Tuesday, October 26
12:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Daily Mass Chapel

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, please call Nannet Horton, 292-5486.

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus.”

Pope Benedict XVI

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WEEKEND MASSES
4:45 PM  Saturday
8:30 & 10:30 AM  Sunday
7:00 PM  Sunday … when ISU classes on Monday

WEEKDAY MASS
12:00 NOON  Monday - Friday
9:15 PM  Thursdays (TNL)

RECONCILIATION
3:30 PM  Saturdays  & by appointment
8:00 PM  Thursdays  (Fr. Richmond)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
8 AM - 5 PM  Monday—Friday
6 PM - 8:30 PM  Monday—Thursday

STUDENT CENTER
Open 8 AM to Midnight … 7 days/week

2210 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa  50014
515-292-3810
www.STAparish.net
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2010

Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
- Wednesday, November 3rd @ 7 pm—Newman room.
- Agenda: review stewardship initiatives; begin to plan Parish Appreciation Party.
- All parishioners are welcome to join this ministry—contact Bobby LeBlanc, 292-3810, bobby@staparish.net
- www.staparish.net/stewardship

Parish Life Commission
- Meets Mon., Oct. 25 at 7:00pm in St. Catherine's.
- Agenda Items will include November Parish Life Month & April 3 Marriage Retreat.
- Interested parishioners with ideas to enhance our Parish life are welcome to attend.

Anonymous Donor
- Thank you & God bless to an anonymous donor, not even known to us, who has gifted us many times in the last year.

STA Charismatic Prayer Meeting
- “Indulgences are like a ticket out of Purgatory -- but they are not for sale” talk by Nannet Horton
- Thurs. Oct. 28 7:00 pm Prophets and Martyrs Room
- Everyone is welcome. Contact 292-5486 for questions.

PYC All Saints Party
- Parents with their young children can come dressed in your favorite Saint or other costume
- All Saints Hallowed-Eve party on Sunday Oct. 31, begins at 5:00pm in STA Lower Lounge
- A meal, treats, & games will be provided.
- Party concludes at 6:15pm with a parade of Saints & Hallowed Eve characters
- Families able to stay and participate in the TRUNK & TREAT are asked to bring treats and park in the upper lot.
- If weather does not permit the treating will happen in the garden pathway.
- Want to help? <sarah_dorn@hotmail.com> or 515-296-2258

Trivia Night & Fundraiser For Our Sister Parish
- Thank you to all who participated in the trivia night!
- If trivia wasn’t your thing, there are still ways to donate.
- Next weekend after masses, committee members will be accepting donations for doors, windows, shingles and bricks to help build the guest house at Dulce Nombre de Maria parish.

DOG-ON
- Discerning Our Giftedness On-going
- Meets Tuesday, Oct. 26, 5:30-6:30 pm - Bethany room
- Topic: charism of Writing
- Anyone having gone through DOG is welcome to join in!
- Even if you haven’t attended before...

Centering Prayer
- Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- St. Francis & Claire room

STA Homecoming Tailgate and Peer Minister Reunion Brunch Volunteers Needed
- Tailgate: 10 am - 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 30;
- Peer Minister Reunion Brunch -- following 10:30 am, Mass, Sunday, October 31 — Lower Lounge
- Volunteers are needed for set up, serving, clean up and especially pick up trucks/vans
- For more information or to volunteer for one or both events, contact Kris Egan, Alumni Relations and Development Coordinator -- <kris@staparish.net>

All Community Dinner Thanksgiving Edition!!
- The Community Life team will be hosting our annual STA Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 7th
- Both student and resident parishioners are invited to attend; free will offering.
- Parishioners willing to assist with cooking or donating a turkey can contact Jesse Donner <jrdonner@iastate.edu>

All Saints Vigil
- 10PM Sunday, October 31st
- Worship & Gathering Space
- Pray with your peers and pray with the saints
- Readings, Music, Candlelight
- Spiritual intensity

Moving Pews
- What are you doing Thursday from 4:00 to 4:45?
- Your parish could use some help moving the pews back in place after we finish waxing the church floor!
- Show up in the church at 4:00 pm and lend a hand.

