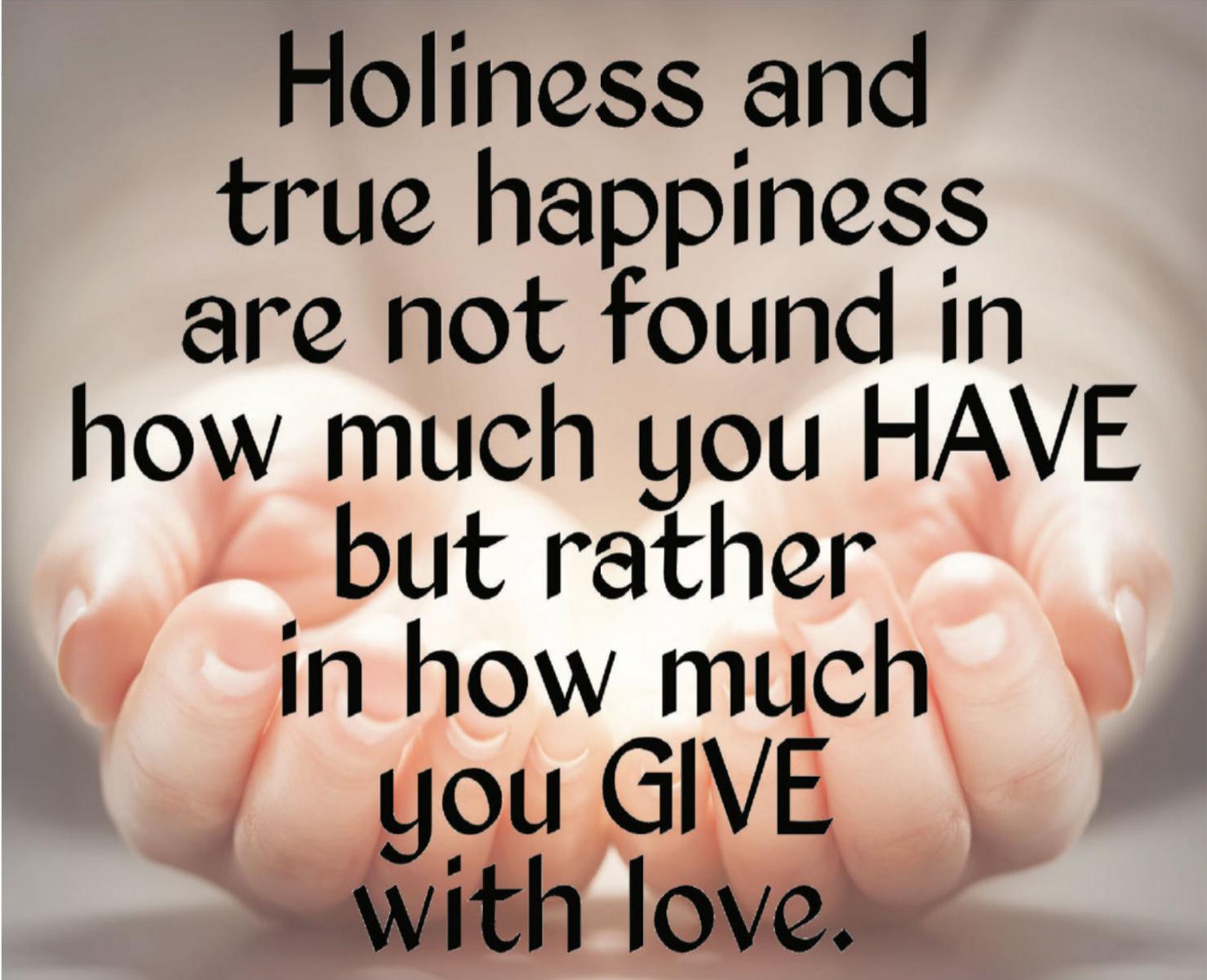


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## Why We Give to the Church?



