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April 1
Holy Thursday

7:00pm*

Church open till 10pm for prayer

NO NOON Mass & NO TNL

April 2
Good Friday

7:00pm*

NO NOON Mass

Noon:

Way of the Cross on CAMPUS

Saturday, April 3
Easter Vigil

8:00pm*

NO Saturday 4:45 Mass

April 4
Easter Sunday

8:30 10:30* 7:00pm



Only
One Man
Jesus
could turn
a week of
betrayal
intrigue
torture
and murder
into the most
Holy Week
in
human history



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SENT TO BE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN AMES, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE WORLD.



So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

“BEHOLD THE MAN!”

John 19:5

Taking Up Our Crosses

Jesus says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him ... take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). He does not say: "Make a cross" or "Look for a cross." Each of us has a cross to carry. There is no need to make one or look for one. The cross we have is hard enough for us! But are we willing to take it up, to accept it as our cross?



Maybe we can't study, maybe we have doubts of faith or of self, maybe we have a handicap or illness, maybe we suffer from depression, maybe we experience loss or conflict in our families, maybe we are victims of violence or abuse. We didn't choose any of it, but these things are our crosses. We can ignore them, reject them, refuse them or hate them. But we can also take up these crosses and follow Jesus with them.

—Henri Nouwen

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REQUIRED



IN THIS BUILDING



Welcome Guests & New Parishioners Whether you're a first time guest, occasional visitor, thinking of becoming a registered parishioner or already a member of this community, we're glad you're here! Let us know how we can help you? If you would like more information about our parish community, please talk with one of our staff members, 515-292-3810, and check out our website at staparish.net. Thanks for celebrating with us; your presence is both gift and grace. WELCOME!



GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS ON CAMPUS

On **Good Friday**, as we have done for years, we will walk the Stations of the Cross on the Iowa State University campus - along the route, following a large wooden cross, meditations in fifteen different areas take place connecting the Way of the Cross and our daily lives. Those walking the Way of the Cross on campus give witness to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a very public way. The procession **begins at the font in the Worship Space at Noon**, led by the **Knights of Columbus**, taking the *disciples* on a 1.5 mile, 90-minute walk/prayer.



Date Night at St. Cecilia

Date Night will be **Saturday, April 10**, from 7-8pm at St. Cecilia in the church and will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/78IUiMMlrKo>

Sam and Anne Rothstein will present on "Ecclesia Domestica - Domestic Church" and what they have found that strengthens their marriage.

All adults from the area are invited to join us in-person or via livestream.

For more information or if you have questions, please email DateNight@StCeciliaParish.org or contact Deacon Ron at 515-441-0480.

A Call to Parish Leadership Pastoral Council

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Council is recruiting parishioners to serve on the Council. On the last weekend of April, we will elect five new representatives, two will be resident parishioners and three will be students. The terms will begin in July, and the resident parishioners will serve three year terms while the students serve one year terms.

The Pastoral Council asks you to consider representing the STA community by serving on the Pastoral Council. For the vision and mission of the parish to be realized it is essential that student and resident parishioners, young and old, male and female have a voice in the life of the parish. The voice needed could be yours! The Pastoral Council is a representative group of the entire parish, whose goal is to ensure that all voices of the parish can be heard and responded to appropriately. They work with Fr. Kyle to develop policy and long-range planning priorities for the Parish. Please prayerfully consider serving St. Thomas Aquinas as a member of the Pastoral Council.

If you have questions about the Pastoral Council or are willing to serve on the Council, please contact one of the following Council members:

- Francis Todey**, 515-232-4722, fwtoday@yahoo.com
- Ronnie Lindeman**, mmdesign@netins.net
- Scott Law**, lawscott@ymail.com
- K'Lynn Lynn**, klynnkuehl@gmail.com

**Deadline for nominations & self-nominations
is Monday, April 12**



2021-2022 St. Cecilia School Registration

We are currently accepting 2021-2022 registrations for 3-year-old preschool through fifth grade. Please review the homepage of our website; <https://school.stceciliaparish.org/> for more information and registration forms. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting and tour with our principal, Sara Rooney, please contact the school office at #515.232.5290.



