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Stand in our midst, Lord! Give us Peace! Amaze us!

Open our eyes to recognize you! May our hearts burn within us!

Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread!

Send us as your witnesses to all!



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# ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Many of us have at times  
walked the Emmaus road,  
wondering where God is...

*when all along  
He walks beside us.*

## 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!*



### **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](mailto:bobby@staparish.net).

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## Farewell Announcement



It is with sadness, but also excitement that I share with you that I have accepted the position as executive assistant to the director at The Bridge Home, formerly known as The Emergency Residence Project, effective May 1. After 25 years in ministry, 14 of which I served here at STA, it seems a good time in my life, and in the life of the parish, for me to make a change. While I am sad to leave the parish, and especially the people with whom I have served here, this move will allow me to continue to serve, albeit in a different

way. It will also allow my schedule to more closely match my husband's, which has been a bit of a struggle for me since our marriage 2.5 years ago.

I am excited for the direction this allows the parish to move in. With the possibility of a new Director of Worship who can handle all aspects of music and liturgy, and with the ability to hire a Campus Minister who can focus their whole attention on the college students, the parish will receive an influx of new energy and ideas to carry us forward. And while I may not be at Mass at STA for awhile, I will continue to serve on the 75th anniversary committee, and will continue to support the mission and vision of STA with my resources as my time allows. To quote my favorite bear, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." – A.A. Milne (Winnie-the-Pooh)

And to quote scripture, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you." 2 Corinthians 13:13



## Multicultural Rosary!

Join us on **April 25** in the lower lounge after 8:30 Mass to pray a multicultural rosary in 5 different languages, led by our students!

## 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](#)



**Help NEEDED!**  
...one time OR on  
a regular basis,  
with the  
landscape at STA

**Contact Jackie:**  
**292-3307**



*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](mailto: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*



# Pastoral Council Elections: Residents

## TWO open seats



**Ronell "Ronnie" Lindeman** has been a St. Thomas parishioner since 1978. Over the years, she has served on the Hospitality, Art & Environment, and Music Ministry. Pre-Covid she was a Eucharistic Minister and Lector and is anxious to return to duty. She has served on many committees dealing with renovations and artwork. She is the Social Coordinator at Northcrest Community, a role that offers a social and creative outlet for her many interests. As a professional Interior Designer for over 30 years, she continues with free-lance consultation by appointment. For the last 3 years, she has served on the Pastoral Council, and would accept another 3 year term if the parish wishes.



My name is **Ray Murray**. Jane and I have been active members of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center since the summer of 1989. I have served as a hospitality minister for almost 30 years until the pandemic. Other current STA connections include: the bereavement ministry, columbarium committee, inurnment committee and columbarium trustee. I am a retired educator (44 years) ranging from teaching to at-risk coordinator to high school principal. My main reason for applying to understand better how the entire STA process works. I believe I could bring good judgement and managerial experience to serving in this capacity. Please consider voting for me so I can continue to serve our STA community.



My name is **Holly Carter** and I am honored to be considered for an open position on our parish's pastoral council. My husband, Keaton, and I have been parishioners of St. Thomas since 2017. Growing up and attending Catholic school all of my life (Kindergarten-Master's Degree) allowed me to grow in my faith and love for Christ. However, one of my most influential parts of my faith journey was in 2012 when I sponsored Keaton as he joined the Church during his time at UNI at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Church and Student Center. That experience brought us closer to each other and closer to Christ. I am a 4th grade teacher here in Ames; my husband and I have two daughters (Josie and Rosie); we love going on walks, runs, and spending time outside; we love the Cubs (sorry, Fr. Kyle....); and I am actively involved in the parish as a hospitality minister, a Eucharistic minister, a stewardship committee member, and an attendee of TNL. What could I bring to the parish if I were to be elected for the pastoral council? Being a young mom within the parish, I would help bring a younger family's perspective to the table, keeping in mind that the goal of being a Catholic parent is to get our children to Heaven through modeling and instilling the love for God in the hearts of our kids. I would also bring my skill set of creative thinking, listening skills, and an eager effort to help support our parish community in becoming the best version of ourselves. Finally, I would convey and support ideas that will help our community live out our mission statement: to be gathered together, transformed by Jesus, and sent out to make our world a better place. Thank you for your consideration!



I am **Erica Briest**, a resident of Ames, and I am seeking election to the Pastoral Council to help guide the life of the parish. I have an A.S. degree in Physics and a B.B.A. degree with a major in Accounting from colleges in East Tennessee; I last graduated in 2015. I have 5 adult children that all live in Tennessee and are attending college at my alma mater (one graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2016). I am a member of the Ames Evening Lions Club and I mentor the Ames Campus Lions Club, which is located on campus. I work with the Iowa State University Hockey teams (both Men's and Women's) as an official in the scorekeepers box/penalty box. I work the penalty box end of things with a little help from the timekeeper and I'm pretty accurate at counting down from 10 seconds, if there's not a whistle to mess things up. I love sports and The Arts (in all forms). I am currently serving as the Vice Chair of the City of Ames Public Art Commission; it is my 4<sup>th</sup> year on this Commission. As a member of the Pastoral Council at St. Thomas, I would work with Fr. Kyle on developing long range planning priorities and policies as well as any plans already in place and make sure that all parishioners have a voice in the planning processes of the parish. I offer a somewhat unique view of the world that others don't always see or think of when planning things out. That's why a voice like mine is vital. Thank you for your consideration to have me represent you on the Pastoral Council.



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

**Life Teen** resumes Sunday, April 18 at St. Cecilia or online from 7-8:30pm. We are starting our new & last series called, *Eyewitness: A Life Night Series on the Resurrection*. On Sunday, April 18, we will be talking about the proofs of the Resurrection and how it leads us to hope! Join us at St. Cecilia or online!

**This week's EDGE event** is Service Day. Join us as we make baked spaghetti for the Oscar Romero House. We'll meet on 4/18 from 2-3:30pm at St. Cecilia. Hope to see you there!

**Service Day**  
 4/18, 2-3:30 PM, St. Cecilia Church

Join us as we make Baked Spaghetti for the Ames Romero House!

ANCHOR YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE

**Calling all current 8th through 11th graders!** Want to deepen your faith and have fun? Join us in going to NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) 2021 in Indianapolis, IN November 18-21. To learn more, hear testimonies, see pictures of NCYC 2019 and to sign up go to:  
[anchorames.com/national-catholic-youth-conference-2021](http://anchorames.com/national-catholic-youth-conference-2021)

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**When is NCYC 2021? --- November 18-21**  
**Who can go to NCYC? --- Current 8th-11th graders**  
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 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 a 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*

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**YOU CAN!**

JOIN US FOR NCYC 2021

## READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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

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## Parish Office OPEN

Monday thru Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday

9am to Noon



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 Contact [bobby@staparish.net](mailto:bobby@staparish.net) for details.

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 week you can **VIEW** the current e-bulletin OR  
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