

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

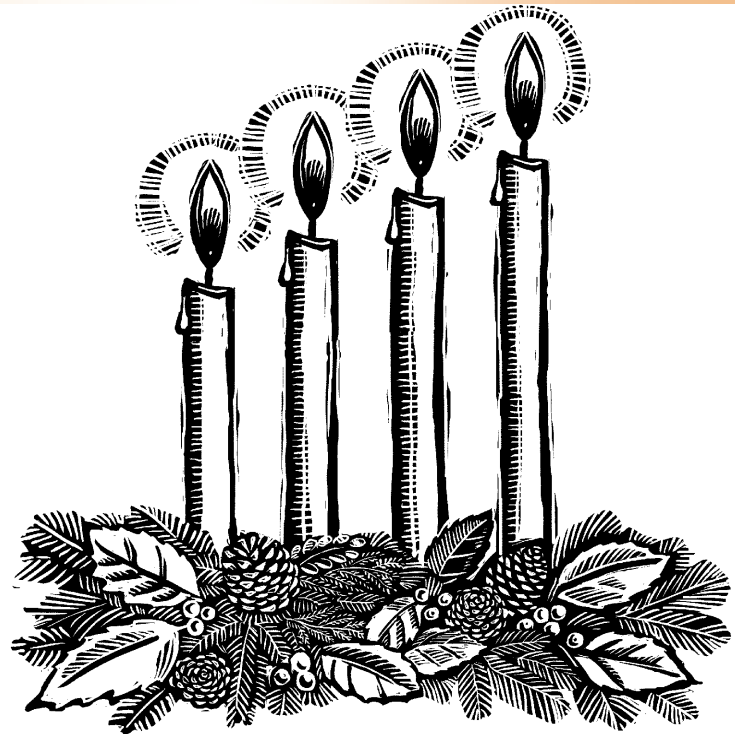
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December 19, 2010

Fourth 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.



Fourth Sunday in Advent



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

Friday, December 31, No Mass

Saturday, January 1 at 5:00PM

Sunday, January 2 at 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 16, 10:30 AM.

Monday, Grades 1-5

January 3, 6:15 PM.

Wednesday, Grades 1-5

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, January 3, 6:15 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, January 12, (EDGE), 7:00-9:00 PM

High School – Grades 9 -12

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 in Advent.

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

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!



Daily Mass Cancellation Policy Due to Inclement Weather

1. 7AM weekday Mass will be cancelled if Saint Cecilia School has a late start or has been cancelled due to a winter storm.

2. 5:30PM weekday Mass will be cancelled if Saint Cecilia School has early dismissal or has been cancelled due to a winter storm.

Please watch for Saint Cecilia School weather-related updates through the various media outlets for cancellations, late starts, or early dismissals.

Invest in YOUR Community

Catholic schools build upon a proud past, a commitment to faith formation, a values-based education, and universal respect as they anticipate a promising future. Most importantly a Catholic school approaches education of the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. We believe every student should have the choice for a Catholic education and with your support we will secure that right for every child. As an Iowa taxpayer, you can contribute to the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* and receive a **Iowa tax credit equal to 65%** of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. Support your community and invest in Catholic education. All donations must be postmarked by December 31 in order to qualify for the tax credit in 2010. Give today at www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 563-556-2580, ext. 256.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Cecilia School News

Monday, 01/03: School resumes

Christmas Break: 12/18/10 to 01/02/11

Monday, 01/03: School Resumes

Tuesday, 01/04: Catholic School Board Meeting at 7PM

Friday, 01/07: All School Mass at 9AM

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!**



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 19, 11:45AM

Come join in the fun. Help decorate the Church with boughs of holly. If you can not participate at 11:45AM you may choose to be part of the clean-up crew starting at approximately 1:15PM. Many hands make light work.

Sing A Noel!!!

The Children's Choir for the 4:00PM Family Liturgy on Christmas Eve will rehearse Tuesday, December 21, and Thursday, December 23, 4:00-4:45PM in the Church. If you would like to join in or have any questions, contact Bob Hauser at 233-3092.

