

# St. Thomas Aquinas Church & Catholic Student Center

@ Iowa State University



2010 STA Summer Bible School - *StewardShip: Come Aboard!*

## WEEKEND MASSES

4:45 PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday

7:00 pm Sunday Mass resumes Aug. 22

## WEEKDAY MASS

12:00 NOON Monday - Friday

## RECONCILIATION

3:30 PM Saturdays & by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8 AM - 5 PM Monday—Friday

## STUDENT CENTER

Open 8 AM to Midnight ... 7 days/week



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## Eucharistic Adoration

- **Tuesday, July 27** - 12:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- All are welcome and encouraged to come and pray before the Eucharist during this time.
- If you would like to have a designated hour of prayer each month, call Nannet Horton, 292-5486 to get on the schedule.

## Infant Baptism

- One parent must be a registered member of St. Thomas, an active Catholic and attend a preparation session.
- The next infant baptism preparation session for parents will be Monday August 2 at 7:00pm in Newman/Bethany Room.
- Next celebration of Baptism at Mass will be Sunday August 15 at the 10:30am Mass.
- A meal will be served after Mass for family and friends of the newly baptized.
- For more info contact S. Lorraine

## Thinking about being Catholic?

- Welcome to Inquiry sessions beginning Tuesday August 10 at 7:00pm
- The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides a process for ages 6 and older and adults who have never been baptized to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- RCIA also provides a process for Children and adults who have been baptized Catholic or in another Christian church to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.
- Contact S.Lorraine Schmaltz

## Basement Sale

- Cleaning house? Save good, clean, usable clothing, & household items and bring them to STA on Sept. 5 & 6th
- Sorry- No TV's, microwaves, or large appliances.
- When you bring your clean treasures to share...consider spending a few hours helping sort Sept. 5, 6, 7, & 8th. Volunteers needed to help on sale days Sept. 9 & 10th.
- Contact S. Lorraine

## Volunteer?

- Clean the exterior windows along the processional pathway (windows looking into the prayer garden in the upper pathway).
- This can be done at anytime.
- Use church's ladder and cleaning equipment.
- If interested in helping and willing – contact the parish office or Bobby LeBlanc, 292-3810, bobby@staparish.net.

# Wednesday Night Liturgy

**9:00 PM**

## Drivers Needed!

- On Thursday, July 29th from 2-5pm, we will be taking kids from the ERP to the new aquatic center.
- We are in need of drivers. If anyone has a van and would be willing to shuttle people around 1:45pm, and then pick us up at 5pm it would be greatly appreciated.
- Contact the peer ministers if you are interested, 296-2560.

## Summer Quotes

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.  
—St. Francis of Assisi

Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year—it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul.  
—Author Unknown

“Summer is the season when a man thinks he can cook better on an outdoor grill than his wife can on an indoor stove.”  
—Anonymous

# Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

**Sundays 9:30-10:20 am**  
**Lower Lounge**

*Welcome to Saint Thomas Aquinas! You are always welcome here!*

*If you are just visiting, come back again.*

*If you are seeking a church, we welcome you to make this your spiritual home.  
Call or stop by the parish office to introduce yourself and register in the parish.*

## —Holy Water—

Each time we enter the church we bless ourselves with holy water. That rite is meant to remind us of our Baptism. Baptism is the way that we became part of the community of the faithful. It was our entrance into church (the people of God). It was the way that God made us God's children, brothers and sister of Jesus and of one another. So each time we enter the church we make that sign of our faith. The font at the entrance to the church contains holy water. It is the water that we use to renew our faith and the water we use to baptize.

## —Liturgy—

Liturgy is a word that comes from the Greek meaning "the work of the people." What makes our liturgy a "shared" work? We sing; we sit in silence; we listen and speak; we stand, embrace, eat, and drink. In all these actions (including formalized or ritualized communication) we speak to one another and to God with our bodies and our voices, and we "listen" not just with our hearing but with all our senses. The real communication of the liturgy is the moments that it offers us for being still in open and loving relationship with God and one another. Liturgy is not something we do for God. It is our opportunity to touch and enlarge our experience of God, to be with God, to hear God, to know God. When it works, it changes who we are and how we live. □

## —The Celebrating Assembly—

Mass is something we do together. It is not something the priest does while we watch. We all have important tasks to do. In days past people were brought up with the thinking that we "attended" Mass in the same way you would go to a concert or a movie. There are really four tasks or steps for an assembly. We gather. We listen. We respond. We are sent. If we understand these steps as an assembly, we will better understand what it means to say that Sunday Mass is not a private act, but something we all do together. It is in this sense that we say that we are all celebrants. A worshipping community that begins to believe in itself and act as God's priestly people will unleash tremendous power for life. It is through that faith experience that God touches us and we touch God. If we actively work at the task of being an assembly, then we will see what a difference that can make.