Spring 2011 Small Group Leaders
- Bible Studies, Sex, Love, and Relationships, and Sunday Readings
- Applications now available!
- Contact <misty@staparish.net>
- Deadline Sunday, November 7th

Looking for student involvement
- See top of left-hand column for Stewardship Ministry Team!
FAITH FORMATION
Class Schedule for Children/Youth

Sun., Oct. 24
8:30-9:30am Pre-K/Kndg
10-11:15am Pre-K/Kndg; Gr. 1-5; Prayer Listeners

Wed., Oct. 27
6-8:30pm, Lower Lounge,
Faith Formation Leaders’ In-service

Sun., Oct. 31
8:30-9:30am Pre-K/Kndg
10-11:15am Pre-K/Kndg; Gr. 1-5

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Service Project with John Donaghy
John Donaghy will be speaking with the Middle School students and will be working on a service project that will bring the students a worldwide perspective on how we are connected as Catholics. This will be held from 4 to 6 pm in Prophets & Martyrs room on Sun., Oct. 24th. If you have any question please call Megan Sisler cell at 515-720-4060 or email <megan@staparish.net>.

High School Service Project with John Donaghy
John Donaghy will be speaking with the high school students and will be working on a service project that will bring the students a worldwide perspective on how we are connected as Catholics. This will be held from 6:45 to 8 pm in Prophets & Martyrs room Wed., Oct. 27. If you have any question please call Megan Sisler cell at 515-720-4060 or email <megan@staparish.net>.

NCYC 2011
National Catholic Youth Conference, a three-day celebration of Catholic Youth, is an event hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry every other year. NCYC involves dynamic speakers, powerful workshops, interactive activities, and a chance to meet 20,000 teens from all over the country.

The Office of Youth Ministry coordinates most of the details for this trip including transportation, lodging, and registration. The cost for NCYC is $465 and includes almost everything except meals a fee of $75 due with form (the fee is to hold your spot and is non-refundable). The remainder money will be fundraised and obtained through grants.

The event will be held next year in Indianapolis, IN from Nov. 17-20! It is open to current 8th-11th graders; forms can be picked up by Youth Ministry board by the lower lounge. If you are interested please contact Megan at <megan@staparish.net> or call 515-720-4060. Forms will be due by Wed. Nov. 17th 2010 to Megan’s office or can be given in person; NCYC interest forms are available online under the youth ministry page.

FAITH FORMATION—ADULTS

Attention ALL Faith Formation Leaders:
Catechists
RCIA Team Members
Youth Ministry Team Members
Bible Study and Small Group Leaders, Etc.

STA is hosting a Special Evening for YOU!
Oct. 27th
6-8:30pm
STA’s Lower Lounge

First, we will feed your body a delicious FREE meal in the company of other faith formation leaders from neighboring parishes.

Then, we will feed your soul with a presentation by Jackie Witter, Director of Illuminare, St. Paul, MN.

THE WITNESS

Read about these topics and more in the Oct. 24 issue of The Witness

⇒ The SCRIP program is a boost for archdiocesan schools.
⇒ Long time Catholic Charities’ employees to retire
⇒ Father Roheiser writes about Cain and Abel and dealing with our “Cain Complex.”

Subscription envelopes for the Witness, the Archdiocesan weekly newspaper, are available at the Information Table.

