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“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”

Mark 4:30a, 31a, 32

Sunday Mass

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

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

7:00pm resumes August 22

Daily Mass

Tuesday through Friday: NOON

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3-4pm

or by appointment

Evening Prayer

Mondays: 5:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Building OPEN

7-Days a Week

8am to 10pm

Parish Office OPEN

Monday thru Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday

9am to Noon



AT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER, WE ARE:

GATHERED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, A DIVERSE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY

TRANSFORMED BY JESUS CHRIST IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION, AND

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

Can You Help?



Our "pew chairs" were purchased and added to our worship space as part of the 2000 church renovation. For the last couple of years the seat cushion fabric has been showing its 20+ year age & wear from a lot of *standing-kneeling-sitting, repeat!* especially along the back edge of the seat. The wear continues to damage the fabric and is getting worse and "spreading" to more chairs.

The original fabric is no longer manufactured (*Juniper Fern*). So we need to go to a new fabric/color and not just repair the tears in the cushions, but replace the entire seat covering. A generous parishioner repaired about 8 cushions a couple of years ago with the extra fabric we had on hand - that "extra supply" is gone.

Now we are in need of someone to coordinate these repairs (about 12 chairs right now) and shepherd the process which would include:

1. determine the new fabric/color in consultation with a few parishioners who have expertise in design, color, fabric. A completely new fabric color might seem more intentional then trying to match what we have and ending up "close but no cigar!"
2. order enough new fabric for these 12 re-covers and to have enough on hand for many more cushions in the years to come
3. either solicit & coordinate parishioner help in replacing the cushion fabric or seek out local craftspeople whom we would hire to do the work.

We have a few parishioners who are willing to help with the process, so there is help and support, we need a coordinator and someone willing to take the lead and help us get this done! What a great gift and service to the parish! If you are willing to work on this project in any capacity, please contact Bobby LeBlanc.

Thank you for considering sharing your time, talent and energy to this project. Hopefully we can get it done - it really is something we can't put off any longer.



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!

If you are interested in registering in our parish, please contact the parish office for information and instructions for our online registration.



Food at First Meal Team

St. Thomas prepares a meal for Food at First guests on the fourth Monday of each month. Would you join our team? We would welcome five people to prepare the meal (3-5pm) and five people to serve and clean up (5-7pm) If interested, please e-mail Mary Ellen Wishart wishartdjm@yahoo.com. The next opening will be July 26.

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Our Parish Registration is...



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What is Realm Connect?

Realm® Connect not only serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Realm Connect is a ministry platform—a browser-based application for the whole parish. That means it isn't just a database. It is an interactive tool designed to integrate members, ministries, and groups.

A member directory will be in Realm. You can update your own profile, keep in touch with others, stay involved in groups, manage pledges and giving, and more. Upload a picture! It's easier to remember someone with a picture. Updating your profile means the church has your most current information. No more calling or emailing to get your address changed. And you get to decide what other members can see in the directory.

How will this help STA?

To start with... **this is how you now REGISTER in the parish & indicate your ministry options and interests!** Group and committee leaders can communicate with team members directly through Realm (either on the internet or in the app).

What else is coming?

More features will be available soon. Groups and events will become accessible in the coming months. Group boards will make it possible to communicate just within a small group or committee. Event registrations will move to Realm. And much more!

What about giving?

Realm Connect gives you control over your giving. You may set up recurring gifts, make one time gifts, view your giving history, and make changes at any time.

What about your privacy?

Realm is safe, private, and secure. Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only be made up of the people in our church. It's not like a social network that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it. Realm is compliant with all internet security certificates.

Parishioners who were previously registered in the old database received an email invitation to register in Realm. If you didn't receive that invitation to Realm or can't find it, send an email to Realm@staparish.net to request an invitation to set up a Realm login (*you can only register in Realm through an invitation from the parish*). Include your phone number in the email. Once you receive the invitation, follow the link to set up an account login and password, then complete a profile.

STUDENT LOUNGE



FINISHES UPGRADE

Work scheduled to begin
July 12
and completed before
fall classes begin at Iowa State!

