

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

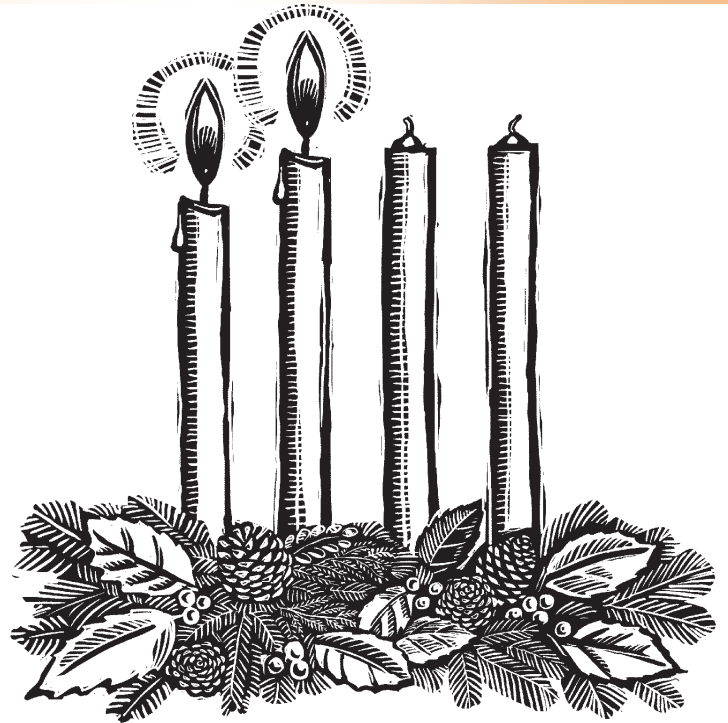
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December 5, 2010

Second Sunday
of Advent

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.



Second 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—Incense will be used at this Mass

(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

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation & 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.

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!

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

Our Calendar is available on our website at:

www.saintcecilielifeteen.net

Sunday, December 5, 12, & 19: 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 for more details.

Faith Formation:

Sunday, December 19, P/K, 10:30AM

Monday, December 6, grades 1-5, 6:15PM

Wednesday, December 8, grades 1-5, 4:00PM

Wednesday, December 8, EDGE at 7PM

Monday, December 13, grades 1-5, 6:15PM

Wednesday, December 15, 6:15PM

**NO SESSIONS: Dec. 20, 22,
Dec. 27, 29**

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 session is December 2, 2010.

****Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months.**** To register for a session or schedule a baptism, please call the Faith Formation office at 232-3514.

Adult Faith Formation

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. Louis Room. Social time begins at 9:30AM.



Sacrament of Penance, Advent 2010.

One of the most important ways we spiritually prepare ourselves for Christmas is through a sincere celebration of the Sacrament of Penance early in Advent.

In case you misplaced the mailing you should have received with both the Penance and Christmas Mass schedule, the schedule for Penance is on the front of the bulletin.

Please, if at all possible, participate in one of the area Communal Penance Rites. With fewer priests it helps tremendously in easing the load for us priests at this season.

Social Concerns Quarterly Bulletin Report for July through September 2010

In July, August and September, St Cecilia parishioners contributed \$9,634.00 to the **Good Samaritan** (black Bag) collection. You also contributed 560 pounds of food which was taken to the MICA food shelf by St. Cecilia volunteers.

Your generosity has allowed St. Cecilia's Social Concerns committee to send donations to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Ames Community School District's SOS fund (for school supplies for children in need), to Beyond Welfare, eleven Days of Global Unity, Heartland Senior Services and a donation to Father Richmond's home parish in Ghana, plus emergency assistance for families in urgent need.

Regular monthly donations continue to be sent to the Emergency Residence Project, Good Neighbor Emergence Assistance (which provided emergency rent and utility assistance), the Free Medical Clinic (medical care), Matthew 25 House (prison ministry), Story County Dental clinic (adult dental care) and to MICA for food transport from the food bank in Des Moines to the MICA food shelf in Ames.

The Social Concerns committee thanks you for your generous support.



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 celebrate 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.

Want to Help Thousands of Families While Saving Money?