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- ◆ People make a personal commitment to church support because this is where they worship, where they receive the sacraments, where they express their faith in God.
- ◆ A financial commitment allows STA to make a difference in the lives of others - inside and beyond the walls of the parish.
- ◆ A financial commitment binds us together on a mission as part of the Body of Christ.
- ◆ Our committed giving allows our parish to plan for current and future ministries and needs.

Maybe the first step for all of us is to accept the challenge to be generous, to embrace the need to give, to open our hearts and our hands, and to commit ourselves to not just go to church, but to become Church.

## Liturgical Ministers

All parishioners: residents & students are invited to become trained as a liturgical minister for our Eucharistic celebrations. If you are interested in being a hospitality minister, Mass Coordinator, lector, sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and/or a music minister, **please contact Michael Steimel** at the parish office for more information. He will train new ministers anytime throughout the year, in case you are unable to commit to liturgical ministry at this time.

**NO NOON MASS**  
**Friday, October 15**

*Pilar Garcia* funeral 11:00am

**Student Planned Mass**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT LITURGY**



# TNL

9:15 PM

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**John Henry Newman** an Anglican priest, poet and theologian and later a Catholic cardinal, was an important and controversial figure in the religious history of England and one of the great intellectual minds of the church in the 19th century. John Henry Newman was canonized a Saint of the church on October 13, 2019 by Pope Francis.

## “Quotes”

*Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.*

*To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.*

*Nothing would be done at all if one waited until one could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.*

**TRIVIA:** Differing from the traditional practice, the feast day of Cardinal John Henry Newman is **not** celebrated on the day of his death. Instead, the Church celebrates his feast on the day he converted to Catholicism, October 9.

One of the DVDs in the series by Bishop Robert Barron, *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*, available in the STA library, examines the life of John Henry Newman.

## Newman and Campus Ministry

*For over a century, Catholic campus ministry in our country, empowered by the Spirit, has been forming communities of faith which witness to the presence of the risen Christ. Now we are at the beginning of a new era filled with opportunities to build up the faith community on campuses and to promote the well-being of higher education and society as a whole. (Empowered by the Spirit, 1)*

Newman became the patron of Catholic Campus Ministry almost by accident. Early in American history, all colleges and universities were church-sponsored. Even after public universities were developed, Catholics were encouraged to attend Catholic institutions for higher education. As Catholics began attending public universities, they encountered widespread anti-Catholic biases. The first evidence of a Catholic club on a campus comes from The University of Wisconsin in Madison.

On Thanksgiving day in 1883, a couple named Melvin hosted a dinner with students. By the end of the dinner, the students had formed the “Melvin Club,” which for 15 years served as the Catholic club on the Wisconsin campus. In 1892, a Wisconsin graduate attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Having been influenced by the writings of Cardinal Newman, he formed a “Newman Club” with several classmates. The Newman Club movement spread throughout the country and by 1905 had fifteen chapters at major universities from the east coast to the west.

Between 1905 and 1915, the movement grew as chaplains were appointed. The US bishops recognized the importance of Newman Clubs in forming Catholic leaders. During the post World War II boom in higher education, Newman Centers and clubs grew exponentially.

In 1915, the Paulist Fathers arranged for bible classes to be taken for university credit at the University of Texas, Austin. Eventually this developed into campus ministries sponsoring Chairs of Catholic Thought or Catholic Studies at public universities. There are currently a number of major universities in the US, England and Canada that have endowed Chairs of Catholic Studies, including Iowa State.

The Newman name endures because of his stance on higher education. In his work, *The Idea of a University*, he promoted the notion that higher education should be humanistic rather than utilitarian. People should get a liberal education – not in the political sense – but in the sense that a broad education helped people become better able to lead. Theological studies were an important part of what he considered necessary for a well-rounded education.

