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In essence, today's Gospel tells us that God is in charge of this universe, every counter-indication notwithstanding. The first Christian creeds had only one line: **Jesus is Lord!** Ultimately that says enough, says it all. God still rules, even in death and darkness. But, as the Gospel makes clear, during the stormy moments of life, when our very souls are in fear of drowning, it will seem like God is asleep, comfortable, his head on cushion. What calms the storm in life is not that all of our problems suddenly disappear but that, within them, we realize that, because God is still in charge, all will be well—whiplash, bruises, ransacked houses, alcoholic spouses, lost houses, lost jobs, loneliness, and the shadow of death itself notwithstanding. All will be well because, even asleep with his head on a cushion, God is still God and we aren't!

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser*

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## Sunday Mass

**Saturday:** 4:45pm *(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*

## Adoration

**Thursday:** 6-9pm

## Evening Prayer

**Mondays:** 5:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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## Building OPEN

**7-Days a Week**

8am to 10pm

## Parish Office OPEN

**Monday thru Thursday**

9am to 3pm

**Friday**

9am to Noon

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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.



**NEXT WEEKEND** we will be joined by Fr. Jerome of the Comboni Missionaries. Fr. Jerome will celebrate Mass with us and share the work of the Comboni Missionaries as part of the annual Mission Co-op Appeal in the archdiocese.

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded by Saint Daniel Comboni, the first Bishop of Central Africa, in 1867. Originally, they were a group of priests and brothers from all over Europe doing mission work in Africa under the name of "Institute for the African Missions." They became a religious society in 1895. Up to recent years they were popularly known as "Verona Fathers." In 1979 the name was changed to the present form to honor both the founder and the spirituality of the society.

Presently the Comboni Missionaries number close to 1,500. There are just as many Comboni Missionary Sisters. They serve in over thirty countries of Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia.

The Comboni Missionaries care for the poor and most abandoned people in any area of the world that the Holy See may want to entrust to them. Their evangelizing method is directed to the liberation of the whole person through the preaching of the Gospel and the institution of social and educational structures, in cooperation with existing resources and in a spirit of service to the local Church.

**Funds collected during the Missionary Cooperative program go mostly into a "small mission projects fund" that sponsors people-related projects in Africa and Latin America. Currently many of these projects are directed COVID relief, refugee resettlement in the Sudan (Darfur included), Uganda and Congo, AIDS prevention and AIDS orphans assistance, training of local missionaries both lay and religious, women's education at the secondary level, and establishing wells and other sources of safe water for desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.**

In North America the Comboni Missionaries have a small contingent of about 25 members in the Archdioceses of Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and Newark and in the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. They work among minority groups, educate young people for service in the foreign missions and conduct programs of global mission awareness.

Your support of the work of missionaries is very much needed. **Place your contribution in the collection basket by the font (or to the parish office).** If you use a check, put MISSIONS on the memo line. If you contribute cash, please use one of the special envelopes by the basket so it is accounted for properly. Thank you for your generosity and support of the missionary ministry of the Church.



## 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](http://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.**

## Middle School Youth Ministry



## The CHOSEN

All incoming **6th-8th grade youth** are invited to join a summer youth ministry small group/watch party. We will be viewing *The Chosen* together with time for discussion, desserts, and prayer. More information & **RSVP**:

<https://www.anchorames.com/the-chosen-small-groups.html>

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# Our Parish Registration is...



## 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](mailto: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.

## Thank You, Don!

**Don Alexander** has been the parish secretary for 13 years. **This weekend** please stop by and say THANK YOU to Don after the 4:45 Mass and between the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses: in the gathering space by the Head of Christ sculpture.

Don's last day on staff is June 23.



# WELCOME

## TO THE PARISH STAFF & STA FAITH COMMUNITY

### New Campus Minister!

My name is **Logan Davis**, and I will be the new campus minister here starting July 1st! Born and raised in Oxford, Iowa, I am a December 2019 graduate of Iowa State where I earned my bachelor's degree in biology with psychology and Spanish minors. During that time, I was an active participant in campus ministry events here, having been an Antioch leader, a small group leader, and community life team member among other things. During that time, I discerned a call to work in campus ministry, much to my surprise!