Would you be willing to assist a current or potential Catholic school student with their educational expenses, while significantly reducing your 2010 Iowa income taxes? If you file an Iowa state income tax return you can contribute to *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* and receive a **65% Iowa tax credit**. That means for every \$100 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$65, plus the entire amount of the gift is eligible for federal deductibility. 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. Make a difference for you and the families who wish a Catholic education for their children.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Cecilia School News

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

Wednesday, 12/8: All School Mass at 9AM and
Early dismissal at 2:15PM

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

Thursday, 12/16: Grades 1/2/4 Mass at 9AM

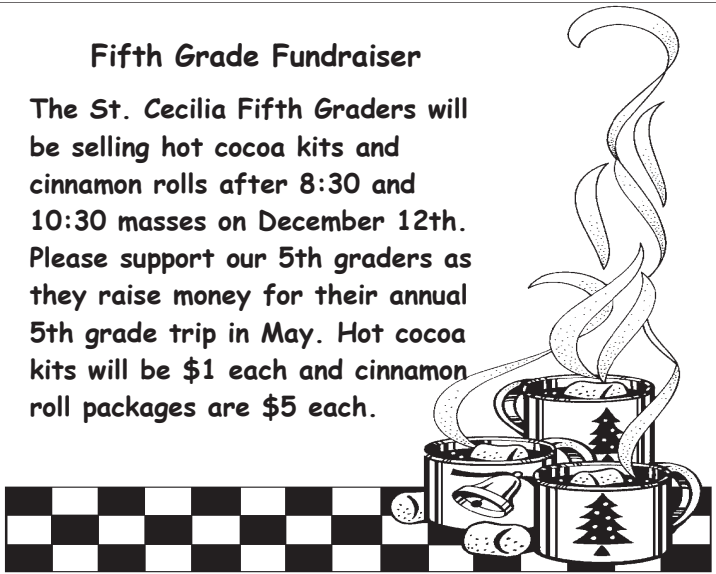
Friday, 12/17: Last day of school before Christmas Break

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!**

Fifth Grade Fundraiser

The St. Cecilia Fifth Graders will be selling hot cocoa kits and cinnamon rolls after 8:30 and 10:30 masses on December 12th. Please support our 5th graders as they raise money for their annual 5th grade trip in May. Hot cocoa kits will be \$1 each and cinnamon roll packages are \$5 each.



★ Thank You! ★
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Knights of Columbus Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Campaign: On behalf of the Knights of Columbus from Rev. Zachary Kucin Council 2230 and Msgr. James Supple Council 13160, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the parishioners of St. Cecilia and St. Thomas Aquinas parishes for your support of our campaign to assist persons with intellectual disabilities in Story County. I was afraid our goal of \$5,500 would be difficult to achieve in this down economy, but you have proved me wrong. This year, due to your generosity, we were able to raise \$6,286. These funds will be distributed to Mainstream Living, Inc., Friendship Ark Homes, and the Iowa Special Olympics. We send you our blessings and thanks this holiday season.

- Terry Herrman, PID Chairman

Thanks to the generosity of those who donated or purchased recycled Christmas decorations at the Christmas Market, the St. Cecilia Social Concerns Committee donated the proceeds of \$437 to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Unsold decorations were donated to Goodwill.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sanctity of Human Life will meet Sunday, **December 5** at 9:30AM in the St. Clare Room.

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 or 232-2075 or Mary Cowan at 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.

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.



The Knights of Columbus will have its monthly meeting at 7PM on December 9 in the South Social Hall.

The St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Senior group will meet for dinner at 12:00 Noon On Sunday Dec. 19 at the Iowa Stater Restaurant at the Gateway Hotel, 2100 Green Hills Dr. Call Pat Rood at 232-3594 for reservations or information.



60+ Group

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.

Note: There will be no meeting on December 23.

Saint Cecilia Giving Tree

The Giving Tree gifts will be sorted and boxed for the organizations next weekend. Please place your wrapped and tagged gift in the collection boxes **by NOON on Sunday, December 12**, so the organizations can pick them up in time for their holiday parties.



Iowans for LIFE March for Life Bus Trip to Washington D.C. still has open seats!