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Henkel Construction Bid	\$92,050
Fixtures, Furnishings	\$40,058
Owner Contingency	\$12,892
Total Project Cost	\$145,000

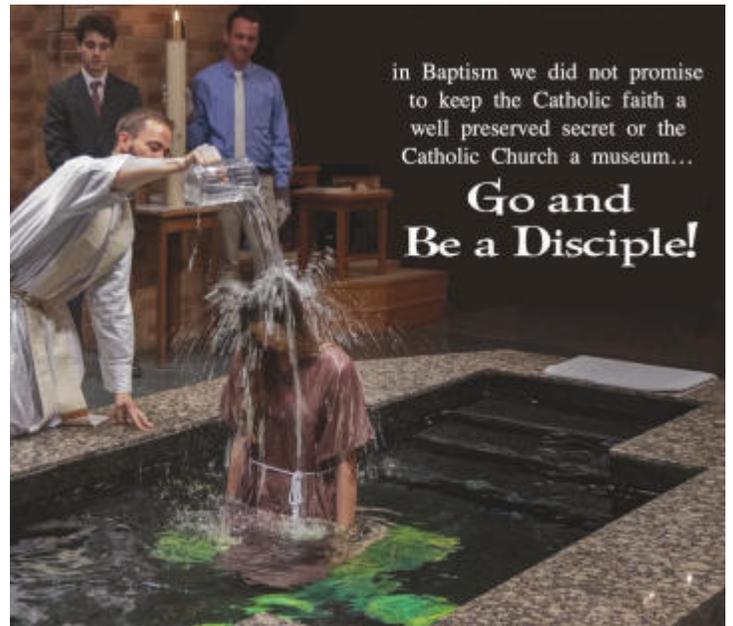
NOTE: Accord Architecture has provided professional services at no cost to the parish. We thank Scott Blum and Accord for this generous donation of time and talent.

If you would like to support this project with a contribution, contact Sue Winer in the parish office or sue@staparish.net

Women of STA

The Seven Sisters Apostolate for Fr. Kyle has various openings for the women of the parish. The Seven Sisters spend an hour of their choosing on their assigned day every week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed in the Monstrance or reposed in the Tabernacle, praying for Fr. Kyle, his ministry and his intentions. In addition to a vacancy among the permanent members for **Sunday**, there is a need for substitutes to cover holy hours on an as needed basis, and an opportunity for an Anchoress to coordinate and guide the group. Please take some time to discern if you are being called to serve in any of these capacities in this beautiful ministry. If so, please contact Celeste Philibert at Cecphil@aol.com or 515-708-5144 for more information or to sign up. Informational pamphlets will be provided. This is a powerful and beautiful ministry for our pastors with many spiritual benefits for the women who pray for them.

NOTE: During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing, members of the Seven Sister Apostolate, may for their health and the health of family and loved ones, pray in a quiet place at home.



Go and Make Disciples

When we hear the words, “*Go and make disciples,*” it’s easy to think that Jesus is talking to someone else. After all, isn’t this what He told his Apostles? He wasn’t really talking to me, was He? It’s easy to think that. But it’s wrong. Each of us, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is called to “go and make disciples.”

The church, the people of God, has always been called to be an evangelizing church sent by Jesus as he returned to the Father to: “Go and make disciples of all nations...” There have been successes and failures in fulfilling this commission of Jesus. The Second Vatican Council in our time gave a significant thrust to this essential mission of the church.

What does it mean to evangelize? Are we meant to stand on a soapbox and preach? Should we sit our neighbors down and outline the Gospel for them? The US Bishops say:

Evangelization, then, has both an inward and an outward direction. Inwardly it calls for our continued receiving of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our ongoing conversion both individually and as Church. It nurtures us, makes us grow, and renews us in holiness as God’s people. Outwardly evangelization addresses those who have not heard the Gospel or who, having heard it, have stopped practicing their faith, and those who seek the fullness of faith. It calls us to work for full communion among all who confess Jesus but do not yet realize the unity for which Christ prayed. Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical on missionary activity, summed up the three objectives of mission: to proclaim the Gospel to all people; to help bring about the reconversion of those who have received the Gospel but live it only nominally; and to deepen the Gospel in the lives of believers.

The first step, then, in evangelization is to make sure our own house (so to speak) is in order. We must seek holiness for ourselves, as we cannot give what we do not have. Then, we can reach out to others in faith. There are those who say, “Your life may be the only ‘Bible’ someone ever reads.” This means our actions, words and our contact with others should always be a demonstration of our life for Christ and for others. That is the starting point.

COME TO VBS!

Vacation Bible School is ON for this summer at St. Cecilia!

