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Besides the Resurrection, the feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle found in each of the four Gospels. The Gospel of John records the event, noting one key difference from the other Gospels. The supplier of the five barley loaves and two fishes is identified as a boy.



Jesus had asked his disciples where they should buy bread for the people to eat. This

was asked, as were most of Jesus' questions, to teach or reveal a greater truth. Jesus already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip pointed out that it would cost two hundred days' wages to give each person there even a bite to eat, much less satisfy their hunger. It is so typical of our own response to an immense need to feel ill equipped, outnumbered, overwhelmed, and intimidated. We look at the cost; we look at what we can't do, we make excuses, and we don't even try.

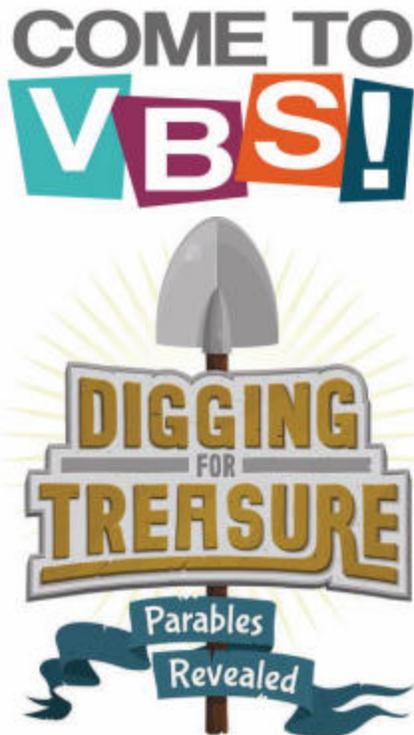
But look how one young boy responded to the need. He took all that he had been given (probably his mom had given him his lunch), and he gave it to Jesus to do with as he would. The boy did not know Jesus' plan. All he knew was that there was a need and he had been given meager resources. Five barley loaves represented the cheapest food of the poor. Jesus took the inadequate gift and with prayer and thanksgiving multiplied the boy's offering so that all who were hungry were fed. And there were twelve baskets of abundance remaining. What a lesson for the twelve disciples who carried the baskets of leftovers!

What a lesson this is about stewardship. Even if our resources of time, talent, and treasure seem inadequate, if we give our all to Jesus with prayer and thanksgiving, he will perform a miracle. He will touch multitudes in ways that we will perhaps never know. If we give and do our part, God will create abundance and satisfaction. Jesus' last words in this account are: "Let nothing be wasted." Let us bring what God has given to us and watch how God will multiply our poor offerings into abundant blessings here at St. Thomas, on campus, in Ames and throughout God's Kingdom. **Let nothing be wasted!**

Bobby LeBlanc



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Reach out to **Melissa Tegatz** in the St. Cecilia Faith Formation Office with any questions: (515)-232-3514 or mteggatz@stceciliaparish.org



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.

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:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/ Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/ Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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

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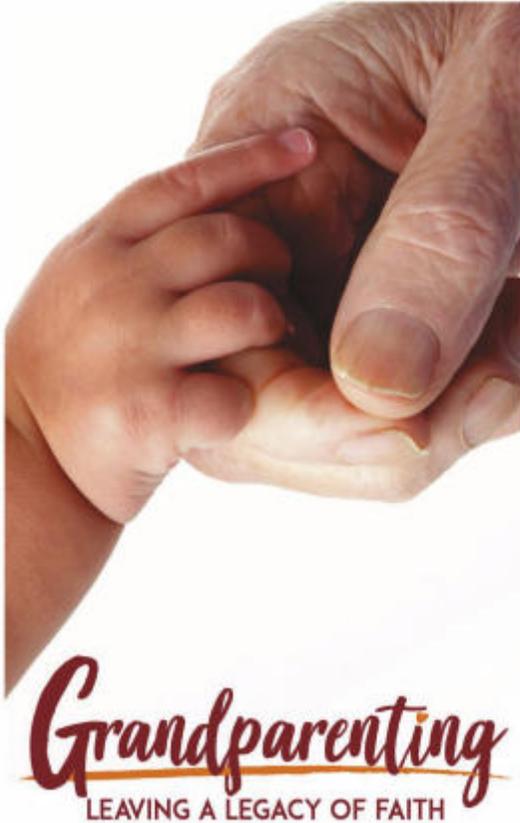
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Pope Francis has established a Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year on Sunday, July 25. In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.

Grandparents

Love your grandchildren and spend as much time as you can with them. Protect them from harm and help them to grow in holiness. Share your wisdom and your love.

Grandchildren

Honor your grandparents. Learn from them and cherish the family history and stories they share. Never take their love or care for you for granted. Celebrate them!



Congratulations and Welcome!
Braylen Weston, son of Sarah and Brett Heineman, who was recently baptized into our Christian Catholic community.



St. Thomas Aquinas...

YOUTH MINISTRY

...St. Cecilia

Campfire Bible Study meets this Wednesday 6/30 after the 6:30pm Mass on the Soccer Field. All Middle School Youth (entering 6-9th grade) are invited to join us for treats, games, and breaking open the Sunday Scriptures.

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



**End-of-Mass-Announcements
 & Prayers of the Faithful**

Friday 9:00am

send to: Michael Steimel

**Print Bulletin
 & E-bulletin**

Tuesday at Noon

send to: Bobby LeBlanc

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS

Social Justice Grants are awarded to local, national, and international agencies which promote the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, particularly by promoting peace and alleviating poverty and human suffering. The money is tithed by the parish comprising up to 2.5% of our weekly collections from envelopes, loose change, and direct deposits, as well as occasional designated donations. Award recipients are selected by the STA Social Justice Committee based on parish members' applications. These awards are granted annually. A minimum of 50% of the fund remain in Story County/Ames while up to 50% assist nationally and internationally. Application deadline is announced each spring.

