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Sunday Mass

Saturday: 4:45 *(also live streamed: YouTube)*

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass

Tuesday through Friday: NOON

Thursday (TNL): 9:15pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday & Wednesday: 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday: 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday: 3-4pm

or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday & Wednesday: 12:30-3:00pm

Thursday: 5-8pm

Evening Prayer

Mondays: 5:30pm

in person - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

or via Live Stream YouTube

[goSTA.link/evening-prayer](https://www.youtube.com/goSTA.link/evening-prayer)



“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — Jn 20:27b-29

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 0381, 1996, 1979 CCC

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ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Importance of Belonging to a Parish

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life."

— U.S. Catholic Bishops "Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish" 1993

Staff Position at STA

St. Thomas Aquinas Church & Catholic Student Center has an opening for an Administrative Assistant beginning June 1, 2021. *This person serves as the face and voice of Christ for those who enter, call or contact the Church seeking an encounter with the Lord.* The full-time position, 40 hours per week, plus benefits, requires an individual with good organizational and computer skills. Serves as primary office receptionist, answering calls and receiving guests, as well as secretarial duties. Candidate must be able to handle sensitive and confidential information, assist the pastor and parish staff as a collaborative team member. Send resume or questions to Bobby LeBlanc, Business Manager, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames 50014 or email to bobby@staparish.net.

STAspring cleanUP saturday april 24

9:00am —to— 12:00noon

Help with yard-work, sweeping the parking structure, glass cleaning (interior & exterior), and interior cleaning. We supply the "tools" and great people to work along side!

It's YOUR Parish !

*Bring a friend! Bring the family!
Come for an hour or three!*



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!

Congratulations & Blessings

TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CONFIRMED

2021

Josie Baggs
Grace Barragy
Olivia Beauchene
Gabriel Christensen
Nathan Collett
Nicole Cory
Jacob Danilson
Elaina Deardorff
Margaret Fink
Abigail Gerder
Timothy Hanulik
Alexandra Harswick
Carolyn Koenig
Ellie Lynch
Meredith Moody
Michelle Osanya
Emily Reed
Madeline Roche
Nolan Weber
Isabel Wolf

*Be strong! Be faithful! Be disciples!
Our prayers & support are with you!*



Easter is Not One Day

In the Resurrection accounts of Mark and Matthew, the evangelists present to us two ordinary women, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, approaching the tomb of their friend early on that first day of the week. As they approach the tomb, the women begin to be concerned. “Who will roll back the stone for us?” Much to their surprise, the stone had already been removed. Then an angel in white attempts to calm their fears by reassuring them that they “need not be amazed!” The one who was crucified is not there. Jesus has been raised up. They are to go tell his disciples the good news. He is going ahead of them to Galilee. The rest is history!

We are very much like those women. We are all good people going about each day trying to live out our commitments to our spouses, family members, friends, jobs and education. Yet we often become so preoccupied about our daily routines that if we’re not careful, we may even get too focused on the “large stones” or perceived obstacles that might be in our way, only to find out that they aren’t real or at least as insurmountable after all. Is our faith strong enough to believe in a God of surprises and miracles – even today?

After the resurrection Jesus went ahead of his disciples to Galilee, a place where he and they shared good times and bad, a place where he ate and drank with them, a place where he had taught them, a place where they shared and spent their lives together. And he continued to do that with them, as the Scriptures tell us, for many days thereafter.

I believe that the Lord Jesus continues to do the same with us. He continues to meet us in our Galilees – our homes, on campus, our playgrounds, our workplaces. Wherever we are or go, I believe the risen Lord is with us, ready to surprise us far beyond our wildest thoughts today, tomorrow, the rest of our lives if we, like the Marys of the Gospel, are sincere in our search for him. Let us pray that we might have the faith and trust to believe in this Easter mystery. If we do Jesus, has the power to change for the better our relationships, our ways of doing things, our attitudes – our very lives – in ways that we cannot even imagine.

Let us pray for one another that the risen Lord may heal the hurts of the past, console us in our grief, and reveal to us the real possibilities of today and tomorrow. Who knows, maybe even we will be amazed!



In Christ We: Live, Love, Learn.



Saint Cecilia Preschool is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year!

Are you looking for a faith-based, quality preschool program with experienced teachers and a stellar curriculum? Saint Cecilia Preschool offers this and so much more! We offer a 3 year old preschool program two mornings a week and a 4 & 5 year old preschool three mornings or afternoons a week. Our safe and loving environment has developmentally appropriate guided and independent activities as well as play centers that are changed frequently. The children also experience special classes: music, PE, and technology! Email Rachel Eash, preschool teacher, at reash@stceciliaschoolames.org or visit <https://school.stceciliaparish.org/> for more information.

