

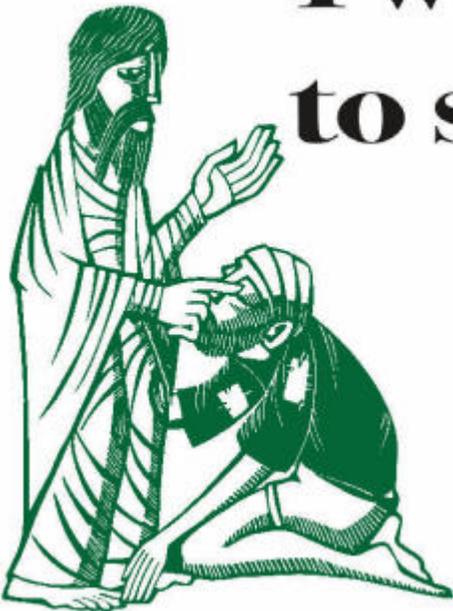
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## CHURCH & CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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**Master,  
I want  
to see!**



Although we are far from that Jericho street of this Gospel miracle, what “blindness” do you struggle with that needs to be cured? Is your faith strong enough to courageously and boldly petition Jesus: Master, I want to see!

### **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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### **Building OPEN**

**7-Days a Week**

8am to 11pm

### **Parish Office OPEN**

**Monday thru Friday**

8am to 5pm



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

## Welcome "Home" Alumni & Friends



- Provide spiritual opportunities to encounter Christ
  - Institute a *MONTHLY FAMILY MASS*
- Call to a deeper involvement in the Church and parish family
  - Build a *PERSONAL INVITATION SYSTEM*
  - Define the Next Step Following Sacraments and Life Changes and invite people
- Improve dialogue & community building among parishioners and staff
  - Create *YOUNG FAMILY SMALL GROUP*
  - Enhance *CAYAC* (young adult) *PRESENCE & OUTREACH*
- Increase involvement with the marginalized
  - *ISU Social Justice Speakers*
  - Facilitate *Monthly Dialogues on Papal Documents*
- Enhance our business & communication systems
  - Establish *Communication Ministry*
  - Maximize Use of *Realm Database*

Video



[gosta.link/strategic-plan](https://gosta.link/strategic-plan)

Parish Office **CLOSED** Wednesday, Oct. 27  
—NO NOON MASS—  
Parish Staff retreat day in Boone

## ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Holy Day, but not of obligation as it falls on a Monday

**Monday, Nov. 1: 5:15pm**

**at St. Cecilia**  
Monday, Nov. 1: **5:30pm**

We will validate (90 minutes) parking in the Memorial Union Parking Ramp  
for All Saints' Day Mass



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

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# BOOK OF Remembrance

You are invited to sign the name of your deceased loved one(s) in our Book of Remembrance. This Book will be on a podium near the baptistry. It will be on display during the month of November as we remember all those who have died and have joined the communion of the saints.

## Advent is coming! Note Cards with our Icon

Note cards (blank inside) featuring our icon “Mother of God of Tenderness” are available: 9 cards and envelopes for a donation of \$10. These are available in the parish office as well as on the Information Table across from the elevator in the Gathering Space.



## Faith Formation at Home

**Parents:** If you are not sure what you would like to do for Faith Formation this year, it is not too late to decide, and to start. Faith Formation at home might be simpler than you think. Just reach out to Phil Stone [phil@staparish.net](mailto:phil@staparish.net) for simple suggestions for starting up, and to learn what resources are available. If at any time you want to switch from at-home to on-site (or the other way around) STA will be happy assist you in the transition. God has given you the grace to share the Faith with your children. Your parish is here to help and support you in that mission, so please do not hesitate to share what you need.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**RED CROSS  
BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Monday, November 29**

1:00 - 6:00pm  
STA Lower Lounge

Give more life. *Donate blood.*

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Download the Blood Donor App



## Congratulations and Welcome!

**Laura Ha Anh Nguyen**, daughter of Huong Vu and Thanh Nguyen, who was recently baptized into the Catholic Christian community.



**Hyunjin Youn & Yunghon Yang** celebrated the sacrament of Marriage, with the parish community, at the 4:45 Mass on October 17. Congratulations & Blessings on your life together!



You are invited to send your prayer requests to [prayers@staparish.net](mailto:prayers@staparish.net) will be included in the prayer of 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.*



They keep on falling and we have many in the Gathering Space parking area and many more that keep blowing into the lower level of the parking structure. If you want to stop by and rake and sweep - any help would be appreciated. Anytime! If you don't have rakes, brooms, or bags, let us know we would be happy to leave some for you to use! Any help keeping up with this "fall delight" would be appreciated!

