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75TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, source of all blessings,
we give thanks for 75 years as a parish family.

Celebrating our past,
we rejoice in our present
and embrace the future with eager hearts.
We pray that You continue
to make Your love known among us.

Give us a zeal for mission.
Help us look beyond our walls
to those who don't know the joy of Your love.
Embolden us to be a source of hope and light.

May everything we do
begin with Your inspiration
and reach perfection under Your guidance.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*“His son said to him,
‘Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve
to be called your son.’*

*But his father ordered his servants,
let us celebrate with a feast
because this son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again.”*

Luke 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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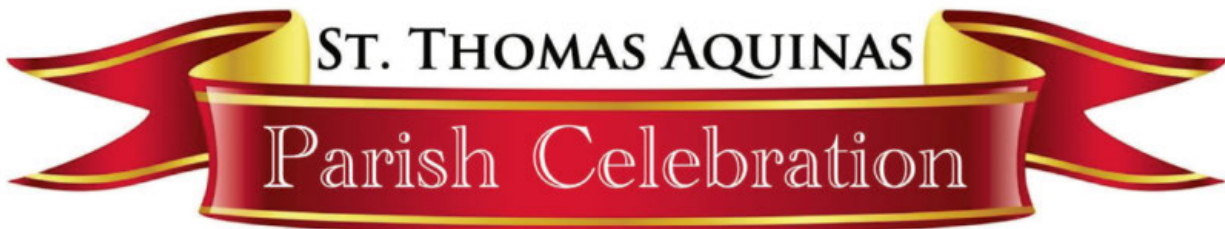
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SENT TO BE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN AMES, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE WORLD.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Parish Celebration
75TH ANNIVERSARY

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!



PART OF LOWER PARKING DECK CLOSED APRIL 3

The east half of the STA lower parking level will be closed to vehicles Sunday morning, April 3, for set-up of the parish anniversary celebration that afternoon. We apologize in advance for this temporary inconvenience. Volunteers will be on hand before the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses to alert drivers when the lower level is full.

Remember, STA will pay for 90 minutes of parking at the Memorial Union ramp. Bring with you to STA the parking stub you receive as you enter the ramp. Fully insert your parking stub in the validation machine by the gathering space doors (you should hear a soft click). This lets the MU know to charge STA for your parking. Turn in the stub as you exit the ramp.



**FOR LOCAL
PEOPLE
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Final collection on Palm Sunday

Multilingual Rosary

The Service and Justice team is hosting a Multilingual Rosary on **April 3** between the 8:30 and 10:30 Mass in the Prophets and Martyrs Room. Join us for fellowship as we pray the Rosary in 5 Different Languages!



Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm at STA. Please contact Lisa and Troy Weary to register for the class, or with any questions: sept16@msn.com or 515-480-4936.

Wednesday, April 6 at 6pm
St. Thomas Aquinas

April 9/10

Palm Sunday

Liturgies begin *OUTSIDE* with Passion reading
& blessing of the palms

Saturday: 4:45

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30, 7:00pm

April 14

Holy Thursday

7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration afterwards

NO NOON Mass & NO TNL

April 15

Good Friday

7:00pm

NO NOON Mass

Noon:

Way of the Cross on CAMPUS

Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil

The Vigil begins outdoors with the blessing
of the new fire

8:00pm

NO Saturday 4:45 Mass

April 17

Easter Sunday

8:30, 10:30, 7:00pm





**Lenten
Fish Dinner** 
at St. Cecilia

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FRIDAYS:
5:00 -7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

**Spring
Parish Clean-Up**
Saturday, April 30
9am—11am

**Parish Meeting
& Brunch**
Sunday, May 1
after the 10:30 Mass

Consider & Pray over...

A Call to Parish Leadership **The Pastoral Council**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Council is recruiting parishioners to serve on the Council. During the first week of May, we will elect five new representatives, two will be resident parishioners and three will be students. The terms will begin in July, and the resident parishioners will serve three year terms while the students serve one year terms.

The Pastoral Council asks you to consider representing the STA community by serving on the Pastoral Council. For the vision and mission of the parish to be realized it is essential that student and resident parishioners, young and old, male and female have a voice in the life of the parish. The voice needed could be yours! The Pastoral Council is a representative group of the entire parish, whose goal is to ensure that all voices of the parish can be heard and responded to appropriately. They work with Fr. Kyle to develop policy and long-range planning priorities for the Parish. Please prayerfully consider serving St. Thomas Aquinas as a member of the Pastoral Council.

