

**STEWARDSHIP: Celebrating & Sharing God's Gifts** . "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

**Kelly Family Christmas Sun., Dec. 16 at 4 pm. Holy Trinity RC Church,** 90 minutes of live seasonal music - "Reason for the Season". Advance Tickets Adults \$20. Youth (16 and under) \$5; Children (5 & under) free, from the office during regular hours, or after weekend Masses at Holy Trinity. Tickets at the door - Adults \$25; Youth \$10. 306-543-3838.

**Rebuilding Our House of Bread - An Advent Mission** In this three-day Mission Deacon Eric Gurash will reflect on God's great building project. Holy Rosary Cathedral Dec. 4, 5, 6 starting at 7:00 pm. Our Mission ends on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**The Ecumenical Committee** (5 churches in the Rosemont Area) invites all to join them at Benson Manor, Monday, Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. for an Advent sing-a-long. Please bring a tray of goodies to be shared with tea/coffee after the singing.

**Advent Service of Lessons & Carols** at Luther Chapel at Luther College, U of R Campus on Sun., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. President's reception to follow.

**SPANISH MASS** - St. Cecilia's the second & last Sunday of the month 6 pm.

**ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH OR HAVE CHANGED ADDRESSES???**

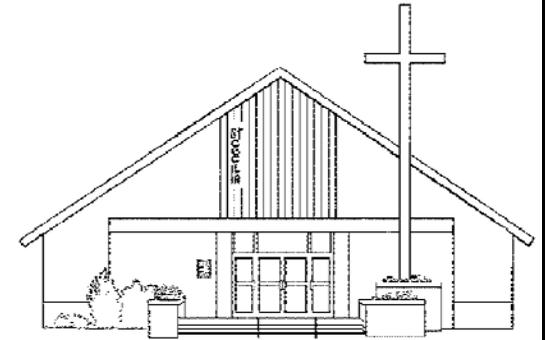
Welcome to St. Cecilia's. Any questions or concerns - give us a call. Please complete the following form drop it off at the office or drop into the collection basket marked - Attention: Parish Office:

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PARISH OF  
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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Dec. 1/2, 2018**

From Luke's Gospel, the discourse on the destruction of Jerusalem, has Jesus speaking to our hope in the midst of doom. And so, even with portents of the end times, there is the promise born: We will "see the Son of Man coming on a cloud .. When these things begin to happen, stand up straight, and raise your heads, for your ransom is near at hand."

<b>Monday Dec. 3</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	Is. 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11,13
<b>Tuesday Dec. 4</b>	<b>Mass 7:00 pm</b>	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday Dec. 5</b>	<b>School Mass 8:30 am</b>	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 St. Francis School Library RIP Elizabeth Duong from Duong Family
<b>Thursday Dec. 6</b>	<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27 Intentions of JoAnne Peacock from Paulette Wendler
<b>Friday Dec. 7</b>	<b>Mass 8:30 am</b>	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 RIP Bernice & Karlene Johner from Matt Johner family
<b>Saturday Dec. 8</b>	<b>Mass 7:00 pm</b>	Gen 3:9-15,20 /Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38 For the intentions of all parishioners
<b>Sunday Dec. 9</b>	<b>Mass 10:00 am</b>	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:3-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6 For the intentions of all parishioners

**Reconciliation** - By appointment

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

**Giving Tree** - our annual Christmas Project begins Dec. 1. The Christmas tree in the Welcoming Area has tags on it. On the tags are gender & age of a person that you may buy a gift for (wrap it, attach the tree tag & bring the gift back by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>). **Donation envelopes** will also be handed out, money collected will be used to purchase grocery gift cards that will be part of the gift distribution. Envelopes are to be in by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & may be put into the collection basket or left at the office.

Social Justice is helping Christina Nagy, a parishioner of St. Cecilia with her project of Blessing Bags to help Regina's homeless. Deadline is Dec. 14. Items needed are: toques, mitts, scarves, socks, men's deodorant, Ready to eat non-perishable food items, water, juice boxed and First-Aid supplies. There will be a box in the welcoming area.

## **ST. CECILIA CWL NEWS**

Due to the Diocesan CWL per capita fee increase membership fee has been increased to \$30. Cheques are to be made out to St. Cecilia CWL.. Reminder the yellow membership envelopes may be put into the collection basket

**Christmas Basket Raffles** - Tickets are now available . Draws will be made Dec. 6 at the C.W.L. Social. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

**CWL Christmas Social December 6** Begins with Mass at 6 p.m., Supper at 7 p.m. Entertainment (Sweet Adelines) at 8 p.m.

**COATS FOR KIDS** - Father Burns Knights of Columbus are collecting new or slightly used winter garments (coats, mitts, scarfs, toques, etc.). These garments will be distributed to children through the Regina School system. Please drop off your winter garments in the 'coats for kids' box located in the gathering area at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

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**St. Cecilia Men's & Women's Club** is collecting CLEAN 500 ml and larger containers WITH matching lids to donate to Carmichael Outreach. (Sour cream, yogurt, margarine, etc.) Please leave your donations in marked bin in the foyer of the church.

We are having a **New Years Eve Party for the family**. Tickets are \$5/person or \$10 /family and will be sold after the masses beginning next week. Stay tuned next week for more information.

**Sacred Heart School - Santa Store** - Sacred Heart is once again hosting their annual Santa Store for our students. The Santa Store allows our children to shop for Christmas gifts for their family members. These gift are new or gently used items that can be re-gifted to family members. If you have any items that you would like to donate to Sacred Heart's Santa store they can be dropped off at the school up until Dec. 3rd. We greatly appreciate your support. If you have any questions please contact the school at 306-791-7920.

The **Comfort Cart program in the Palliative Care** ward is ongoing. Supplies are dwindling and it would be great to receive some of the following:  
Tissues - some have donated packages of 125 tissues. This size is the best as some have difficulty removing tissues from the personal size packages.  
Lip balm - always in need (hint - least expensive source seems to be Dollarama)  
Combs - stock is very low. Socks always are welcomed. Individually wrapped  
Peppermint Lifesavors - Again Least expensive seems to be Dollarama Thank you for your giving.

**Just Kidding....**A priest was giving a lesson on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm to a group of children. He noticed that Little Johnny seemed upset by the verse, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life." "What's wrong Johnny?" the priest asked. "Well." replied Little Johnny, "I'm not worried about goodness and mercy. but I'm not sure I'd like Shirley following me around all the time."