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Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: NOON

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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

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Easter Reflection

I can't help but wonder what it must have been like to be one of the Apostles—a witness to all that happened to Jesus that Passover week some two thousand years ago. Like them, I probably would have been on an emotional roller coaster.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem to the shouts of the crowd on Palm Sunday, I'm sure I would have been overjoyed, confirmed in my belief that this Rabbi certainly was the Messiah, the one of whom the prophets had foretold. On Thursday evening, my contentment at sharing the Passover meal with Jesus and my closest friends would have probably turned to confusion at Jesus' comments about a traitor in our midst as well as about our bread being his body; our wine, his blood. When he was arrested in the garden later that evening, I know that fear would have probably overcome me—fear for Jesus and also for those of us who were with him. And seeing Jesus condemned by Pilate, hanging lifeless on a cross, and then laid in the tomb, I'm sure I would have been tempted to despair. Surely, I had placed my faith in someone unworthy of my commitment and trust.

But, then it happened—Sunday morning, the third day, and there he was – ALIVE! RESURRECTED! What incomprehensible joy I would have felt in being there! Then, it would have been clearer. It would have been obvious then where I would go and what I would do. I would go out to all the world to tell the Good News! And so the apostles did.

But back in Ames in 2022... If you're like me, however, I often look for some evidence of the resurrection. I need some reassurance that the Good News of that first Easter is not just one historical moment that occurred some two thousand years ago. I need some reassurance that Jesus' passage from death to life is also a promise, an invitation, a gift for me not only in some unknown future moment, but right here, right now.

The risen Jesus wants to help us untie the burial shroud of self-centeredness, loneliness and fear, that we experience each day so that we can leave behind an empty tomb. The Lord wants us to pass through the darkness of death caused by pride, selfishness, and hate into the bright light of his life by his power to save, so that we can leave behind an empty tomb. Neither you nor I were around when these incredible Easter events came to pass. But, we can know the all-consuming joy of experiencing the risen Lord, right here and right now, if we but stop and reflect for a moment, with faith and trust. If we keep our eyes open to God and believe, God will strengthen our faith. May we each allow the stones which block the entrance to our hearts to be rolled away by him, if only a little each day.

Bobby LeBlanc

HE IS ALIVE! ALLELUIA!

Parish Meeting & potluck Brunch!

On Sunday, May 1, our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held in the Lower Lounge following the 10:30 Mass with a pot-luck brunch. The "State of the Parish" will be presented by Fr. Kyle and by the Finance Council. Nominees for the Pastoral Council will be introduced. Please submit any questions **before May 1** by emailing Fr. Kyle, frkyle@staparish.net or Pastoral Council Chair Ronnie Lindeman mmdesign@netins.net. The meeting will be recorded and available for viewing later on the STA website.

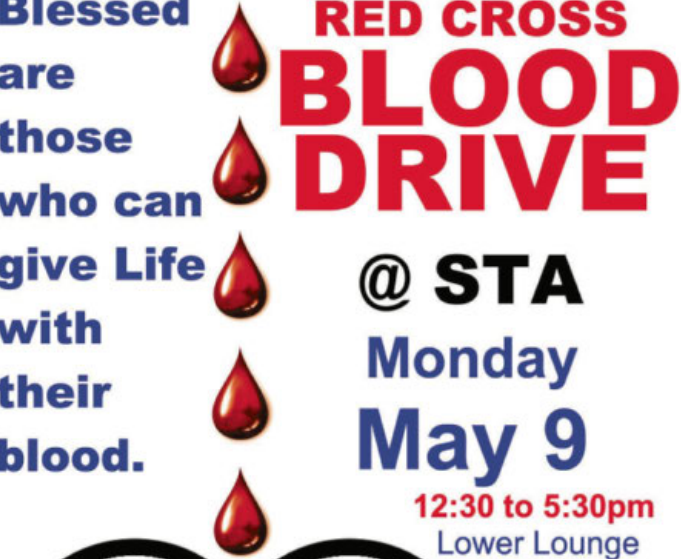
Elections to the Pastoral Council will take place during Masses the following weekend of May 7/8.

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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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." **He says the same to each of us**, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

Challenge: What can you do to better use the gifts which you have been blessed with to serve others?



Congratulations and Welcome!

Eliana Lois, daughter of Kristine and Josh Gorman who was recently baptized in to our Catholic Christian community.