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:

Ames Alternative Gift Market

There is still an opportunity to select a Christmas gift through the Alternative Gift Market. Shopping lists are posted on the Social Concerns bulletin board at the entrance to the Church. Contact information is on the list and cards and inserts will be delivered to your home or can be made available for pick up at the church office. The money you donate in the name of your friends and relatives will be used by non-profit organizations to assist people in crisis overseas as well as in the U.S. and the Ames area. You'll receive holiday cards to send to those on your gift list with inserts explaining your gift and how it will be used. Organizations such as GLOBAL BUILDERS, ACCESS, and EMERGENCY RESIDENCE PROJECT, along with seven other local organizations, are on the shopping list. All donations through the purchase of alternative gifts are tax-deductible.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The **St. Cecilia Widows, Widowers and Single Senior** group will meet for dinner at 12:00 Noon today, **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.

Saint Cecilia Social Justice will meet Monday December 20 in the Saint Elizabeth Room at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please use the southeast entrance (formerly used for the garage entrance).

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.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet Tues., Dec. 21 at 9:30AM at Dixie Lickteig's home. Anyone wishing to make rosaries please call 233-1393.

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.



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.

COMMUNITY

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 or www.facebook.com/FoodAtFirst.

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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"Man, though made of body and soul, is a unity " (GS 14 § 1). The doctrine of the faith affirms that the spiritual and immortal soul is created immediately by God.

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"God did not create man a solitary being. From the beginning, 'male and female he created them' (Gen 1:27). This partnership of man and woman constitutes the first form of communion between persons" (GS 12 § 4).

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.



**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



Thanks so much to the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus for hosting the reception for Fr. Nienhaus' talk on December 9. It was great to celebrate daily Mass together, socialize and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to all the parishioners and staff members who worked so well together, and all those who attended, to make it a fun, memorable, and blessed event.



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



**Coffee and doughnuts will not be served
this weekend.**

Stewardship: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

4th Sunday of Advent

A number of years ago, the teenage son of a friend of mine went on a trip to France. He was going to spend the summer in Taizé, the ecumenical religious community known for welcoming young people. When Harry arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport, he was totally lost. He didn't speak French, and like many a young college student, just imagined that he would breeze through everything without a problem. Travel from the airport to Taizé meant a subway, followed by a train, and then finally a bus. Luckily, in the French transportation system he could just buy one ticket to get him through the excursion. He just had to figure out where to get that ticket. A helpful traveler at the transport center who spoke English helped Harry set off with the correct purchase for the right train. Later, Harry described the situation in this way, "God sent an angel to guide me!"

Angels can be consoling figures. They can also be challenging. The angel that appears at the end of Part I of Tony Kushner's Pulitzer prize-winning diptych, *Angels in America*, portends an uncertain future that will play out in the second part. In biblical tradition, Raphael is the guiding, consoling archangel; Michael is the defending challenger, the warrior. It is Gabriel who lies in the middle: the heralding messenger who shows up with puzzling news that requires a response. Imagine the reply of a fiancé today who might be told, "Oh, by the way, the person you're engaged to is going to have a baby, but it's not yours, but God wants you to marry her anyway." That makes it pretty evident why angels are not always welcome visitors!

These final days before Christmas are filled with so much running around and preparation that it is difficult to grab a moment of peace and quiet. But what would you do if an angel showed up on your doorstep? You'd have to stop!

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Your Financial Stewardship

	12/7-13	FYTD
Contributions	\$22,327	\$445,661
Needed to meet expenses	\$ 20,715	\$497,160
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 12-13

Construction Cost Paid	\$184,638
Funds Collected	\$147,960
Funds Pledged	\$ 3,225
Total Funds Committed	\$ 151,185
Balance needed	\$ 33,453

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 18

5:00PM: Catholic Daughters

Sunday, December 19

8:30AM: Bob & Mary Myers

10:30AM: Parishioners of St. Cecilia

5:00PM: Marjorie Garland †

Misa en Español (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 21

7:00AM: Ed & Marcella Noethe Family

5:30PM: Donald Belefeldt †

Wednesday, December 22

7:00AM: Special Intention

5:30PM: Chris & Pat Derks †

Thursday, December 23

7:00AM: Betty Macdonald †

5:30PM: Cay Peet †

Friday, December 24

4:00AM: Special Intention

6:30PM: Special Intention

10:00PM: Special Intention

Saturday, December 25

10:00AM: Special Intention

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 19, 2010

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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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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.