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Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

a fist shaken  
against  
anyone or anything  
can be relaxed  
and the rock  
released  
to make fire  
to cup water  
to bless the day

J. Janda



### *Next Sunday* *we celebrate* **PALM SUNDAY**

We will gather outside of our worship space (*Gathering Space parking area*) to hear how Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph before his passion, death and resurrection. Then we will bless palm branches. As a community of faith we will walk and sing in procession to begin our Holy Week, leading us from death to resurrection.

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# Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022



## NEXT WEEKEND: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday liturgies, weather permitting, begin in the **Gathering Space parking area**. The **FOUR** spaces closest to Ash Ave will be designated for **HANDICAPPED** parking—please only park in one of these 4 spaces if you are unable to park in the parking structure because of disability. **Other than the 4 HANDICAP spaces, please DO NOT PARK in the Gathering Space parking area next weekend.**



## 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).*



**FOR LOCAL  
PEOPLE  
IN NEED**

*Final collection on Palm Sunday*

## 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](mailto:sept16@msn.com) or 515-480-4936.



**Communal  
Reconciliation**  
with individual confessions

**Wednesday, April 6 at 6pm**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas**



Consider the following challenge from our CRS Calendar to accompany almsgiving in your CRS Rice Bowl:

**One Strong Resolution:** *I Will Love*

**Challenge:** Spend 10 minutes in prayer today

*"Prayer will give us a clean heart, and a clean heart will allow us to see God in each other."*

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The communal celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to seek God's infinite love and mercy in a communal setting with other members of our parish family. It is **not general absolution** which should only be given in grave emergency situations (on the battlefield, in case of imminent death when there is neither time nor available priests for individual confessions, etc.).

At a communal celebration of Reconciliation people examine their conscience, express contrition, repent, resolve to avoid sin in the future, confess their sins, support and pray for other penitents and are nourished by the proclamation of the Word and song. Communal reconciliation reminds us that our sin affects our whole parish and human family and that others will forgive the wrong we've done and support us in our journey. Part of the service is celebrated as a community, but there is an opportunity to individually go to the priest for confession, penance and absolution (forgiveness) of sin.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
**Parish Celebration**  
 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Sunday, April 3 2- 4:30pm**

Please join your parish family for a 75th Anniversary celebration!

Come and go 2-4:30pm, Indoor and heated outdoor spaces  
 Park in the Ash Avenue lot and upper parking deck

Enjoy snacks and beverages, conversation and games:

**For kids**

- Ring Toss
- Bowling
- Duck Pond
- Connect 4
- Balloon Artist
- Face Painting

**For everyone**

- Bingo
- Cake Walk
- Bags
- Giant Jenga
- Cards: Euchre and 500



*The student Knights will be collecting donations toward a new STA boiler. If they get to \$1,000, they can choose how Fr. Kyle trims or shaves his beard after Easter!*

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**WAY OF THE CROSS ON CAMPUS**

On **Good Friday**, as we have done for years, we will walk the Stations of the Cross on the Iowa State University campus - along the route, following a large wooden cross, meditations in fifteen different areas take place connecting the Way of the Cross and our daily lives. Those walking the Way of the Cross on campus give witness to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a very public way. The procession **begins at the font in the Worship Space at Noon**, led by the **Knights of Columbus**, taking the *disciples* for a 1.5 mile, 90-minute walk/prayer.



April 9/10

**Palm Sunday**

*Weather permitting, liturgy begins in the Gathering Space parking area: the Passion & blessing of palms*

Saturday: **4:45** **LIVESTREAM**  
 Sunday: **8:30, 10:30, 7:00pm**

April 12

**Tuesday:** **Chrism Mass in Dubuque (2pm)**  
[dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts](http://dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts)

**NO NOON Mass**

April 14

**Holy Thursday** **LIVESTREAM**

**7:00pm**

**NO NOON Mass & NO TNL**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT**

April 15

**Good Friday** **LIVESTREAM**

**7:00pm**

**NO NOON Mass**

**WAY OF THE CROSS ON CAMPUS: NOON**  
 (STARTS AT STA)

Saturday, April 16

**Easter Vigil** **LIVESTREAM**

*The Vigil begins with the blessing of the new fire in the Gathering Space parking area.*