To the members of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center

I want to take this moment to “thank you” for the generous gift you have provided to continue the work that **Mary J. Treglia Community House** does with “News for All.” “News for All” is a joint project between Mary J. Treglia Community House and Siouxland Media in response to the immigrant communities need for Good and Accurate information. Your funding will help pay for the daily translations and reading of the news into five languages: Amharic, Español, Oromo, Somali, and Vietnamese. No other radio or TV station is providing this service within the Tri-State area.

Mary Day, OSF
Member of the Mary J. Treglia Board of Directors

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners,

On behalf of the **COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Story County Immigrants**, we would like to thank you for the recently received grant of \$3000.00 from your Social Justice Grants. It could not have come at a better time as our donations in the last two months have gone done, but the need has not so have had to reduce the maximum we will pay for rent and utilities. And we know that many of your parishioners have individually supported the Fund and, on occasion, your Love the Neighbor Fund has supplemented our payments when there was greater need. While we have seen some of our people able to return to work, others have not and new applicants have appeared. Thus we expect the need to continue through the Fall.

Many thanks,

Nancy Heideman and Chuck Glatz
on behalf of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Story County Immigrants.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for awarding a 2021 Social Justice Grant of \$3,5000 for the **Medical Mission Sisters** specified for Sr Elaine Kohls, Attat Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Hospital! We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Just today we received a newsletter from our Sisters in India, where some of the states have been ravaged by floods. Your support enables us to respond to these kinds of requests from our neighbors.

Thank you for being a partner in ministry.

Sister Frankie Vaughan, M.M.S.

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas parish,

Thank you for choosing your local **Obria Medical Clinic of Ames** for a grant! We are so thankful for the “live support” here in Ames.

Gratefully & Sincerely,

Rhonda Morrison

We Bow Before You

How do we show reverence and love for Christ when we enter and leave the church? First, we greet each other as we would greet Christ. (*Where two or three of you gather, there I am.*) Then, we bow to the altar.



Why? On this altar we place our bread and wine that becomes Christ's body and blood: This is the place of sacrifice. At this altar we sit with God to dine in eternity: This is Easter's banquet table.

The altar of the Most High is this table in our midst and the table of every grace and blessing! And more. The Rite of Dedication of an Altar says, "Because it is at the altar that the memorial of the Lord is celebrated and his body and blood given to the people, the church's writers see in the altar a sign of Christ himself and hence they affirm: The altar is Christ."

Christ is the Anointed One, baptized, anointed with the Holy Spirit and robed in light. We are Christians, anointed ones, baptized, anointed with chrism and robed in white. Just like Christ, just like us, our altar was washed, anointed and robed. On its dedication day, it was sprinkled with holy water. The bishop rubbed holy chrism into its top, and ministers robed it in a white cloth.

So let's bow to Christ at the altar before taking our places. And let's bow again when we depart. Christ the offering. Christ the meal. Christ the altar of sacrifice. Christ the paschal banquet table. Holy Christ, we bow before you!

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Weekday Church Visitor Parking

To help with the monitoring of our parking areas:

- ⇒ parking at STA is **only for those inside the building** or those who have a weekday permit.
- ⇒ if you are in the building and have a car parked between 8am and 5pm (Mon – Fri) we ask that you **sign-in at the parish office**.
- ⇒ those attending Noon Mass do not have to sign-in, unless you are here past 12:45pm.
- ⇒ If you come to STA daily or several times a week, please see Bobby LeBlanc so you won't have the hassle of signing-in every time.
- ⇒ while the sign-in system is for **weekdays only**, Saturday, Sunday and evening parking at STA is only for those **IN** the building or with permission.



For everyone's safety, ease of traffic flow
and for code required emergency & fire lanes...

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CMG Connect Online Training Archdiocese of Dubuque Safe Environment

Are you in a parish ministry in which minors are involved?

If you were required to complete a background check and complete Virtus training in the past (*the archdiocese is no longer using Virtus*) the archdiocese is requiring all those who have had the background check and completed Virtus to **RE-TRAIN**.

— CURRENT Volunteers —

Those volunteering for an average of 1 hour per week with contact with minors are required to be "retrained" by completing the Safe Environment online video through CMG (Catholic Mutual Group).

You can download the re-training information flyer at:

staparish.net → RESOURCES → SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Child Protection
or pick one up in the parish office.

Username: firstname.lastname.aod (ex: joe.smith.aod)

Password: 1234 (suggest resetting on first login)

Go to <https://dubuque.cmgconnect.org> to complete the retraining.

Time Required: about 85 minutes

If you plan to continue in a ministry with minors, please complete this re-training ASAP.

This is NOT optional!

— NEW Volunteers —

Those who have never completed a background check or Child Protection training through STA.

Talk to the staff member working with your ministry if you volunteer for an average of 1 hour per week with unsupervised contact with minors. You **MUST** complete a background check and online training before engaging in parish ministry.

There is information about the training and background check at:

staparish.net → RESOURCES → SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Child Protection

If you have any questions about Safe Environment requirements, please contact the parish office.

MINISTRY STAFF

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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

Sunday Mass

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

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

7:00pm resumes August 22

Daily Mass

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Saturday: 3-4pm
or by appointment

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Thursday: 6-9pm

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Mondays: 5:30pm

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