If you have questions about the Pastoral Council or are willing to serve on the Council, please contact one of the following Council members:

Ronnie Lindeman, mmdesign@netins.net
Dawn Bratsch-Prince, deprince62@gmail.com
Holly Carter, holly.byrkeland@gmail.com

Deadline for nominations & self-nominations
is Friday, April 22



Easter Memorial Flower Donation

You are invited to make a memorial flower donation in memory of a deceased loved one or in celebration of graces received - for our Easter flowers this year. We kindly ask a minimum donation of \$10. Envelopes are available on the **information table** (across from the elevator) and on the **pick-up table** (in the prayer garden pathway). Envelopes can be put in the collection or dropped off at the parish office. *To be listed in the Sunday bulletin on Easter, donations need to be made on or before Palm Sunday (April 10).*



What is a fond memory you have of STA?

To take part in this new bulletin feature you can respond **HERE:**
gosta.link/aniv-memory



**Tom and Sharon Fenton
62 years at STA**

We came to Ames in August of 1960. Father Supple came to our Pammel Court Unit to welcome us, bless our home...and bring envelopes! We were able to have our daughter's First Communion at a home Mass with neighbors and friends. We made the whole wheat bread for communion. At the time our youngest son made his First Communion, the parents did the preparation. Father Supple came to our home to visit with him to see if he was ready. He brought a host with him to practice. We enjoyed a strong family emphasis and supportive clergy.

**Bobby LeBlanc
26 years at STA**



When I first came to STA I lived in Cardinal House, an apartment building south of the church. There are many stories from that experience! All three priests lived on the first floor, the pastor, associate, and Fr. Supple. When I walked over to the church or to my car I had to walk past Fr. Supple's apartment windows. If I saw him sitting in his living room I might stop and visit if he didn't look busy. On one of my first such stops I saw he was watching college football one Saturday afternoon. I knocked on his door and he invited me in. He offered a chair to watch the Notre Dame football game and a drink of Scotch. I told James that I was not a fan of Notre Dame! He gave me a devilish smile and said, "*Bobby you are still welcome to watch the game, but now you can't drink my Scotch!*" (he later found out that I didn't like Scotch either, but his Irish whiskey was pretty good!) We were friends from that time on. I fondly remember the many trips to Aunt Maude's where we would go for lunch and I would treat him to his favorite menu item there: French Onion Soup and he would treat me to interesting conversation and great laughs!

Social Justice Grants

Applications Due April 1, 2022

*"Am I really my brother's keeper?
Yes, you are your brother's keeper!
To be human means to care for one another!"
(Pope Francis, 9/7/13)*

STA 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 designated donations.

Award recipients are selected by the STA Social Justice Committee based on applications submitted by parish members familiar with the charitable organization being nominated. Application forms, guidelines, and descriptions of last year's awards are available on the STA web page under:

Ministry > Social Justice Comm > Social Justice Grants



**STATIONS
of the CROSS
Fridays 5:15pm**

Processional (upper) Pathway

You can help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine by making a donation to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international relief agency of the Catholic Church. CRS is on the ground preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support, and more.

Donate securely online:
<https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>

Please be sure to write "Ukraine Aid" in the Special Request section. Send checks to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Please write on the check "Ukraine Aid."



The Buildings & Grounds committee is asking parishioners (with or without a *green thumb*—but with pride in our gardens) to consider “adopting” one of TEN areas into which we have divided our landscape. We need help and involvement to keep our grounds attractive and complimentary to our building. Please consider helping the parish as an individual or a family.

Landscape areas:

staparish.net/information/landscape.pdf

READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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

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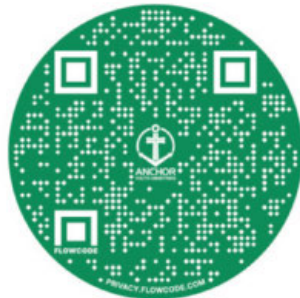
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This week's EDGE night is *Time Machine: Where Does the Mass Come From?* Join us on Sunday for: a relay race across the Red Sea, some temporal trivia, and a discussion on the seder meal, from 7-8:30pm at St. Cecilia School.

All Middle School youth are invited to join Anchor EDGE for **New Fire: A Retreat on the Holy Spirit**. As we take a deep dive into the third person of the Trinity, we'll make time for relaxation, some crazy outdoor adventures and a campfire-cooked lunch.

Who: All 6-8th grade youth
What: A retreat to relax and encounter the Holy Spirit.
When: Saturday April 9, 9:30am to 5pm
Cost: \$35 (Assistance is available)
Where: Drop off and pick up at St. Cecilia

Scan the code to Register!



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

Date Night

Celebrating the Liturgical Year

Ian and Maria Schneider will share the value of celebrating the liturgical year within their family, their domestic church.

All adults from the area are invited to join us on **April 2 in the St. Cecilia Social Hall**. We will provide the meal and refreshments. Please gather for the meal by 6:15pm, followed by "Celebrating the Liturgical Year" 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. Please know you are welcome to join us, if you have not made a reservation.

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 4:45pm **LIVESTREAM**

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



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

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