St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames began as a Newman Club, and was quickly promoted to the status of geographic parish through the foresight and wisdom of the Archbishop of Dubuque and the leadership of Father James Supple. We honor our beginnings by honoring the man who inspired generations of Catholics on public campuses.

## Help with Office Reception

From time to time, thankfully not often, we could use a volunteer to help with answering the phone and acting as receptionist in the parish office (greeting and directing visitors). At times both Elizabeth and Net have to be away at the same time. If you are able to help, when needed, between 8am and 5pm, please call the parish office (515-292-3810) and let us know, so we can add you to a call list. Obviously you can always say "not available" if/when asked and usually it is a 1-3 hour commitment at most.

## Pregnancy / Infant Loss

October 15 is **Pregnancy or Infant Loss Remembrance Day**. Take this special time to honor your Little Ones and join us for Holy Mass 5:30pm at St. Cecilia. Light reception to follow in the parish Social Hall.

## Coffee Help Wanted!

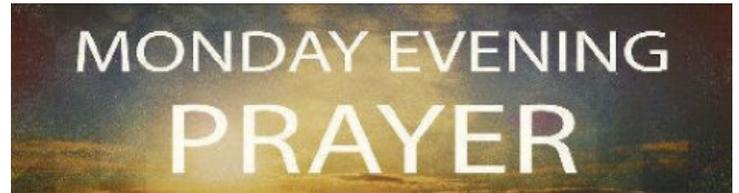
Cafe El Zapote is looking for individuals who are interested in helping support the mission of the group in a hands-on way. Additional help is needed in order to support current growth and help make the coffee partnership sustainable for years to come. Help is needed in everything from helping with packaging and coffee sales at STA, helping with online sales and shipping, helping find and form relationships with new sales outlets, to promoting the story and mission, as well as many other things.

If you are interested in hearing more about how you can get involved, please join Cafe El Zapote board members for a casual "Coffee and Conversation with Cafe El Zapote" at Clouds Cafe (119 Stanton Ave) on Saturday, October 9 from 9-10am. If you are unable to attend this event but are interested in helping, please contact [cafeelzapote@gmail.com](mailto:cafeelzapote@gmail.com).

## Run For The Roses support Arthritis Research

The 35th Anniversary Run For The Roses will be held Sunday, October 17 beginning at 9am. The ISU Hansen Agricultural Center at 2508 Mortensen Road is the location for this family friendly 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. All proceeds support Arthritis Research grants, the philanthropy for the Alpha Omicron Sorority. Since the Run For The Roses inaugural year, Ames Area Running Club and Alpha Omicron Pi have contributed over \$334,000 to this cause. Details for registration and the many amenities included for participants are at the link:

<http://amesrunners.org/run-for-the-roses/>



Evening Prayer is every Monday at 5:30pm in the chapel. This prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is based on the Psalms. It is an excellent way for the community to come together in public prayer and only takes about ten to fifteen minutes. We use the **iBreviary app** (free!) for the text. Please contact Deacon Frank ([DBQ004D@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ004D@dbqarch.org)) if you have any questions.



*The Third Area of the Laudato Si' Action Plan:*

**Ecological Economics** acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere—our common home. A proposed set of actions to make progress towards this goal includes the following (to be finalized in the coming months).

- Building and supporting the circular economy by launching trading communities and purchasing from retailers that use recycled materials
- Ensuring financial investments are ethical and sustainable by divesting from fossil fuels, investing in socially responsible enterprises, and choosing ethical banking and insurance companies
- Practicing fair and sustainable purchasing by supporting ethical businesses, taking a "total cost of ownership approach" to purchases, making a sustainability shopping list, and purchasing from local retailers
- Ensuring the dignity of workers by supporting good jobs with livable wages and benefits, supporting cooperative management practices, supporting those who perform "care labor," and buying from cooperatives and other ethical enterprises

# Meet the Parish **STAff**

A bulletin feature highlighting the parish staff  
—to appear in this print bulletin as well as the e-bulletin—  
Each staff member answering the same 5 questions!