If you were prayerfully discerning making the trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life on the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, there is still time! There are approximately 20 seats available on our third bus and we would love to see you with us. The cost is \$325 per person and that includes hotel and bus trip. We leave Iowa on January 22nd and return on January 26th. Please contact Maggie DeWitte, Executive Director of Iowans for LIFE at 515-201-8281 with questions.

COMMUNITY

Volunteers from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance will be wrapping gifts at Borders for a free will offering on Dec. 4, 5, 11, & 12. All proceeds from the gift wrapping on those days will go to Good Neighbor.

Due to recent thefts, please take extra precautions to safeguard your possessions.

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 sign of man's familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden. There he lives "to till it and keep it." Work is not yet a burden, but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation.

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This entire harmony of original justice, foreseen for man in God's plan, will be lost by the sin of our first parents.



St. Cecilia
Choir Practice

The St. Cecilia Choir will rehearse this Saturday, December 11 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.

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 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.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Coping with the holidays will be the topic of discussion at the Dec. 9 meeting of **Lean Into the Wind**, the divorced and separated support group of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center, 2210 Lindoln Way in Ames. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:15 p.m. at Olde Main Brewing Co. & Restaurant, 316 Main St., in Ames followed by the monthly meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge of the church. Group discussion will be based on the DVD "Surviving the Holidays" from the DivorceCare program. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. To RSVP for dinner by noon Wed., Dec. 8, contact Cosette Bergma at (515) 298-1508 or cb6234@gmail.com

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 Wednesday, December 15.**



SCCCW (St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women) will serve coffee and doughnuts after the 8:30AM and 10:30 AM Masses this weekend in the Social Hall.

Stewardship: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

2nd Sunday of Advent

Has anyone ever called you out? When I lived in the central city of a large metropolitan area, calling someone out in the neighborhood was a commonplace occurrence. Large porches and the lack of air-conditioning meant that folks would often spend summer afternoons and evenings sitting out front. Children would play together, while young teens would ride their bikes up and down the street. Block activities meant that everyone knew one another, and if anyone saw something happening in the alley behind the houses, it was certain that someone's momma would be told about it. On a warm summer night, even though you were ten houses away from your own home, you could be sure that if you were doing something wrong, whoever was sitting up on the porch would call you out right then and there.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist had no hesitation about calling out the Pharisees and the Sadducees. From his perspective, they were coming out to take part in a ritual cleansing-an important rite of Judaism in the time of Jesus-without having the proper disposition of repentance and conversion. John's warning to them does not make for comfortable reading, even today.

As we go about all the hustle and bustle of preparation for Christmas, we might lose sight of the fact that Advent is also a time of preparation for our final end. Just like teens don't like being called out when they're doing something wrong, we don't like to think that much about the end of our lives. And it's even harder to do so in this busy season. But Advent celebrates Christ's coming: his coming in time at Bethlehem; his coming to each individual Christian in the fullness of one's life; and his coming at the end of time. Maybe take a little time this week to reflect on your readiness for Christ, so that you're not called out at the end.

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Your Financial Stewardship

	11/23-29	FYTD
Contributions	\$15,046	\$384,172
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 20,715	\$455,730
Contributions (building)	\$ 105	\$ 23,592

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

Garage Meeting Room Remodel

Project update as of 11-29

Construction Cost Paid	\$184,638
Funds Collected	\$143,906
Funds Pledged	\$ 3,225
Total Funds Committed	\$ 147,131
Balance needed	\$ 37,507

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, December 4

5:00PM: Linus Putz†

Sunday, December 5

8:30AM: Nate † & Denise Brunia

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Bill Burke, Sr. †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, Decmber 7

7:00AM: No Mass

5:30PM: Doug Conley †

Wednesday, December 8

9:00AM: All School Mass

Special Intention

7:00PM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

Thursday, December 9

7:00AM: Donald Bielefeldt †

5:30PM: Ruth Wenckus †

Friday, December 10

7:00AM: Jack Gehn †

5:30PM: Raymond & Marie Frank †

Saturday, December 11

5:00PM: Donald Finnegan†

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 December 5, 2010

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR

OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

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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.