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“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — Jn 20:27b-29

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Continuing the Vision...

We celebrate the 75th anniversary of our parish which was established to serve the spiritual needs of Catholic students at Iowa State University and families in the community.

The energy and vision of Father James Supple and that of the 34 dedicated priests and parish staff who have served at STA have enabled thousands of students and residents to make their "Walk of Faith" at St. Thomas Aquinas.

And the vision started 75 years ago will not languish but will continue and grow...

Although we cannot imagine what changes may occur in the next 75 years, St. Thomas Aquinas will continue to **gather us**, to **transform us** into disciples of Jesus, and **send us** out to be *to be the presence of God in Ames, Iowa State University, and the world.*

And when we leave this place we know that the spirit of God and the spirit of this faith community



AT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER, WE ARE:

GATHERED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, A DIVERSE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY

TRANSFORMED BY JESUS CHRIST IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION, AND

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



Four of the 10 landscape areas have been adopted:

- (B) Warren Franke
- (D) Carole & Tom, Barragy
- (E) Janet & John Kazwell
- AND** Debbie & Craig Grandgenett
- (G) Sue Osweiler

If you are interested in helping this coming year to keep our grounds attractive & green, please let us know!



If you did not have an opportunity to bring your final CRS rice bowl donation to Mass during Lent, we will be taking those donations **through May 1**. Either clearly label them for the collection at Mass or drop them by the parish office.

Blessed are those who can give Life with their blood.

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All women of the parish are encouraged to become sustaining members of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. The annual membership fee is \$10, and the form can be found at www.dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women on the Archdiocese of Dubuque website. If you prefer, please send your name, address, email and a check (made out to ACCW) for \$10 to: Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer, 1116 240th Street, State Center, IA 50247. Your membership includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *The Link*.

The ACCW supports the goals of the Archbishop by empowering and educating all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. This mission can be recognized in the ACCW sponsorship of the *Beauty in Christ* Women's Conference, support for our seminarians, newly ordained priests and other religious, an annual retreat day, and coordination of numerous service projects.



2,229.5 pounds of food and supplies were delivered to Mid Iowa Community Action for local people in need this Lent! This will go a long way to help many who struggle to make ends meet and take care of their families. Thank you for your care and your donations!

Also our thanks to **Bob & Bonnie Gelina** who picked up the donations each week and delivered them to MICA!

Everyday
STEWARDSHIP

“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. If we truly believe, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, “men and women in great numbers” will be “added to the Lord.”

Challenge: What can I do to point others to Christ?

Congratulations & Blessings on those Confirmed

April 24, 2022

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

- Charles Bennett
- Nathan Collett
- Alex Eichhorn
- Madison Geater
- Jack Hackett
- Dau Lual
- Leah Mostek
- Vivian Nally
- Eden Olvera
- Isaac Powers
- Joshua Romitti
- John Schindel
- Ian Spry
- Isaac Weary

Full list of candidates:

<https://www.anchorames.com/confirmation.html?>



Pray the rosary for Ukraine

All are invited to pray the rosary for Mary's intercession and protection for the people of Ukraine. The rosary will be recited every Thursday in the church at 5:30pm. Pray with us!



Annual

Parish Meeting

& potluck Brunch!
Sunday, May 1
after the 10:30 Mass

Lower Lounge



SUMMER PARKING AT STA

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.



Little Saints
PLAYGROUP

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



In the year 2000, St. John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter. Even with nearly 2 decades of celebration, many of us still aren't quite sure what this celebration is all about. Here is a quick primer:

Divine Mercy Sunday is based on the revelations received by a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska (now St. Faustina.) A devout nun, St. Faustina had very little formal education, but as Jesus revealed himself to her, He asked that she record His words. She dutifully kept journals.

At St. Faustina's canonization, St. John Paul said that she was meant to remind the world of the merciful love of God. He also said was called by Christ to spread devotion to the image of Divine Mercy (which was revealed to her), and she was meant to begin "the apostolic movement of the Divine Mercy which undertakes the task of proclaiming and entreating God's mercy for the world and strives for Christian perfection."