Candidates for Pastoral Council: Residents

At Masses on May 7/8 you will be asked to vote for TWO residents



Luke Novak:

Hello! My name is Luke Novak and my wife, Jacquie, and I have been parishioners at STA for a total of over 14 years, both as students and residents. We have five children (with another on the way in October) and are passionate about family ministry at STA. As a member of the council, my focus would be on our mission to create disciples of Jesus Christ and a robust parish life to support this end.

Carole Barragy

I am Carole Barragy. My husband Tom and I have a son, Matt and a daughter, Grace. We have been parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas for 3 years. I am a retired educator and would enjoy working and collaborating with others to accomplish common goals that help maintain and keep our parish moving forward.



Dawn Bratsch-Prince

I have been a parishioner at St. Thomas Aquinas since 1990, an active participant in many parish ministries, and a member of the Pastoral Council for the past three years. My husband Ray and I have three adult children who grew up amidst the fellowship of coffee and donuts after 8:30 Mass each Sunday! The St. Thomas community has been a blessing to me and I welcome the opportunity to be part of the Council's visioning efforts for a vibrant future.

Importance of Belonging to a Parish

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life."

— U.S. Catholic Bishops "Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish" 1993



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!

Thank You!

Thank you to all involved in helping with the recent funeral Masses for Chad Geater, Karen DeWolf, and Harold Hall. Members of the Bereavement Ministry met with the families to plan the visitation and funeral Mass and served as hospitality ministers. Many others served as musicians, sacristan, liturgy and hospitality ministers, along with all of the people who kindly provided food for the luncheon and helped in setting up for the luncheon, preparing and serving the meal, as well as cleaning up. Thank you to all who showed kindness and care to these grieving families and friends on a difficult day, not just out of sympathy, but out of love.



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.



*Bear one another's burdens
and you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministry members will be present after Masses the weekend of April 30 / May 1 to share how to become a part of this important ministry of confidential Christian care-giving for those going through any number of life's challenges...

Discouraged
anxious, lonely
Coping with divorce
Grieving the loss of a loved one
Health issues
Loss of a job
Financial difficulties

For more information: Cindy Hauber (515-291-0250).



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!

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



Five of the 10 landscape areas have been adopted:

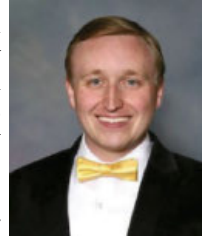
- (B) Warren Franke
- (C) Lynn & Roman Lynch
- (D) Carole & Tom, Barragy
- (E) Janet & John Kazwell
- AND** Debbie & Craig Grandgenett
- (G) Sue Osweiler

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

staparish.net/information/landscape.pdf

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.



Faculty-Staff Inspiration Award

The Alumni Association established this award in 2011. This honor presents a way for former ISU students to recognize current or former ISU faculty or staff members who had a significant influence in their lives as students at ISU. Two of the 5 recipients for 2022 are STA parishioners: **Peter Orazem** (University Professor of Economics) and **Ann Gansemer-Topf** (Associate Professor/Director of Graduate Education, School of Education).

Congratulations Peter & Ann!

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Catholic Social Teaching

As Catholics we understand the call to attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments but often the call to be Catholic once we leave the Sanctuary isn't quite so straight forward. The outside world is full of contradictions and challenges. But the Catholic Church has provided us with guidelines referred to as CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING to help us navigate challenging situations.

This is not a political ideology. This is about how we live as Catholics, allowing our Faith direct our everyday lives.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) "Catholic Social Teaching comprises a body of doctrine which is articulated as the Church interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in light of the whole of what has been revealed by Jesus Christ." (2422 CCC)

"Catholic Social Teaching proposes principles for reflection, provides criteria for judgement: gives guidelines for action." (2423 CCC)

There are 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life and dignity of the human person
- Call to family, community, and participation
- Rights and responsibilities of the human person
- Option for and with poor and vulnerable
- Dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's creation

Who came up with these? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, using the Bible, the Catechism, Papal Encyclicals, and observation of current conditions in society, identified these important percepts of Catholic Social Teaching. The first encyclical dealing with modern social issues was written in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII: **Rerum Novarum: On the Condition of Labor**

There will be more information on each of these Principles in upcoming bulletins.

STA Social Justice Committee



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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