Our Parish Registration is...



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## Date Night

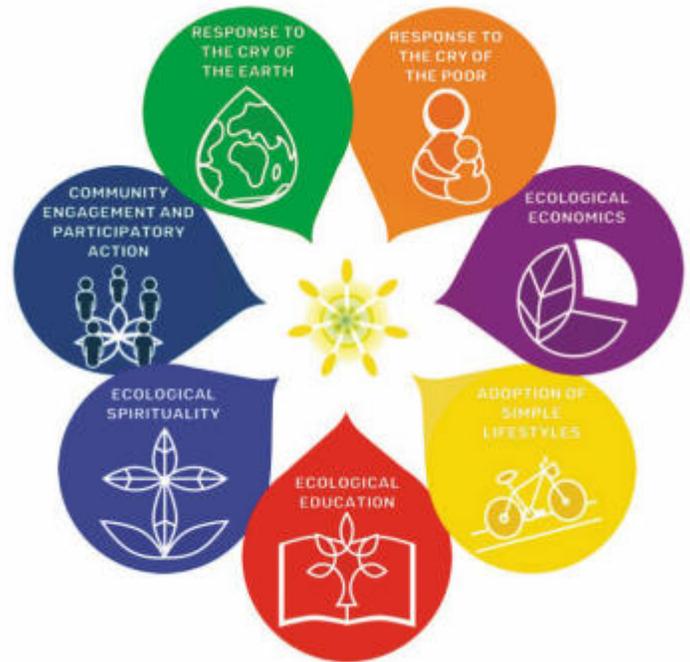
### *Souls and Saints in our Life*

Deacon Charles and Rindi Bernard will share about their journey of marriage and the souls and saints they have had in their life. All adults from the area are invited to join us on **November 6 in the St. Cecilia Social Hall**. Meal and refreshments will be provided. Please gather for the meal at 6:15pm, followed by "Souls and Saints in our Life" at 6:45pm, concluding by 8:15pm. We will provide a meal for the children.

**Please RSVP** for the meal and/or childcare by contacting Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at [DateNight@StCeciliaParish.org](mailto:DateNight@StCeciliaParish.org). Please know you are welcome to join us, if you have not made a reservation.

## MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

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 Fifth Area of the Laudato Si' Action Plan

Ecological Education is about re-thinking and re-designing curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology in order to foster ecological awareness and transformative action. A proposed set of actions to make progress towards this goal includes the following (to be finalized in the coming months).

- Developing Laudato Si' learning opportunities by implementing a Laudato Si' education plan and by ensuring that members of the community are familiar with the local ecosystem, the science and social dimensions of the ecological crisis, and ecological virtues
- Ensuring education is community-led by creating ways for educators to undergo ecological conversions, creating opportunities for youth-led events, and developing mechanisms to publicly recognize young people for their leadership
- Weaving Laudato Si' themes into the community's communications by regularly highlighting them in newsletters/bulletins and on social media and by encouraging community members to develop Laudato Si' Plans
- Delivering equitable access to education by ensuring under-represented groups are educated, shaping education programs with a wide variety of people, offering culturally appropriate and/or alternative forms of education, and ensuring that education promotes human rights and dignity



## Prayer Service recap: The Earth as Our Common Home

Representatives from at least five different faith congregations and the city of Ames gathered outside St. Cecilia Church on a pleasant October 3 afternoon for an Ecumenical celebration recognizing “The Earth as our Common Home.” Approximately 65 people to heard representatives from different faith congregations providing live music, Biblical readings, contemporary church statements on the importance of Care for Creation, and short presentations how different faith congregations and the Ames community show that care. The afternoon service ended with quiet time to reflect on how each of us might show care for creation.

