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We all need to go apart,
to ascend the mountain
in a space of silence,
to find ourselves
and better perceive
the voice of the Lord.
This we do in prayer.
But we cannot stay there!
Encounter with God in prayer
inspires us anew
to “descend the mountain”
and return to the plain
where we meet many brothers
weighed down
by fatigue, sickness,
injustice, ignorance, poverty
both material and spiritual.

Pope Francis
Angelus
March 16, 2014

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022



Evening of Solidarity and Prayer for Ukraine and World Peace

Thursday, March 17 5-8pm

Thursday evening will be an opportunity to be united with the people of Ukraine in prayer and solidarity—united in the Body of Christ. There will be **Eucharistic adoration from 5-8pm**, a **rosary to Our Lady Queen of Peace at 6pm** and **St. Francis prayer for peace and benediction beginning at 7:30**. Please come and spend some time in prayer for the people of Ukraine united and in solidarity with those who are suffering.



**FOR LOCAL
PEOPLE IN
NEED**

MICA has let us know that they could really use **more skillet meals** (like Hamburger Helper type), **more canned fruit** and **more shampoo and conditioner**. But as always any and all donations are welcome and will get to people who need it. Thank you for your generosity and for caring!



**STATIONS
of the CROSS**

Fridays 5:15pm

Processional (upper) Pathway



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Lenten
Fish Dinner 
at St. Cecilia

Curbside ordering & pick-up ONLY
Front of school building

This year the **STA Knights** and the **St. Cecilia Knights** are teaming up and working together for all the Fish Dinners: at St. Cecilia as their building lends itself to drive-up service much better than ours.

*Baked Fish Baked Potato Mac & Cheese
Green Beans Cole Slaw*

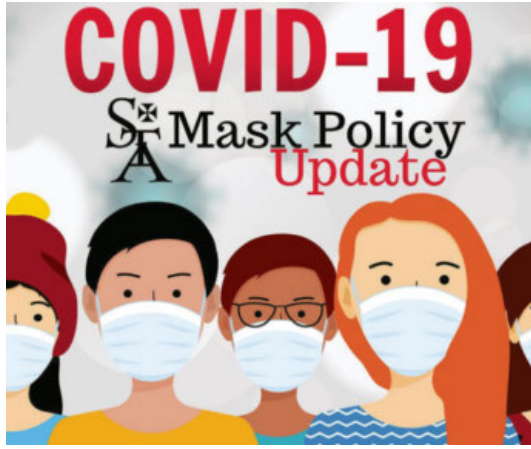
Adults: \$10 Ages 5-12: \$5 Ages 0-4: FREE
Cash, check, debit accepted

FRIDAYS:
5:00 -7:00pm

Thank You

Thank you to all who supported the student Service team through donations to the Romero House Drive! Everything was so appreciated, and the team enjoyed getting a tour of the House.



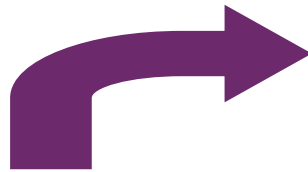


In accord with the CDC guidelines and in consultation with local health experts, we have modified mask expectations at STA. **Those who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask while attending Mass OR while in the building.** However, don't throw away those masks yet. They may be a second class relic someday when you are canonized a saint. And it is not impossible that the risk level may rise again in the future and we will need them again to keep everyone safe. All are still most welcome to wear masks and we will continue to provide masks for those who would like them.

Our **southwest pews** are designated for social distancing for those who feel more comfortable with the physical space between parishioners while at Mass. **We ask all to respect this need others may have and avoid sitting in pews marked "closed."**

Thank you for your cooperation and please continue to pray for the safety and health of all our parish family. Stay holy and stay healthy.

—Fr. Kyle



STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN FEATURE

During this parish anniversary celebration we pose this question to ALL:

What is a fond memory you have of STA?

We encourage you to share a memory (**and** your photo) with the parish. Responses will be included in the print bulletin and in the e-bulletin.

To take part in this new bulletin feature you can respond **HERE:**

gosta.link/aniv-memory



MY STA MEMORY

John Stafford 18 years at STA

When Barb and I visited Ames to look for a house, we attended mass at STA. One of the communion ministers was wearing a Wicked t-shirt. I was not familiar with the show, but thought to myself, this is a parish that accepts without judgement -- a concept that was important to our family. When we moved, we were welcomed and accepted to a vibrant community and are blessed to be here still.