Digging for Treasure: the Parables Revealed will be held in the mornings on August 2-6 and is open to anyone in the area who would like to attend.

**Registration coming soon for potty trained
4-year-olds through 5th/6th grade.**



First, we must get volunteers lined up in order to hold this fun event. We need both adults (*YES, child care will be offered for all volunteers with children too young to attend our traditional VBS. They will have their own special experience*) and also many 6th grade - 12th grade volunteers to help out in various areas.

Do you have questions? Please reach out to Melissa Teggatz in the St. Cecilia Faith Formation Office (515)-232-3514 or mteggatz@stceciliaparish.org

We can't do this without amazing volunteers.
Sign up to volunteer at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DACAD2AABF49-20211

Sponsorship for Refugee Family

"Linda" and her eight-year-old son may be arriving in Ames in the coming months. They are escaping death threats in Honduras and have been recommended to us by the Sisters of St. Francis.

At the request of the Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Alliance (ASIP), co-chaired by David Hansen and Karen Klein, someone from Ames agreed to be their primary sponsor. This person would be responsible for the family's financial well-being.

ASIP then asked the St. Thomas Social Justice Committee to consider having our parish serve as a "secondary sponsor." This would mean helping the family get established in Ames...help with resources, language, school enrollment, job search etc. In their May meeting, the Pastoral Council agreed to serve as "secondary sponsor."

Now what is needed is for parish members to show their support. There are both small and large ways to be of service. Please consider looking at the list at Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Project Resource Database -- Second Survey of Possible Volunteer Areas of Interest and indicating ways you MIGHT help. Filling out the form is not a commitment, but it will be a way for ASIP to identify helpers should the family arrive in the country.

Thank you from the SJ Committee. We are proud of the ways members of this parish respond to Pope Francis's call to serve the poor.



Father Martin Coolidge celebrates his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Thomas Aquinas following his ordination. Fr. Martin is an Iowa State and STA student alum!



Baptism Preparation Class

Preparation class for parents will be held on Thursday, June 24 at 6:30pm in the Bethany and Newman Rooms at St Thomas Aquinas. Please contact Lisa and Troy Weary with any questions, and to register for the class: sept16@msn.com or 515-480-4936



Driving as part of STA Ministry?

The archdiocese and parish requires that **anyone who drives others (non-family members) as part of a parish ministry** be at least 21 years old. The purpose is to help safeguard the parish and archdiocesan liability in case of an accident.

All parishioners **who drive others** as part of parish ministry must also (1) complete an online video and (2) provide proof of auto insurance and a (3) **provide a copy of a valid driver's license** to the parish office.

Thank you for helping with this protection and safeguard—it may seem like a hassle, but it is an attempt to curb financial liability in case of an accident in which the parish is a party. **We ask for everyone's cooperation with this policy.**



Our prayer board in the Gathering Space is located next to the Story Wall and elevator. We invite you to place your prayers and petitions for yourself or for loved ones, so all who pause here may see and pray with you. In doing so we are not alone in our prayers. As a community of faith we support one another and we join others in lifting these needs up to the Lord.

Prayer cards (*please use only these*) and thumbtacks can be found on the prayer board and pens on the information table opposite the prayer board.

READINGS THIS WEEK

The Church encourages us to prepare for Mass by praying with the Mass readings throughout the week, so that God's Word might grow and live within us more deeply – thus enabling us to know his voice and hear Him more clearly at Mass and in our daily lives.

- Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34
- Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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

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Ethan Westhoff



A good idea even when the pandemic is slowing!

3 no-touch dispensers are located as you enter the worship space and at other locations throughout the building.

*Love yourself and
Love your neighbor
Sanitize Thy Hands!*



Saint Cecilia Fund-A-Need: Security System Upgrade for School & Church

In 2019, members of the Saint Cecilia Catholic School Board and Faith Formation Commission voted to upgrade the security features for the building. The security system cost over \$80,000 and was installed in the summer of 2019. The Gala Committee kindly requests your financial support to this year's Fund-a-Need to help defray the cost of this essential upgrade to the school and church. Please visit our website www.stcomesgala.org to learn more about this project.

Saint Cecilia students and administrators on the value of the security system in this fun video: <https://youtu.be/EXoD6v0Ztjc>

To help us reach our goal and/or attend the Gala Event go to:
stcecilia.ejoinme.org/2021GalaGolfEvent_BirdiesandBarbeque_Registration



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