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So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

# "BEHOLD THE MAN!"

John 19:5

\*\*DURING THIS HOLY WEEK,
LET US LIFT OUR EYES TO THE CROSS,
IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE GRACE
OF AMAZEMENT.\*\*)

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# Palm Sunday

# April 10, 2022



# For the Easter Vigil

Saturday night's Easter Vigil, weather permitting, begins 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.



Are you interested in serving your parish and fellow parishioners? Residents elected to the Pastoral Council serve a 3 year term and college students a 1 year term.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Council is an advisory board to the Pastor playing a special role in the life of the parish, offering insight into the services & programs, personnel, outreach & evangelization, stewardship, formation, campus ministry and worship experience flowing from our mission, goals and strategic plan. Council members are representative of the entire parish community and are vital in the effort to set priorities in order to live our Parish Mission.

### Anyone may nominate themselves or another parishioner.

If you are interested in information about nomination or have questions about the council and election, please contact one of the following 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).



For our community, that we recognize how we are connected to our global family and take steps to support the well-being of all our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Taking Up Our Crosses

Jesus says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him ... take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). He does not say: "Make a cross" or "Look for a cross." Each of us has a cross to carry. There is no need to make

Crosses

one or look for one. The cross we have is hard enough for us! But are we willing to take it up, to accept it as our cross?

Maybe we can't study, maybe we have doubts of faith or of self, maybe we have a handicap or illness, maybe we suffer from depression, maybe we experience loss or conflict in our families, maybe we are victims of violence or abuse. We didn't choose any of it, but these things are our crosses. We can ignore them, reject them, refuse them or hate them. But we can also take up these crosses and follow Jesus with them.

-Henri Nouwen



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.

## **Traditional Blessing of Easter Foods**

St. Cecilia Parish will offer the Traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at 11:30am on Holy Saturday, April 16 in the Burke Chapel. Access to the Burke Chapel can be gained by parking in the North Lot, entering through the North doors, then proceeding through the Narthex to left toward the chapel, or parking in the South Lot, entering through the South doors, then proceeding straight ahead to the chapel.



We began singing a new song prior to Lent, during the communion processional called, "O Sacrum Convivium" (located in the music supplement in the songbook back cover). It is a newly composed setting of the text attributed to Saint Thomas Aquinas. The composer is Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, who is a well-known Catholic liturgical music composer. It is a perfect text as we celebrate our 75th parish

anniversary:

"O sacred banquet at which Christ is consumed, the memory of his Passion is recalled, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us."

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April 12

Tuesday: Chrism Mass in Dubuque (2pm)
dbgarch.org/live-broadcasts

**NO NOON Mass** 

April 14

# **Holy Thursday**

VESTREAM

7:00pm

NO NOON Mass & NO TNL

**EUCHARISTIC 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**

VESTREAM

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 **IVESTREAM** 

10:30 & 7:00pm



Parish Meeting

& potluck Brunch!

Sunday, May 1 after the 10:30 Mass

**Lower Lounge** 



Need a weekday parking space during the summer?

STA provides Monday through Friday parking on the upper level from May 16 to August 5 for a donation (minimum \$35 day only, \$50 overnight). Contact the parish office for details.



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

# STASPRING Clean UP saturday April 30

9:00<sub>am</sub> -to- 11:00

It's YOUR parish!

We provide all tools & supplies.







Thank you for your donation for *the Fr. Kyle Beard Trimming and Boiler fund* at the anniversary party. We fell \$429 short of the \$1K mark but there is one more chance to make a donation. You can submit a donation for the boiler and beard trimming in this weekend's collection. Just put your donation in an envelope marked "boiler/beard trim."





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 for information or to be added to the email list for updates. We'd love to see you there!



"He rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet."

(John 13)

A foot-washing God! We need to have a sense for the outrageous – in what is being proclaimed and portrayed in this scene from the Last Supper. God takes on the form of a common servant. God washes feet. Outrageous!