Spring is Here!

Got some time to help with landscape and plants? Want to lend a hand at STA where help is very much needed? A great way to enjoy the outdoors and pause to reflect and pray while getting your hands “dirty”! **Contact Jackie, 292-3307**, if you can help once or on a regular basis.

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY



March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, marked the fifth anniversary of the release of the Holy Father’s post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). Pope Francis has inaugurated the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family,” which will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022

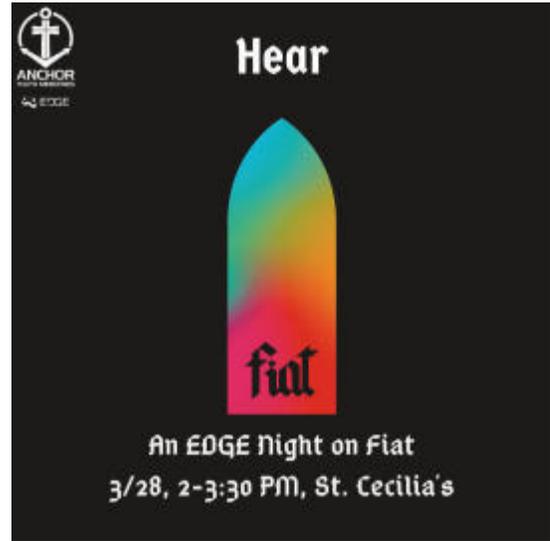
“This is a year of years: it’s the Year of St. Joseph, the Year of Laudato Si, and the Year of the Amoris Laetitia Family. Italians would say: Diego Maradona, that’s a lot of celebration! A few words about the Year of the Amoris Laetitia Family. It began on March 19, 2021, the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus, our Savior. Amoris Laetitia was written by Pope Francis (viva il Papa!) to promote thought and discussion on marriage and family; this anniversary observance has the same purpose. If you haven’t read it, do yourself a favor. Chapters Three and Four are worth a read, and accessible, even if we’re not married or theologians.”

Michael Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque

www.staparish.net/information/AMORIS_LAETITIA.pdf



St. Thomas Aquinas...
YOUTH MINISTRY
...St. Cecilia



This week’s **EDGE night** is *Hear: An EDGE Night on Fiat*. Join us on 3/28 from 2-3:30pm to find out more. Hope to see you there!

Save the date! The **EDGE Spring Retreat** is on 4/10/21 from 9 am to 5pm. For more information and to sign up, visit: www.anchorames.com/edge-spring-2021-retreat.html

Life Teen is this Sunday, March 28 at 7-8:30pm at St. Cecilia or online. Join us for more Mirror, Mirror: A Life Night Series on Jesus, Our Savior with Living Image: Living as a Disciple. Teens will learn to share their story of God’s work in their lives and invest in a life of discipleship.

No Life Teen & EDGE next Sunday, April 4 due to Easter and Sunday, April 11 due to Year 2 Sacrament of Confirmation Mass. Life Teen will resume April 18.

No High School Small Groups this Wednesday, March 31 due to Holy Week. Please attend Holy Week Services.



SAVE THE DATE



Sat, April 24

9-Noon

It's YOUR parish!

We provide all tools & supplies.



e-BULLETIN

If you don't already receive the parish email each week you can **VIEW** the current e-bulletin OR **SUBSCRIBE** on the homepage at staparish.net



*“He rose from supper
and took off his outer garments.
He took a towel and tied
it around his waist.
Then he poured water into a basin
and began to wash
the disciples' feet.”*

(John 13)

A foot-washing God! We need to have a sense for the outrageous – in what is being proclaimed and portrayed in this scene from the Last Supper. God takes on the form of a common servant. God washes feet. Outrageous!