For the past year I have had the absolute delight of serving as the Resident Campus Minister at the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia, Missouri, where I minister to the students of Mizzou. While I couldn't have asked for a better first job in ministry, I am beyond excited to return to Ames and start working with Iowa State students again. It feels very full circle to come back and be a campus minister in the church I still consider to be my spiritual home, to students who attend the same university that I did. I cannot wait to get started meeting students and resident parishioners, and please feel free to say hello if you see me!

### New Director of Worship!



**Michael Steimel** is a native of rural Jesup, Iowa. He is a product of Catholic education, beginning in Gilbertville parochial schools and graduating from Don Bosco High School in 1987. He furthered his education with a BA from Loras College in Dubuque in 1991, and a MA in Pastoral Liturgy and Music from the Summer Program of Church Music in Rensselaer, IN., in 2001. Michael is a multitalented musician having directed

church choirs since the age of fourteen and whose primary instruments are voice, guitar, piano and organ.

Michael has ministered as music director and liturgist at parishes in Cedar Rapids, West Des Moines, Kansas City and previously with the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato, MN. His inspiration as a youth to become a church musician came from his mother, his paternal grandmother who was a life-long church organist/choir director and the SSND community who taught him from grades 1-12. Michael also enjoys sporting activities, having played competitive volleyball, a certified volleyball referee for high school, club and college levels and has attended ISU ball games since the early 1980's, when his sister attended the university. He is excited about coming to STA, and looks forward to the new opportunity of prayer, ministry and friendship.

## STUDENT LOUNGE



## FINISHES UPGRADE

Work scheduled to begin  
**July 12**

## 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:** 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
- Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/  
Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/  
Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

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



God our Father,  
 in your wisdom and love you gift us with family  
 and those who care for us.  
 On this day, bless our fathers  
 and those who have "fathered" us in their role  
 as mentors and guides.  
 May they be blessed with strength, respect, patience,  
 joy and wisdom.  
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
 may honor them always  
 with a spirit of profound respect.  
 And may we praise those fathers who have died,  
 but live on in our memory  
 and whose love continues to nurture us.  
 Amen.



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

*Digging for Treasure: the Parables Revealed*  
 mornings on August 2-6

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



Sign up to volunteer:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DACAD2AABF49-20211](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DACAD2AABF49-20211)

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

**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](mailto: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.**

**Prayer Board**



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.



**Masses @ St. Cecilia**

Saturday at 5:00pm (livestreamed)  
 Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
 Misa en Espanol el domingo a las 5:00pm

**Weekday Masses at St. Cecilia**

Monday: 5:30pm  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30am  
 Wednesday: 6:30pm

# NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

# VIRTUAL SUMMIT



Sunday, July 25, 2021 | 2:30-4:30 PM  
FREE Virtual (Zoom) Event



In celebration of Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week, which is July 25-31, the Archdiocese of Dubuque will host a NFP Virtual Summit to help people learn about what NFP is and why it is beneficial. This virtual event will include a keynote talk by Archbishop Jackels, breakout session talks by local experts and married couples, opportunities to network and ask questions, and more.

PLEASE REGISTER AT  
[NFP.DBQARCH.ORG/NFP-VIRTUAL-SUMMIT](https://nfp.dbqarch.org/nfp-virtual-summit)



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## Summer Peer Ministers

Keegan Sassaman-Clark  
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Alexander Vazquez  
Ethan Westhoff

## Congratulations and Welcome!

Dustin Rose Ubben, daughter of Jean and Tel Ubben who was recently baptized into our Christian Catholic community.



## A good idea even when the pandemic is slowing!

4 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!*

# JOURNEY OF Faith

**Have you** been worshipping with us but never officially took the steps to become Catholic?

**Were you** baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacrament(s) of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation?

**Have you** joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Is coming to church new to you and **you want** to know more?

If you answered “**yes**” to any of the questions... contact:

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