spins the wheel with a person at the top, one on either side, and a fourth crushed at the bottom. The person on his way up will reign, the one on top is reigning, the person on his way down has reigned, and the final person on the bottom has lost everything. This is fortune's never ending cycle in human existence.

At first glance, the return of the Son of Man in Sunday's Gospel may seem to be no more than the vagaries of fortune. For men in the field and for women grinding grain, the fate is the same: "one will be taken, and one will be left." It is as though Jesus were describing the employment situation in the current economy.

Rather than adhering to the wheel of falling and rising fortunes, with the beginning of the church year today we enter into our annual cycle of celebrations of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Christians, we are on a greater journey than a wheel of fortune. The life of Christ is our life too. As Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans, we have put on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not fortune that guides us, but hope: hope in Christ, who is our salvation. We will follow him in this new year of grace, and through faith and love we will be ready to welcome him when he comes again.

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**Food At First:** The Free Market was established to glean food and distribute it to those in need. The Free Market has moved to a wonderful facility next to Harold Pike Construction, at 116 Sherman Avenue. If you would like to make a donation (large or small) to help with rent and associated expenses, please visit [www.FoodAtFirst.com](http://www.FoodAtFirst.com) or [www.facebook.com/FoodAtFirst](http://www.facebook.com/FoodAtFirst).

**Catholic Radio:** Tune in to 1150AM (KWKY) for "Catholic Radio for the Heart of Iowa." You can obtain a schedule of their radio programs at their website:[www.kwky.com](http://www.kwky.com).

**Mass Intentions:**

Just a reminder, if you want a Mass said for someone, either living or deceased, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 515-233-3092 to schedule a date.

**End of the Year Giving**—Many of our parishioners re-evaluate their giving to St. 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 money on or before December 31. This is especially true of stock donations. Please call the Parish Office, 233-3092, if you have any questions. Thank you to all who support St. Cecilia in time, talent and treasure.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, November 27

5:00PM: Mark Wessman †

## Sunday, November 28

8:30AM: Jim Kearney †

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Brigitte Bluevenstein

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, November 30

7:00AM: Henry Adams †

5:30PM: Thomas Palmer †

## Wednesday, December 1

7:00AM: Doris Kleinschmidt †

5:30PM: Bill Burke, Sr. †

## Thursday, December 2

7:00AM: Howard Konrady †

5:30PM: Kathy Pelzer †

## Friday, November 26

7:00AM: Frank Pershern †

5:30PM: Ron Rasmussen †

## Saturday, November 27

5:00PM: Linus Putz †

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

## Readings for the Week of November 28, 2010

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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

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

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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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 7:00AM & 5:30 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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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.