

# Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

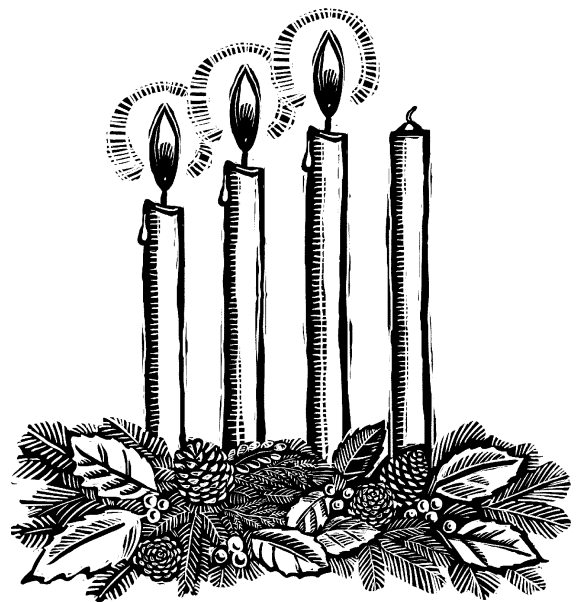
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December 12, 2010

Third Sunday  
of Advent

**W**e 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.



**Third Sunday in Advent**

## Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

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

Thursday, December 16 at 7PM



**RECONCILIATION**

## Private Reconciliation Times

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

Wednesday, December 22, 11:00AM to Noon

Thursday, December 23, 5PM to 6PM

## 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 for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs is always available in the Office of Faith Formation 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Or by appointment Monday – Friday. We are always welcoming new students so please stop in the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office to register and receive our 2010 -2011 calendar!

### Sunday, P/K

December 19, 10:30 AM.

January 2, 10:30 AM.

### Monday, Grades 1-5

December 13, 6:15 PM.

January 3, 6:15 PM.

### Wednesday, Grades 1-5

December 15, 4:00 PM

January 5, 4:00 PM

### \*\*\*\*\* 1st EUCHARIST PARENT MEETINGS \*\*\*\*\*

#### NORTH SOCIAL HALL

Monday, January 3, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

OR

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 @ 4:00 PM

### Middle School – Grades 6-8

North Social Hall

Monday, December 13, 6:15-7:30 PM

Monday, January 6, 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00-8-30 PM

Wednesday, January 12, (EDGE), 7:00-9:00 PM

### High School – Grades 9 -12

Life Teen, Sunday, December 12, 6:30-9:00 PM,

Theme: "Nuestra Senora"

Life Teen, Sunday December 19, 6:30-9:00 PM, Theme: "What If?"

Life Teen, Sunday January 9, 5:00-7:00 PM, Activity: Bowling @ Perfect Games

Theme: "The Drop Zone" 7:00-9:00 PM @ Church

### Confirmation Preparation

Grades 9 & 10, Wednesday, January 5. 7:00-8:30 PM

### RCIA

Call 232-3514 for information about joining the Catholic Church

Help Needed: Help with child care Sunday mornings 9:00-11:30 AM during RCIA meetings is needed. If you are interested in volunteering call the Faith Formation Office at 232-3514.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session even though they may have attended previously. Sponsors, godparents are also expected to attend.

**Next session is February 10, 2011 6:30 PM in the St. Louis room**

**\*\* Note: Sessions are normally scheduled on the second Thursday of the even numbered months.\*\***

### BIBLE STUDY

**Scripture Study:** Mondays, 7:30-9:00 PM in the St. Louis Room

**Bible Study in Spanish:** Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM in the St. Louis Room

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



### 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.**

### Religious give thanks.

Women and men religious throughout the country offer heartfelt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



### Our Good Samaritan/Food Shelf Collection is next weekend.

Suggested items are canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, ramen noodles, soup and crackers, baby foods, canned meat products, pasta, cereal, dish soap, laundry detergent, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels and

Kleenex. MICA cannot accept expired items.

### Attention 7th & 8th Grade Parents!

Did you know that your middle schooler is eligible to participate in youth ministry trips starting next year? Our trip to Denver, Colorado with Catholic Heart Work Camp (service trip) is open to all incoming 8th through 12th graders (current 7th-11th graders!)

In addition, current 8th graders should definitely sign up for NCYC 2011. The National Catholic Youth Conference is highly recommended for all 2011-2012 high school students! For more information on NCYC, check out the attached promotional packet, or call us at 232-3514 to sign up! \$50 deposits are technically due tomorrow. Please e-mail us if you are considering the trip, or ready to commit!

**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.**

### 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](http://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

**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

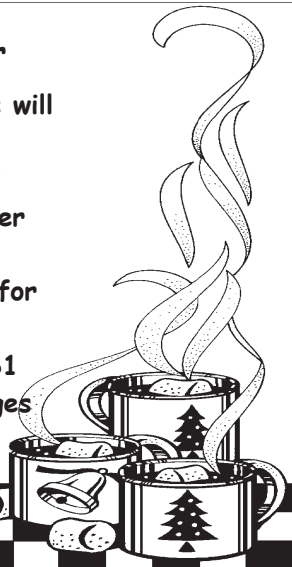
**Monday, 01/03:** School resumes

**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 today, 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.



**Employment Help!** Do you have job openings? Are you unemployed and looking for a job? Are you willing to help with resumes or be a mentor for interview skills? Please e-mail for information to: DeaconRon.Jobs@gmail.com or send to the attention of Deacon Ron Smith at the parish office. Please check the Social Concerns bulletin board for available resources.