Parent Testimonial

"Our two oldest children have gone through both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool program at St. Cecilia over the last three years. They have had a wonderful experience and in addition to the important classroom learning, their social skills and interactions with other children and adults have significantly improved since being enrolled in preschool. Our oldest entered Kindergarten well-prepared for the academic and social environment, in large part due to the preparation received in preschool. Even throughout an unprecedented pandemic, the administrators, staff and teachers have further demonstrated their devotion to helping our children learn and grow. I can't imagine sending our younger children anywhere else but St. Cecilia preschool after the tremendous experience that we've had." -Tyler and Calleen Jensen





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

Please keep in your prayers the Confirmation Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, April 11 at 2 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. This Mass will be only for immediate family & sponsor of the Confirmation Candidate. Other family, friends, and parishioners may attend the Mass via the livestream link from St. Thomas Aquinas.

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



All current 8th grade students are invited to attend a **Life Night on Wednesday, April 14** from 7:15-8:45pm at St. Cecilia in the Narthex and Worship Space. This is an opportunity to experience what Life Teen is all about next year when you become a freshmen! This night we will be called, *The Evidence: Proofs of the Resurrection* where our Life Teen Core (adults and high school students) will help you understand the belief that Jesus existed and was raised from the dead is rational due to reasonable, historical evidence and eyewitness accounts. The night will consist of a lot of fun from a large group game, to listening to a witness talk, to discussion in small groups, and finally a sending prayer to tie it all together! The Life Teen Core is looking forward to meeting you and having you join this fun night in-person or online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945114032?pwd=cVVuaG5hT2laZGt5Y1FkRGNaOXFVUT09> (passcode: lifeteen). Contact Kayla Greiner at kgreiner@stceciaparish.org for more information.



It is said that to determine what is important to a person you only need to check two things: their checkbook (or credit card statement) and their calendar.

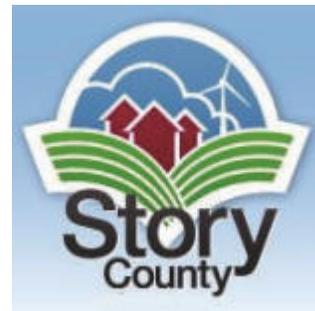
We tend to spend our money and time on things that are most important to us or that which sustains us. Our life, faith, and personal priorities are reflected in our spending and our commitment to time and presence.

Consider your priorities, look at your checkbook and look at your calendar. Do they reflect your spiritual priorities in response to God's call to discipleship?

The quality of our liturgies, campus ministry, education programs, parish ministries, facilities and outreach to the needy is determined by the support we receive from you.

A generous heart needs to give of self and resources or else it turns to stone and disciples needs to further the mission of the Gospel or else they become just bystanders.

Interested in serving the parish with the STA Stewardship Ministry Team? Contact chair John Stafford— jbstaff@mchsi.com We would love to have your ideas and care for the parish shared in this group!



Story County is participating in a survey aimed at improving the availability and affordability of high speed internet access to rural communities. In today's world, reliable internet is quickly becoming a necessity to all and we want to help make sure all voices are heard in this survey. If you are unable to complete the survey yourself, please contact anyone on STA staff over the phone at 515-292-3810, and they can relay your answers the survey on your behalf. It should take less than 5 minutes. If you are able to complete the survey yourself, you may do so by typing: <https://bit.ly/39ipino> into your address bar.

What is NCYC? --- **National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN**
 When is NCYC 2021? --- **November 18-21**
 Who can go to NCYC? --- **Current 8th-11th graders**
 Why go? --- **Deepen your faith, hear dynamic speakers, listen to awesome music, have fun with 10,000+ other Catholics from across the nation**

NCYC was an amazing experience!
 From the music to the breakout sessions, everything was faith related and fun! Personally, NCYC had a huge impact on my person prayer life, and I left the conference o fire for my faith! ~Anna Tallman

The one that I really loved was the feeling of family that NCYC provided. I felt God's love throughout the weekend, never ceasing. ~Alex Read

Sign up NOW at anchorames.com/national-catholic-youth-conference-2021

74th Anniversary

St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center was incorporated on **April 8, 1947**. You can find a **brief history** of the parish at staparish.net/about-us/history or **photos from the past** at www.flickr.com/photos/sta_ames/albums

Lord let our parish community be
a lasting legacy,
of our faith,
to family, friends, university
and community.

This is our church
with doors wide open to gather
for prayer,
to hear God's word,
and celebrate.

No matter who you are
or where you are from,
let our church be
a place for transformation.

May we be stewards who pass on,
the things that are precious,
the things we hold dear.
We are sent out to be
a church, God's people,
Children of God.

Oh Lord, let our parish community be
A lasting legacy.



Parish Meeting Sunday, April 18



READINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/ Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/ Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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

Building OPEN

Monday thru Friday

9am to 10pm

Saturday/Sunday

8am to 10pm

Parish Office OPEN

Monday thru Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday

9am to Noon



Need a weekday parking space during the summer?
 STA provides Monday through Friday parking on the upper
 level from May 10 to August 13 for a small donation.
 Contact bobby@staparish.net for details.

e-BULLETIN

If you don't already receive the parish email each
 week you can **VIEW** the current e-bulletin OR
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