What's this all about? Well, what it is about is Jesus' insistence that if his disciples or we wish to be his followers, we need to learn how to be servants to one another. There is nothing more fundamental than that about being Christian. We can talk all day about how we love and care for one another, but unless we are willing “to get down on our knees” and be servants to one another, it will mean very little. Actions speak louder than words.

We are probably not actually going to be washing one another's feet literally every day. But we do need to demonstrate what foot-washing means. We do need to be servants to one another and not in a demeaning way either, but in total integrity and truthfulness. Actually, it's all contained in those moving words of the marriage ceremony: Loving and honoring one another, especially in circumstances of riches and poverty, sickness and health, difficulties or joys, day in and day out. That's what serving one another should mean. That is what being a Christian is all about.

Getting on our knees is not something we do easily. It's a long, uncomfortable way to the floor. Being servants to one another or allowing our feet to be washed, are never easy. We have to keep learning and doing it over and over again.

In our creeds and liturgies we picture Jesus, the Risen Lord, at the right hand of the Father. Remember that hand is always washing feet. The Risen Lord continues to wash feet – through us – his Body.

Usually each year (*but not this year!*), on Holy Thursday, we reenact the washing of the feet. This action is not meant to remove the dust from our feet. Rather it is to remove the darkness from our hearts and open our hearts to charity and love of neighbor. If the Eucharist is the place where the Lord washes our feet, daily life is the place where we ought to wash the feet of others. Eucharist leads to life leads to Eucharist.

*“Do you know what I have done to you?
You call me Teacher and Lord –
and you are right, for that is what I am.
So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you.”*

(John 13:12-15)

READINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Easter: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

<http://usccb.org/bible/>

Videographers Needed



Do you have experience running audio/video equipment? Have you admired the work done by those live streaming our Masses? Or had thoughts about how to improve them?

It would help to have some extra folks trained going forward, so we don't have to rely so heavily on the two who have been carrying this ministry for a year now.

Contact Shari Reilly, shari@staparish.net, or call/text 515-509-6851 to let us know how you can help. Thanks!

Hospitalized Catholics

Hospital visits are resuming. If you are hospitalized and wish to be visited as a patient at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, you can make sure you are entered on the list of Catholics to be visited daily, letting admitting or your nurse know. St. Cecilia and St. Thomas Aquinas share hospital visits and therefore visits are made every day. If you have questions, call parishioner Cindy Hauber at 515-291-0250 or the parish office at 292-3810.

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from DON ALEXANDER



After 13 years as parish secretary of St. Thomas Aquinas, I am retiring June 23. I have enjoyed my job and its opportunities for contact with St. Thomas Aquinas resident and student parishioners. I have very much appreciated the opportunity to serve the parishioners and parish where I became a Catholic 58 years ago as an Iowa State Student. Although I look forward to the freedom of retirement, I'm sure I will continue to find opportunities for parish involvement.



Pope Francis has asked for support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your financial support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of the Holy Land.

Last year's collection:

- Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
- Provided a home for 30 children facing domestic violence
- Offered 400 scholarships for high school and university education
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Restored and maintained 1000+ houses/apartments for Christian families
- Offered assistance at senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,200 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 65 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

For more information: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

On Good Friday you can drop a donation in the collection box at the font or you can mail contributions to the parish - check made out to STA with "Good Friday" in the memo.

Parishioner Hosted: Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross

As we try to balance spirituality and social distancing, the Kovarik family would like to invite their fellow parishioners to pray the Stations of the Cross outdoors in Cambridge, 16 miles from Ames.

It will be open to individuals, couples or as a family, but they ask that everyone respect the social distancing requirement.

There is not a set time to say the Stations, and for those that would like to do the stations in the evening there will be glow sticks lit by each station from dusk till the next morning.



WHEN: Good Friday, April 2-3
9 a.m. - 9 a.m.
(Glow sticks will light the stations at night)

WHERE: 613 Pearl Street
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ARRIVAL: Walk to the side of the home into the back and you will find the stations



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