Dan Douglas 37 years at STA

One Sunday, 8:30 mass, about 1988, back when Dan Knepper was Pastor and Jon Seda was Associate, they shared homily duties, with one of them responsible for all the homilies on a given weekend. The Sunday in my memory was Fr. Seda's turn, but when it came time for the homily, he was nowhere to be found. Someone - I think it was Tom Schmitt - volunteered to go over to his house, which was where the parking structure is now, and see if he'd overslept. A few minutes later, a sheepish Fr. Seda came ambling down the aisle and up to the ambo. He said that indeed he had overslept, but "This can just be our little secret - no need for the 10:30 people to know about it..."

Mary Lynch 31 years at STA

Being a part of RCIA with Sister Lorraine and journeying with the those joining the church, culminating with their baptism at the Easter Vigil.





CELEBRATE 75!

Anniversary Party

Sunday, April 3, 2- 4:30pm

The STA parish family is invited to an indoor/outdoor anniversary celebration Sunday, April 3. Come and go as you'd like between 2 and 4:30 p.m. There will be Bingo, Bags, Euchre and 500 card tournaments, Cake Walk and kids' carnival games. Or, come for the joy of conversations with fellow parishioners again!

The planning committee seeks volunteers to help with games; if you could for part of the time, email smajreilly@gmail.com.



Even something small — like the cardboard CRS Rice Bowl box can have a big impact on the lives of the poor.

The Rice Bowl box supports key outreach for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The Rice Bowl donations support clean water for communities, seeds for farmers, and food for families in poor countries. CRS helps people overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition as well as natural disasters. It helps poor areas with health care as well as provide programs to teach new skills. CRS has outreach programs in more than 100 countries around the world, and those programs touch more than 100 million lives.

Last year, nearly 14,000 faith communities from every diocese in the United States participated in the Rice Bowl program, contributing \$11.2 million. Three-fourths of those contributions go to CRS outreach efforts in other countries, and one-fourth stays in the local dioceses to support programs aimed at alleviating poverty and hunger.

The power of these small boxes is huge – and have a huge impact through our generosity and sacrifice. We pray, we learn, we give, our hearts expand.

Your Lenten almsgiving CHANGES LIVES!

PRIEST REFLECTION

PRIEST REFLECTION on St. Thomas' anniversary



My friends at STA,

I'm hoping to be with you in April for the 75th anniversary Mass. Now I'm assigned to parishes that can almost trace their roots to the founding of the Archdiocese so it's very interesting to remember what it was like to be in a relatively "young" parish.

Here are some of my memories.

I remember living in Cardinal House when two well-known male students showed up at my apartment late on a Saturday night. I thought they needed

some spiritual advice but, as it turned out, they were there because my hair had grown thin on top and I was getting an unfavorable reputation for having a "comb over". They were honest and told me I should shave my head. I told them that we'd do it the next day so no one could say it was impulsive or happened because of alcohol. It was the last time I had hair longer than a half inch long.

I also remember the day I woke up in Cardinal House only to find a grunny in my kitchen, which is also the day I found out what Jackie does with the animals that end up in the live traps. Let's just say the fountain in the prayer garden isn't just for ascetics.

I remember being at St. Thomas as a seminarian when the light ring collapsed in the middle of Mass while Fr. Jim Hayes was elevating the sacred elements. There was an audible gasp from many people because of the loud "crack" it made but he didn't spill a drop or drop a host.

I remember celebrating a Mass on a Saturday night as a priest when the tornado sirens went off and we all moved to the basement lounge to finish and take shelter.

I remember thinking I could jump over the baptismal font twice...but only making it once.

I remember helping to hang the figures on the story wall as a seminarian (I think I hung the face of the older brother of the prodigal son).

I remember hearing jokes and stories from Fr. Ev and Msgr. Supple.

I remember preaching a homily with Fr. Ev where we encouraged people to sacrificial giving.

I often quote Fr. Jon "we spend too much time evangelizing the evangelized".

I remember immersion baptisms for people at the Easter Vigil and having to go and change clothes in the sacristy to finish Mass.

It is a very special place with special people that I miss a great deal. I hope to see you soon.

Fr. Dennis Miller
Associate Pastor 2005-2010



Remember why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It's because of, well, St. Patrick.

Some of the forgetfulness surrounding the feast of Ireland's patron saint reminds me of the secularization of Christmas. You know: all those ads where people run around in red and green sweaters and decorate trees without daring to breathe the word Christmas. Macy's had a memorable Christmas slogan: "A million reasons to believe!" Oh yeah? In what?