### Their thoughts were shared in commitment cards to actions.:

- Look for and buy fair trade labeled goods (7).
- Minimize use of plastic (8). Compost or participate in city recycling of food waste (14).
- Make greater effort to listen to others (8).
- Repair clothes and/or buy second-hand (4).
- Recycle glass, paper... (6).
- Purchase SunSmart Power Packs from the City of Ames for their church or home (2).
- Advocate for protection of the planet through education, political action, participate in city climate action planning (8).
- Bike, walking, or carpool as an alternative to driving alone (3).
- Avoid unnecessary use of resources in multiple ways (9).
- Reduce use of pesticides, fertilizers, and watering of lawns (2).
- Learn more; plant for birds, bees, and butterflies; promote more such Ecumenical gatherings; volunteer at Story County Conservation; “Save Bloody Run” (1 each)



## Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza

Survivor of 1994 Rwanda Genocide and best selling author of *"Left to Tell"* **Immaculee Ilibagiza** will lead a retreat at Resurrection Church on Friday, Nov 5 from 5-9pm, and Saturday, Nov 6 from 9am-12:30. To register for this retreat, go to [Immaculee.com/Collections/Retreats](http://Immaculee.com/Collections/Retreats) (Click on Dubuque, IA retreat). For more information, contact Diane Link @ 563.590.5686 [dmlinkrn@gmail.com](mailto:dmlinkrn@gmail.com) or Laurie Ready @ 563-451-9565 [LaurieReady@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieReady@gmail.com).

A block of rooms are reserved at Hampton Inn \$99/night, 563-563-690-2005. You must mention "Immaculee Retreat at Resurrection" to get the discounted rate.

# e-BULLETIN

If you don't already receive the parish email each week you can **VIEW** the current e-bulletin OR **SUBSCRIBE** on the homepage at [staparish.net](http://staparish.net)



## READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/  
Mk 10:46-52
- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/  
Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18  
[14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/  
Mk 12:28b-34

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

### 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 **OR BETTER YET, ADD IT TO YOUR REALM PROFILE!** Obviously you can always say "not available" if/when asked and usually it is a 1-3 hour commitment at most.

## Memorial Union Parking

STA pays for **Mass overflow parking** in the Memorial Union Parking Ramp. We pay \$2.75 per vehicle for 90 minutes of parking, plus a 5% handling fee.

Please **cross Lincoln Way at the Ash Ave. light and crosswalk**. Do not cut across Lincoln Way and the median to take a "short cut." Everyone's safety is important. If parishioners are unable or unwilling to honor this request, STA paying for parking at the MU may be terminated.

### —PROCEDURE—

- ◆ Take a parking stub as you enter the MU Ramp – **bring this stub with you to the church.**
- ◆ Fully insert your parking stub in the validation machine by the gathering space doors – you should hear a soft click — remove the stub —this pays for **90 minutes of parking** and lets ISU know to charge STA.  
*(your time begins when you enter the MU Ramp)*
- ◆ at the MU Parking ramp exit, insert your validated stub into the reader to raise the exit gate
- ◆ **If you have been in the MU Ramp for more than 90 minutes** you will have to pay the overage with a credit card (no AMEX) at the exit gate OR cash at a pay station inside the Memorial Union in order to exit.

WE MAKE A  
**LIVING**  
by what we get.

WE MAKE A LIFE  
by what we  
**GIVE.**

Winston Churchill



St. Thomas Aquinas...

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

...St. Cecilia

This week's **EDGE** night is: *The Weight of the World: Was Jesus Ever Anxious?* Join us Sunday October 24 at 7pm in St. Cecilia School for musical chairs, dodgeball, and stress-relief activities.

\*This quote is on the dedication plaque for the parking structure in honor of the donor whose generous gift and spirit made it possible.

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# Stewardship Ministry Team

Interested in serving the parish as part of the Stewardship Ministry Team? Want to help create a climate of "we are disciples together" across the parish community? Want to help engage parishioners in stewardship? Always looking for new faces and new ideas! Contact **John Stafford** <jbstaff@mchsi.com> or any member of the team for more information. **OR add as an interest I your Realm-parishioner profile.**

**MEMBERS & MEETING NOTES**  
<https://staparish.net/ministry/stewardship>

## TVs for Meeting Use

Outside of Prophets room, on the lower classroom level, we keep a large screen TV with a DVD player and HDMI cable connection on a rolling cart. This TV is first come first served for parishioner use. There is no need to reserve it. Please after use, return the TV to the hallway outside of Prophets room.

There is another TV cart in Newman/Bethany rooms with a lot more "bells and whistles" in terms of connections. This setup was donated for use in the Bethany & Newman rooms as well as the student lounge. Please reserve this TV in the parish office.



## A good/healthy idea anytime

*Especially now with flu season approaching!*

4 no-touch dispensers are located as you enter the worship space and hand sanitizer is available at other locations throughout the building. Please use!



## 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

**Monday:** 5:30pm  
**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 7:30am  
**Wednesday:** 9:00am—School Mass  
*Limited seating for public (chairs in narthex)*

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