**8:00pm**

**NO Saturday 4:45 Mass**

April 17

**Easter Sunday**

**8:30** **LIVESTREAM** **10:30 & 7:00pm**



# Lenten Fish Dinner at St. Cecilia

Curbside ordering & pick-up ONLY  
Front of school building

This FRIDAY — Last one  
5:00 -7:00pm



Hello STA Families!  
The St. Cecilia *Little Saints Playgroup* is moving back outdoors. Join us for a morning of play every Tuesday from 10am-11:30am at an Ames park. Please email Cayla Forest at [stcplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:stcplaygroup@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list for updates. We'd love to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

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**Parish Meeting & Brunch**  
Sunday, May 1

*I am grateful to the STA community for their support after my father's death. People have reached out to me in a variety of ways, and all of it has been very encouraging and comforting. Thank you very much, and I pray that God grants me many more years in your service.*

God Bless,  
Deacon Frank



### Dick Brown 56 years at STA

Dick has many good memories of lie at STA. He attended ISU from 1956 to 1961 and remembers going to Mass in the basement. He moved back to Ames in 1971. Dick and Millie were in charge of the twice a year parish clean up project for 30 plus years. He would call parishioners on the telephone to sign up them up for the work day. It was a great time to connect with people outside of Mass. He enjoyed coming to church each Wednesday to proofread the bulletin before Bobby would send it to the printers. Dick was on the Building and Grounds committee for many years.



Pope Francis has asked for support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit:  
[www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

# Spring Break Trips

*Thank you for keeping our spring break mission trips in your prayers!*

*We had 31 students from Iowa State serve the Lord on mission last week. Here are some fruits from the trips:*



Mission to El Paso: Sophie Albert, Joe Heyrman, and Kate Phelps accompanied 17 students to El Paso, Texas to serve with the Mustard Seed Cafe, whose mission is to feed the hungry in the city while sharing with them the love of Christ. We cooked, gardened, cleaned, ate, and laughed with them. They were incredibly hospitable and made us feel right at home. We also served on a farm outside the city called "The Garden of Miracles". Many people came and worked here to help grow food for the hungry. It was beautiful to see how many people are willing to help those in need. Seamus Prendergast shared that traveling with a diverse group of ISU students allowed him to grow in relationships with those I knew well and learn a lot about the ones I didn't know. He learned to be adaptable to God's will in each moment because our plans were changing constantly and were almost entirely outside of our control.

Mission to Christ in the City, Denver: Noah Huber and Rachel Nurse accompanied 12 Iowa State Students to Christ in the City in Denver, CO. The group served alongside the 33 Christ in the City Missionaries and lived in solidarity with the poor. The group lived a sacramental life of praying liturgy of the hours, going to daily mass, praying a holy hour to start off the day. After that, they accompanied the Christ and the City Missionaries to encounter friends who live on the streets of Denver. The theme of this trip was Encounter. This group encountered Jesus; in the sacraments, within community living, in the poor we encountered, and in the silence of personal prayer.



Mission to the Romero House: STA brought a group of students to spend time in community and service at the Romero House. They were able to spend time in community with the men who live in the house and help with numerous projects like installing new flooring, new fences, and preparing the Saturday community meal. All while having plenty of fun along the way!



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](http://staparish.net/information/landscape.pdf)

**Questions:** [bobby@staparish.net](mailto:bobby@staparish.net)

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

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**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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

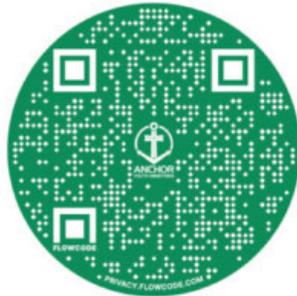
# EDGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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](http://staparish.net)



You are invited to send your prayer requests to [prayers@staparish.net](mailto:prayers@staparish.net)

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

## 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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