With St. Patrick's Day the stakes are decidedly lower: the Son of God versus a guy who supposedly drove the snakes out of Ireland. (And he didn't even do that. There weren't any to begin with.) But what is lost in both holidays is the same: the astonishing story that gave rise to the religious feast in the first place.

Because St. Patrick was, in short, an amazing guy. He offers Christians important lessons about forgiveness and love. And he offers everyone else some lessons, too.

Patrick was born to high-society parents in Roman-occupied Britain sometime during the late fourth century (probably 387). Around the age of 16, Patrick was captured by Irish bandits and sent to Ireland, where he was sold into slavery. For six years he worked as a shepherd, tending flocks for his owner, a local chieftain and high priest of the Druids. There he learned the Celtic tongue -- perfectly, it is said. And in those difficult conditions, the exiled young man turned inward and discovered God. In his Confessions, Patrick wrote that he "prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn."

At 20, he made a dramatic escape, traveling some 200 miles to the coast and, with the help of some sailors, made his way back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

After his return, Patrick, now a deeply religious man, decided to study for the priesthood, and spent some many years in a monastery in France, in preparation for his new work. In 432 he was sent to Ireland to serve as a local bishop. Upon landing he was met, according to legend, by one of the Irish chieftains, who threatened to kill him. Patrick won him over, and the man became a Christian. When the bishop died, Patrick was appointed successor. He would now serve the flock in a different way.

In his 40 years in Ireland he attracted numerous followers, baptized thousands, and built churches -- for the people who had previously enslaved him. "I never had any reason," he wrote, "except the Gospel and his promises, ever to have returned to that nation from which I had previously escaped with difficulty." He died in 461 -- in Ireland, of course.

Certainly a man worthy knowing about. For the Christian, Patrick poses an important question: would you be willing to serve a place where you had known heartache? And how much is the Gospel worth to you? For everyone, he offers a challenge: can you forgive the people who have wronged you? Could you even love them?

Think about that over your green beer. And happy Feast of St. Patrick!

Rev. James Martin, SJ





Even NOW it is a good practice!

4 no-touch dispensers located as you enter the worship space and other sanitizers located throughout the building.



Over the last 75 years STA has had 6 pastors, 28 associate Pastors, numerous campus ministers, music directors, liturgists, secretaries, and even youth ministers. But, in that time, has had only 2 business managers! Of course it is a relatively new staff position, only coming into existence about 26 years ago. The first business manager was only in the position for a short time, but Karen also raised over \$5.6 million to completely renovate and expand the church building and student center as well as endow the Supple Chair of Catholic Studies at Iowa State, as a part-time development director. The other guy, well the jury is still out, but he did institute a candy dish in the parish office and install multiple-roll toilet paper holders in the restrooms!

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READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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

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EDGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

There is **no EDGE this weekend** due to Spring Break. Join us on Sunday, 3/20 from 7-8:30pm in St. Cecilia School for *Forever Begins: Why Get Married in the Catholic Church?*



Congratulations and Welcome!

Tucker Daniel Garrels and **Ella Clare Garrels**, son and daughter of Carrie and Greg Garrels, who were recently baptized into our Catholic Christian community.



Masses @ St. Cecilia

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Misa en Espanol el domingo a las 5:00pm

Weekday Masses During Lent

—in the church—

Monday: 5:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30am

Wednesday: 9:00am *School Mass*

Friday: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 4:45pm **LIVESTREAM**

Sunday: 8:30am 10:30am ~~7:00pm~~
NO 7pm Mass on March 13

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: NOON

Thursday (TNL): 9:15pm

Reconciliation

NO Tue, Wed or Thu Reconciliation during spring break

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm
or by appointment

Adoration

NO Adoration during spring break

Evening Prayer

NO Evening Prayer during spring break



March 2, 2022

Hello St. Thomas Aquinas Church,

Congratulations for being the newest subscriber to the SunSmart Community Solar Farm! This email confirms your purchase of 140 Power Packs for \$39,900. Thank you for supporting SunSmart, Ames' first community-owned solar farm! If you have not read the Terms and Conditions of the Power Pack Purchase Agreement, please do so. You can find a copy of the agreement at www.cityofames.org/solar. You will start receiving credits on your March electric bill (with the billing date of March).

Thank you again for participating in Ames sustainable energy program.

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