One Student at a Time
Thousands of students in our Archdiocese desire an education rich in faith formation and academic excellence. They desire an education in a Catholic school where they can worship, be part of a community, and reach out to those in need. Catholic school students demonstrate high academic achievement and strong character values. We believe every student should have the choice for a Catholic education and with your support we will secure that right for every child – one student at a time. As an Iowa taxpayer, you can contribute to the Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return. Give today at www.OurFaithSTO.org or call 800-876-3546 ext 256.
**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN AGES 0-6**: One parent must be a registered member of St. Thomas, an active Catholic and attend a preparation session, which is offered every two months. Parents are encouraged to have their children baptized at one of the celebrations during Mass, with a meal for the family and friends of the newly baptized served after the Mass. For more information, contact Sr. Lorraine.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church (adapted for children 7 years of age and older.) The RCIA process is for people who have never been baptized or for those who have been baptized but have had little or no faith formation or have had faith formation in another denomination or have not received the Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist & Confirmation. For more information, contact Sr. Lorraine.

**CONFIRMATION** is offered to high school youth as early as tenth grade. The preparation process includes weekly classes, service projects, a retreat, and Rites at weekend Masses. Celebration of Confirmation usually occurs at a special afternoon Mass in the spring. Confirmation preparation is also offered to adults of any age, with similar requirements as those for high school youth, but at an adult level. For more information, contact DRE Kathy White.

**EUCHARIST** is celebrated each weekday at 12noon and at weekend liturgies: Saturday, 4:45pm and Sundays, 8:30am, 10:30am and 7pm (when ISU classes on Monday). Sick and shut-ins who desire Eucharist are to contact the parish office, 292-3810. First Communion preparation for children is offered in addition to regular religious education classes, usually in second grade. It involves both parent(s) and the child. Celebration of first communion usually occurs at a regularly scheduled parish Mass in the spring. For more information about preparation of children, contact DRE Kathy White.

**ANointING OF THE SICK** is a sacrament for those who are sick, praying that they be healed in body, in mind and in spirit, through the prayers and support of the community, the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. Parishioners experiencing the effects of illness, advanced age, or preparing for surgery are encouraged to contact the parish office to request a priest for this sacrament. The sacrament is also celebrated during weekend liturgies twice a year.

**RECONCILIATION** is offered at 3:30pm on Saturdays in the church, or by appointment with a priest. Children as early as second grade are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with both parent(s) and the child attending preparation sessions. Prepared children will be given an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament before their reception of First Communion. Should the child, with the guidance of his or her parent(s), decide not to celebrate the sacrament at that time, he or she will not be deprived of the right to receive First Communion. For more information about preparation of children, contact DRE Kathy White.

**HOLY ORDERS** Ordained priests and deacons are baptized men who serve the community as co-workers with the bishop by preaching, celebrating the sacraments and building up the people of God. To discern the call to deaconate or priesthood, our parish offers monthly priesthood discernment group meetings, Operation Andrew dinners with Archbishop Jerome Hanus, priesthood and deaconate discernment meetings throughout the year, and personal spiritual direction. For more information, contact Fr. Jon Seda or Fr. Jack McClure.

**MARRIAGE** The sacrament of marriage is not just a ceremony, but a covenant made before family, friends and the Christian community, promising each other lifetime commitment, unconditional love, forgiveness and fidelity. In order to provide adequate time to prepare for marriage, couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament at STA should contact Fr. Jon Seda or Fr. Jack McClure at least eight months prior to the date of the wedding. Couples who are celebrating the sacrament in a church other than STA, but wish to prepare for marriage in Ames, should contact Brenda Neppel.

Contact the parish office at 292-3810 to reach all staff members above.
**All Souls Day Service of Remembrance**

**Nov. 2, at 5:15pm at STA Church**

Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is Welcome to this time of prayer & remembrance.

All attending are welcome to a soup and bread meal in Bethany/Newman room after the service.

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**Auction Update**

**What is an Auction Gift Gathering Party?**

Guests of Gift Gathering Parties have a chance to hang out and socialize with St. Thomas parishioners/students and friends, while contributing to the financial success of "Making a World of Difference!" event on Sat., Jan. 29, 2011. These parties play an important role in the gathering of donations for the auction.