What's this all about? Well, what it is about is Jesus' insistence that if his disciples or we wish to be his followers, we need to learn how to be servants to one another. There is nothing more fundamental than that about being Christian. We can talk all day about how we love and care for one another, but unless we are willing "to get down on our knees" and be servants to one another, it will mean very little. Actions speak louder than words.

We are probably not actually going to be washing one another's feet literally every day. But we do need to demonstrate what footwashing means. We do need to be servants to one another and not in a demeaning way either, but in total integrity and truthfulness. Actually, it's all contained in those moving words of the marriage ceremony: Loving and honoring one another, especially in circumstances of riches and poverty, sickness and health, difficulties or joys, day in and day out. That's what serving one another should mean. That is what being a Christian is all about.

Getting on our knees is not something we do easily. It's a long, uncomfortable way to the floor. Being servants to one another or allowing our feet to be washed, are never easy. We have to keep learning and doing it over and over again.

In our creeds and liturgies we picture Jesus, the Risen Lord, at the right hand of the Father. Remember that hand is always washing feet. The Risen Lord continues to wash feet – through us – his Body.

Each year, on Holy Thursday, we reenact the washing of the feet. This action is not meant to remove the dust from our feet. Rather it is to remove the darkness from our hearts and open our hearts to charity and love of neighbor. If the Eucharist is the place where the Lord washes our feet, daily life is the place where we ought to wash the feet of others. Eucharist leads to life leads to Eucharist.

"Do you know what I have done to you?
You call me Teacher and Lord —
and you are right, for that is what I am.
So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you."

(John 13:12-15)

# Antioch Retreat

70 students attended the Antioch Retreat March 26-27. It was hosted at the Y Camp in Boone for the first time since the pandemic started. It was a big hit! "I enjoyed the games and the community. I also liked the ability for reconciliation and adoration. Oh, and the location!" There were four student talks, small group time, outdoor recreation time, adoration, and reconciliation. Thank you for all of your prayers for the retreat!









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

Questions: bobby@staparish.net

# **READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/ls 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

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33,

36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 **Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/

1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-

16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4

or 1Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-3

http://usccb.org/bible/

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# **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Thank you to all of those who stopped by our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip Dessert Table fundraiser at the Fish Dinner last Friday. We had a very successful fundraiser because of your support & generosity! Please save the date for our next fundraiser, to support the summer youth mission trip to Montague, MI: the weekend of April 30/May 1 for a Spring Car Wash during the Masses at St. Cecilia. Hope to see you there where the students will clean the winter off your cars and welcome spring!

# Fr. Kyle's Further Studies

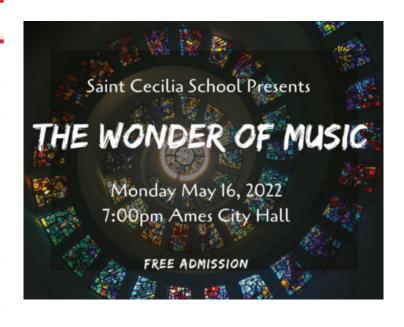
I have some exciting news! I have been accepted to the Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction. It is a program in Spiritual Theology and Spiritual Direction training in the school of Ignatian spirituality that takes place in 2-week sessions over 3 years of study. Ongoing formation and study is an important part of being a priest. I recognize if I am not growing in my own relationship with God, I am not very effective in helping others grow in theirs. In addition, I think this training will help me in the ministries of marriage prep, reconciliation, preaching, spiritual counseling, etc. in the parish. I will be gone for 2 weeks during the month of June to attend the 2-weeks of intensive courses and practicum at the school. And I will return with a holier glow!

Pray for me and I will pray for you.

-Fr. Kyle



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** 







You are invited to send your prayer requests to **prayers@staparish.net** 

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



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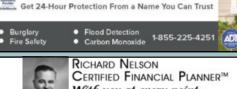
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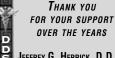


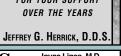




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