## @ St. Cecilia Parish

St. Cecilia School is currently accepting applications for three-year-old preschool, 4-year-old preschool (afternoon), and kindergarten through fifth grades. Please call #232-5290 for registration materials.

**Mass in Spanish at St. Cecilia Chapel  
every Sunday at 5:00 pm.**



## NO PARKING PLEASE

The owners of the Delta Upsilon fraternity house (117 Ash Ave) have requested that **St. Thomas parishioners refrain from using their parking lot for church parking:** their parking lot is at the southeast corner of the church building (*south of the Delta Upsilon house with entrance off of Ash Ave.*)

While the fraternity house has been vacant for over a year, renovations have been taking place all summer and 40 members of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be living in the DU house starting in August while their fraternity house is being renovated. Next summer renovations will continue as they prepare to open the house again as a Delta Upsilon fraternity.

For more information about the project: [www.isudu.org](http://www.isudu.org)

As we would not appreciate workers, fraternity members, or their guests taking up parking spaces in our church parking lot, let's extend the same respect for their parking spaces.

## Summer Food Collection



**Bring your gifts of non-perishable food items, toiletries, diapers and paper products as a sign that our stewardship extends beyond the parish walls! Items may be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Space at any time.**



## MISSION APPEAL

**Thanks to Father Pete Schavitz, C.Ss.R.** for sharing his ministry, his passion and his words of appeal with us this weekend. Please keep the Redemptorists and all their works in your prayers.

Special donation envelopes for the Redemptorist Missions are available at the information table in the gathering space.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

If you do not use the special envelope please write "Redemptorist Missions" in the memo line.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Save the Date**—Friendship Ark Homes is a faith-based organization that serves adults with intellectual disabilities in various Ames group homes. They will hold their annual Fall Benefit on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 4:00 p.m. at Prairie Moon Winery. This is their major fundraising event and features live music, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres by Kenn Dunn, a silent auction and a very lively (live) auction. Johnny Orr will be the featured speaker! Watch their website for more information: <[www.friendshipark.org](http://www.friendshipark.org)>.

**The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** will hold its annual Garage Sale Fundraiser on Friday, August 6, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., and from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 7, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave, Ames. Please bring items to be donated to the church from 9:00-3:00 on August 3-5. We do not accept adult clothing, computers, or dehumidifiers. Tax letters are provided for donations. NAMI-CI is a United Way of Story County agency. We are grateful for a matching grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For more information, call Deb Niehof, 515- 292-9400.

Please help students in central Iowa have the supplies they need to succeed in school this year. **Bring new school supplies to the YSS Family Life Center (125 S 3rd St, Ames)** by August 11 so that we can distribute them before school begins. Questions can be directed to Teresa Glover at 515-233-3141 or <[tglover@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:tglover@yss.ames.ia.us)>.

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### August 13-15---MARIAN RETREAT

"Walk The Walk With Mary" Director: Sr. Jeanine Kuhn, PBVM The retreat will begin at 8:00 pm with Mass. It concludes on Sunday after lunch. Please register early. We will walk the walk with Mary through the Gospel story. Fr. Jim Starbuck will be the Sacramental priest for the weekend. Donation: \$115 Partial Scholarship money available.

### August 20-22---SERENITY WEEKEND

for recovering alcoholics. A weekend conducted by a team, with time for listening and sharing. Donation: \$115. To register, send a \$25 deposit to AMRH and this will reserve a room for you.

## LIBRARY BOOK REVIEWS

### **Catholic for a Reason IV: Scripture and the Mystery of Marriage and Family Life**

edited by Scott Hahn and Regis J. Flaherty

Marriage and family life lived according to God's plan can change lives and change the world. Catholic for a Reason IV explores the scriptural basis for the Catholic understanding of marriage. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Mike Aquilina, and ten other Catholic authors ---along with their spouses--- present solid Biblical testimony to the joys, struggles, and sanctity found in the sacrament of Marriage. Essays include "The World as Wedding," "Lessons Learned at Nazareth," and "Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical."

**Shelf list # 173/HAH**

### **Concilium Series**

Concilium is a series that produces 5 books a year, each about a specific topic, and each containing several perspectives written by various authors. The latest issue, 2010/2, tackles the topic of the Bible as the word of God. The 2010/1 issue of Concilium is about the ministries in the Church, both ordained and lay. Other recent issues have concerned the fathers of the Church in Latin America, Monotheism, and Eco-Theology. If you have a particular topic of interest, check out the Concilium series located on the middle shelves.

### **Classics of Western Spirituality Series**

In one series, the original writings of the universally acknowledged teachers of the Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish and Islamic traditions have been critically selected and translated. The latter volumes include, Abu al-Hasan al-Shushtari (1212-1269): Songs of Love and Devotion. Abu was a prominent Sufi mystic and poet who remains a towering figure in North African Sufism. Another recent volume is Early Protestant Spirituality which contains nine categories including living the faith, singing, praying and worshiping. This particular volume would be especially helpful to someone interested in Reformation Christianity. Check out this series located on the middle shelves in the library.