## Phil Stone

Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation

More about Phil:  
[staparish.net/staff/phil-stone](http://staparish.net/staff/phil-stone)

### Where did you grow up?

I was born in Des Moines, IA. My family lived in several places in central Iowa growing up, but I spent most of my childhood in Ankeny.

### How many in your family?

I am the second oldest of 5. I have 4 sisters, 4 brother-in-laws, and 11 nieces and nephews! My wife, Suzee and I have 3 sons: Joseph (13), Adrian (10) and Maximilian (5).

### What is the most rewarding part of your ministry at STA?

Walking with families in their vocation to know Christ more and grow in their capacity to love and be loved by Him!

### Who is your favorite saint?

It is hard to pick a favorite! St. Dominic Savio is my Confirmation saint, and certainly one of my favorites. His zeal for holiness and his ability to suffer gracefully are very inspiring to me.

### What do you like to do in your free time?

I love spending time with Suzee and my boys. If we can do this outdoors, even better. My favorite thing to do is spend time with family and friends. I also enjoy reading (I've been really loving Dostoyevsky lately, my favorite so far is *Crime and Punishment*), and playing guitar.



You are invited to send your prayer requests to [prayers@staparish.net](mailto:prayers@staparish.net) and these will be lifted to the Lord (confidentially) in prayer by the 178 members of the network!

We ask that the person who is being prayed for has given their permission for the information to be shared.

*You are also welcome to add your prayer requests to the prayer board in the Gathering Space (next to the elevator), but again, if you are asking for prayers for someone other than yourself, do not write a name UNLESS the person knows you are making their need public. THANK YOU!*

## Is the Honeymoon Over?

It doesn't have to be! A **Marriage Encounter weekend** can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming date November 19-21 in Holstein, IA. Register at [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.



I know nothing of hatred, intolerance, racism, dishonesty, sexism, bigotry, and prejudice.

I don't yet understand things like love, compassion, integrity, kindness, tolerance, human decency and truth.

For the first and most important formative years of my life all I will know is what you teach me.

Choose wisely.

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

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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:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12  
**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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

# Stewardship



## A Loose Grip

Professionals say that most golfers grip the club too tightly. You have to loosen your grip. What difference does the tightness of the grip make? Simple. It affects the rest of the body. The forearms will be stiff and that tends to tighten the shoulder and the upper body, even the legs.

A loose grip results in a fluid swing and a fluid swing is a powerful swing.

The analogy with stewardship is not subtle. To be tight-fisted with our time and skills and money tightens up everything else in our life. To loosen our grip by freely and regularly giving to the ministries of the church and the building of God's kingdom brings participation in the Catholic mission

The Ibo tribe of Nigeria, none of whom play golf, have a wise saying none-the-less: *It is the heart that gives, the fingers just let go.* When we let go, our heart grows larger and larger.

Lord, help me to grow in generosity for the sake of the Gospel.

Stewardship Ministry Team

## Sunday Mass

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

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

## Daily Mass

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:** NOON

**Thursday (TNL):** 9:15pm

## Reconciliation

**Tuesday:** 10:00-11:00am

**Wednesday:** 2:30-3:30pm

**Thursday:** 6:00-7:30pm

**Saturday:** 3:00-4:00pm

*or by appointment*

## Adoration

**Tuesday:** 9-Noon

**Wednesday:** 12:35-3:30pm

**Thursday:** 5-8pm

## Evening Prayer

**Mondays:** 5:30pm

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

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There is **no EDGE** this week due to Confirmation Class. Join us next week (10/17) at 7pm in St. Cecilia School for *Humble Beginnings: Did Jesus ever get grounded?*

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## Month of the Rosary



Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith.

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial *Magnificat* ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

Don’t have a rosary? We would be happy to give you one so that you may pray—available in the parish office.



## Masses @ St. Cecilia

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

## Weekday Masses at St. Cecilia

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30am  
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