**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, February 7-13, 2011. Contact Dr. Whitters at 515-689-3765 or Deacon Ron Smith at 515-441-0480.

**Room Use Policy.** All room use at St. Cecilia must be reserved on the parish calendar. If you plan to use a room at the church or school, please contact the parish office so it can be scheduled on the calendar. Room use for non-parish sponsored activities requires the completion of a reservation form, deposit, and insurance. If the activity involves more than 30 people reservations must be made at least 15 days in advance to obtain proper insurance. Contact the parish office with question about room usage at 233-3092.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Saint Cecilia Giving Tree

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



**St. Anne's Circle** will meet on Tuesday, **December 14** at 9:00AM in the South Social Hall. Program: Sharing a favorite Christmas tradition. There will be a \$5 gift exchange and a sing-a-long. Hostesses: Ingrid Brady & Jeanne Gehm.

**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.

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

### 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.

### CFM OFFERS FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT:

Families, faith and fun. That is what the Christian Family Movement is all about. Through prayer, discussion and action, families grow in their faith as they provide support and friendship to one another. Meeting in small faith sharing groups, parents and their families learn to live their faith in their every day lives, at home, in our communities and in the market place. If you want to learn more about this group here at St. Cecilia, please contact Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison at 296-2966 or [gaitchis@iastate.edu](mailto:gaitchis@iastate.edu).

## COMMUNITY

**Volunteers from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance** will be wrapping gifts at Borders for a free will offering on December 10, & 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

IN BRIEF

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"Father, . . . you formed man in your own likeness and set him over the whole world to serve you, his creator, and to rule over all creatures" (*Roman Missal*, EP IV 118).

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Man is predestined to reproduce the image of God's Son made man, the "image of the invisible God" (*Col* 1:15 ), so that Christ shall be the first-born of a multitude of brothers and sisters (cf. *Eph* 1:3-6; *Rom* 8:29).



St. Cecilia  
Choir Practice

The St. Cecilia Choir will rehearse this Saturday, December 18 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](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.



**Bickford Cottage will sponsor the doughnuts after the 8:30AM and 10:30 AM Masses this weekend in the Social Hall. Teams of Our Lady will serve the coffee and doughnuts.**

**Be One in a Million—  
Join Us to Confront Global Poverty**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) call on one million Catholics in the United States to confront global poverty. Advocate with us to end hunger, disease, conflict, and other issues that affect the lives of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Find more information at: [www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty)



**Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from 12 PM noon, Sat., Dec. 18 until 7AM Tues. Jan. 4 for the Christmas Season.**

**Stewardship:** Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

3rd Sunday of Advent

While debate surrounding the passage of the health care bill raged last winter, those in the medical profession who care for the sick continued their work day after day in hospitals and clinics, in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. Simple cataract surgery restored sight to many elderly people. Innovations in artificial limbs made it possible for even severely injured veterans who were amputees to be able to walk again. Hansen's disease (leprosy) has been almost completely eliminated, and those who had been considered modern day lepers-people infected with HIV-have been given a new lease on life with modern drugs. Cochlear implants make it possible for many who had become deaf to be able to hear again. And the stories about people who are saved because of automatic defibrillators are recounted almost weekly in the media.

In this day and age, we could indeed act upon Jesus' words to "go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised" (Mt 11:4-5). These very things are happening today in hospitals and clinics all over the world. The miracles of Jesus take place each and every day.

There is one more thing that Jesus told John's disciples that they should recount to him: the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. There are lots of opportunities for Christians to bring good news to the poor during this time of year. Many parishes have programs in place to help the needy, especially at Christmas. Many of us feel particularly generous in extending a helping hand. Contributions like that are great! But proclaiming good news is about more than a check. It also means working with organizations that are trying to alleviate poverty. We're not all qualified to be physicians who work the miracles of healing, but we can work the miracle of ending poverty through our advocacy for the poor. ©2010 Liturgical Publications Inc

Your Financial Stewardship

	11/30-12/6	FYTD
Contributions	\$37,642	\$421,814
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 20,715	\$476,445
Contributions (building)	\$ 2,738	\$ 26,330

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 12-6

Construction Cost Paid	\$184,638
Funds Collected	\$147,906
Funds Pledged	\$ 3,225
Total Funds Committed	\$ 151,131
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 11

5:00PM: Donald Finnegan†

## Sunday, December 12

8:30AM: Jim Kearney †

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Vivian Smith †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

## Tuesday, December 14

7:00AM: Sonny & Carol Lyons

5:30PM: Gibbons Family

## Wednesday, December 15

7:00AM: Anna & Steve Knutz

5:30PM: Alvera Irlbeck †

## Thursday, December 16

7:00AM: Germaine Mullenbach †

5:30PM: Poor Souls †

## Friday, December 17

7:00AM: Barbara Boylan Schager †

5:30PM: Special Intention

## Saturday, December 18

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

## 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 December 12, 2010

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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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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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.