Parishioner questions answered by STA parish staff. If you have a question you would like answered in the bulletin, speak to a staff member or email your question to [questions@STAParish.net](mailto:questions@STAParish.net).

## How many infallible statements have Popes made?

Some would say a Pope is rarely, if ever, infallible, and others the Pope ordering a ham sandwich is an infallible declaration!

Probably most would be surprised that there have only been two infallible pronouncements by a Pope and one was 16 years before papal infallibility was defined by the First Vatican Council in 1870.

The Church considers papal statements to be infallible if they meet three conditions:

- 1) The pope is speaking *ex cathedra*: “from the chair” (he is speaking in his authority as the bishop of Rome and the successor of St. Peter). In other words, he cannot be speaking as a private theologian, or as a pastor, or some other function. He must intend to teach infallibly and make this known at the time of that teaching. He cannot do it by accident. (Oops!)
- 2) The pope must be speaking to the whole Church, usually in a letter directed to the entire Church. He cannot make infallible statements to private individuals or distinct groups.
- 3) The pope must be speaking about faith and morals. He cannot make an infallible statement about the World Cup, politics, or Roman architecture!

So what are the two infallible doctrines?

Pope Pius IX declared the **Immaculate Conception of Mary** in 1854 and Pope Pius XII defined in 1950 that belief in **Mary’s Assumption** is part of Catholic faith (both were widely accepted & celebrated by the Church for centuries before being declared dogma).

So there must be more than two infallible statements of the Church? The Trinity? The Real Presence? Jesus both human and divine? There has to be some “*smartie*” reading this that is thinking “well the definition of infallibility by the Church must be infallible, huh?” Infallibility is not a *power* that belongs only to the Pope. It also belongs to the body of bishops as a whole, when, in doctrinal unity with the Pope, either at a Church Council (Extraordinary Magisterium) or outside of a council (Ordinary Magisterium) they solemnly teach a doctrine as true.

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Vatican II explained the doctrine of infallibility as follows: “Although the individual bishops do not enjoy the prerogative of infallibility, they can nevertheless proclaim Christ’s doctrine infallibly. This is so, even when they are dispersed around the world, provided that while maintaining the bond of unity among themselves and with Peter’s successor, and while teaching authentically on a matter of faith or morals, they concur in a single viewpoint as the one which must be held conclusively. This authority is even more clearly verified when, gathered together in an ecumenical council, they are teachers and judges of faith and morals for the universal Church. Their definitions must then be adhered to with the submission of faith” (*Lumen Gentium* 25).

*Note:* the above answer is not infallible.

Bobby LeBlanc



## AMOS

### AMOS Multi-Cultural Training

presented by

Suzanne Zilber, PhD, and Rinardo Reddick,  
Social Justice staff, ELPS program at ISU

**Monday, August 16, 2010, 7 to 9 p.m.**

Bethesda Lutheran Church, 16<sup>th</sup> & Northwestern, Ames

This is an interactive training, attendance limited to 26 persons

Reply ASAP to [reilly@iastate.edu](mailto:reilly@iastate.edu)

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### ADULT

How are God and the sleeping father in the parable similar?  
How are they different?

### CHILDREN

Prayer is talking with God and listening to God.  
Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what  
God says to you?

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when he says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21/  
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18  
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



The Archdiocese of Boston has made available free of charge to dioceses throughout the country **CatholicTVjr** which offers over 30 different television programs, each offering as many as 27 full episodes. Most available programs are original programs and these include daily mass, a Catholic movie review show, a Catholic reality-television series, Vatican programming, a Catholic game show, Catholic news, Catholic Spanish programming and more.

A link to Catholic TV —"Launch The Player"—is found at the bottom of the Archdiocesan Web Page:

[www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/home.html](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/home.html)



## Parishioner Art Exhibit

We hope to continue to exhibit parishioner art (drawings, paintings, photography, computer graphic art, etc) in the student lounge. Many enjoy viewing the creativity and talent of STA parishioners. What a wonderful way to share your art with the parish and at the same time add some color and beauty to our lounge space. **If interested in displaying your art**, please contact Don Wishart: 292-4059, [wishartdjme@yahoo.com](mailto:wishartdjme@yahoo.com)

See the article in last week's "The Witness" about STA parishioner art:

[www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/Witness/PDFs/Amesartstory.pdf](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/Witness/PDFs/Amesartstory.pdf)

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bonnie Glatz**.

Congratulations on the marriage of **Alexa Rae Colvin & Andrew Lee Stein**.

*+ Together we lift up those intentions on our  
Prayer Board in the Gathering Space +*



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