Jesus told St. Faustina: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy."

The image of Jesus, known as Divine Mercy, was revealed to St. Faustina. He appeared with rays radiating from His Sacred Heart, and then told Sr. Faustina (who had no art training!) to paint this image, including the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." He also promised that those who venerated the image would not perish. "By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

It is fitting that as we continue to joyfully celebrate the Easter season, we take time to remember the merciful love that Jesus has for each of us. It is a wonderful reminder that there is no end to the mercy Christ has for each of us.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (prayed with ordinary rosary beads) will be celebrated at STA on Sunday, April 24 starting at 3:00pm.



50 college students participated in the *Authentic Love Retreat* on April 8-9. Former ISU missionaries Joel and Brenna Bittner spoke on dating for Sainthood on Friday night. Saturday Jamie Rathjen and Teresa Kenney from the Hormone Genius podcast spoke on the importance of women charting their fertility, the damage of Birth Control, and why this all matters to men and women. We ended our time with a panel of married parishioners sharing the joys and challenges of marriage. Special thanks to: Jacob and Elizabeth Kliegl, Matthew and Erin Nelson, Luke and Jacquie Novak, Ray and Jennifer Klein, and Bill and Karen Bergen.

Casey Flack Diaconate Ordination

Casey Flack will be ordained a transitional deacon on Friday, May 27 at 7pm. Casey grew up in East Moline, IL and found a home here in the Archdiocese of Dubuque during his time as an undergrad. We were blessed to have Casey at STA in the spring of 2020. He helped us transition into a pandemic-style ministry. Please save the date of May 27 to pray for Casey on the day of his ordination. You can view the ordination livestream on the Archdiocese website or attend the ordination Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque. Ordination to the transitional diaconate is the final stage before a man is ordained a priest.



God bless Casey as he commits himself to the Church in service of God and others.



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.

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

—in the church—

Tuesday & Thursday & Friday: 7:30am
Wednesday: 9:00am *School Mass*

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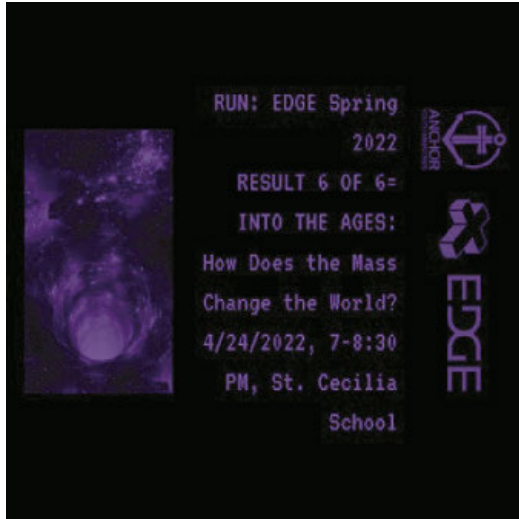
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EDGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This week's EDGE Night is: Into the Ages: How does mass Change the World? Join us at St. Cecilia School on 4/27, from 7-8:30 PM for Funny Future Predictions, a discussion on the Body of Christ, and a closing prayer connecting us to Jesus' heart.



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.

Quilt Auction Benefitting THE BRIDGE HOME

This beautiful queen sized handmade quilt will be on display at Gilger Designs, 236 Main Street. Bids will be accepted for the live auction that takes place at Ames Elks Lodge, 522 Douglas Avenue, April 28 at 7:15 pm.



SCHEDULE FOR Music Walk APRIL 28

- 5:00 pm Chicago Treats Food Truck
- 6:00 pm Alleygrass Band
- 7:00-8:00 pm Bessie's Parlor Ice Cream Social benefiting The Bridge Home
- 7:15 pm Live Quilt Auction
- 7:30 pm Join Jamm522 with Ames Music Mission & Alleygrass

Thank you to the Ames Quilt Guild for generously donating the handmade quilt!
Thank you to McClanahan Studio for taking the beautiful photographs of the quilt!

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



On the **back of the bulletin** are businesses that support STA through a paid bulletin ad. As a result we are able to print and distribute this bulletin each weekend at no cost to the parish.

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