**Want to Host a Gift Gathering Party?**

For information on hosting a party, please contact Kevin Nennig, Event Chair, knennig@iastate.edu or Kris Egan, Alumni Relations and Development Coordinator at 292.3810 or <kris@staparish.net>

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**AMOS**

- AMOS Issues Assembly, Sunday, October 24th, 3 to 4:30 pm
  First United Methodist Church, 1001 Pleasant St, downtown Des Moines
- Carpooling and busing available from Bethesda Lutheran, 1517 Northwestern
- Bus leaves 1:15 with return by 5:30
- All central Iowa, Governor, Board of Supervisor, and Federal candidates invited to attend
- Highlighting AMOS issues of Mental Health Services, Job Training for the chronically un/under employed, Youth Criminal Justice
- For more information: Danelda Allen, 232-4849, daneldaa@earthlink.net

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**Letter from Honduras**

Dear brothers and sisters of Saint Thomas Aquinas parish:

I take advantage of John Donaghy’s visit to send you our thanks for all your help and solidarity with our [faith] formation, including the improvement of our poor infrastructure.

We have made great advances with your help. The formation in religious education, liturgy and the other social works have been strengthened. We know that your presence vitalizes the faith of our brothers and sisters, since for many it is surprising that US Catholics bother to visit our area. It is very encouraging when you join in the activities of the communities. We remember beginning construction of the church in the village of Plan Grande [with the first STA spring break group] – a church which is now finished.

The parish’s needs are many. We are building a kitchen and dining area so that the pastoral workers who come to the formation sessions from a distance can eat in better conditions [they currently sit on steps and rocks in the open air to eat].

Another project is constructing housing units, thinking of improving the housing of the very same pastoral workers. I ought to explain to you that the Dulce Nombre de Maria is a parish that generally lacks all the conditions for a better pastoral orientation. As it is not new, we have very little income, since the people [in the parish] can only support with 5,000 lempiras [about $265] a month. To give you a better idea, collections at the Masses in the villages are between 60 and 150 lempiras [about $3.18 and $7.94] and the costs of transportation are often more than the support from the village. So there is a need in regard to the costs of the functioning [of the parish].

I propose that you help us as much in the infrastructure projects just mentioned as in carrying out the parish’s pastoral plan, since we wish to make the Dulce Nombre de Maria parish an example of evangelization and that the union of faith and life is expressed through attention to the basic needs of those most in need. We wish to continue promoting family gardens to improve the diet of the poorest and to diminish the malnutrition in the boys and girls who suffer hunger.

May God bless you.

*Father Efrain Romero, Pastor*

**In the past 2 years, we have sent money for family garden development and grain storage bins. We are sending a Community Outreach Tithe grant of $850 toward the kitchen. Money from Summer Bible School will purchase supplies for the new kitchen. The Honduras Ministry Committee is currently raising money to build two of the eventual ten guest/retreat housing units.**
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

ADULTS
Is how you live your faith mirrored in your prayer? Are you more like the Pharisee or more like the tax collector in the Gospel?

CHILDREN
Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Both the first reading and today’s psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time or money or abilities—to be the means by which God answers their need?

READINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10

COMMUNITY NOTICES

4K Run/Walk
Nov. 7, 1:00 pm Iowa State University—Central Campus. For more information visit <www.yss.org/en/events> GRIP Mentoring Program. Supporting Youth & Shelter Services.

School Sisters of Notre Dame Discernment Retreat for Single Women
Sat., Nov. 13, Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, MN. Wonder where your life is going? Want some help along the way? Through prayer, input and reflection, we will explore attitudes and tools needed for making life choices. $25 for the day. Overnight accommodations available. Visit <www.ssndmankato.org> to register or call Sister Joyce Kolbet, 507-389-4200.

St. Mary Church of Williams Fall Festival—Sun., Nov. 7, serving from 4:30-7:00 pm. The meal consists of: Chicken & Homemade Noodles, Meat Loaf, Real Mashed Potatoes, Home Frozen Corn, Salad, Pie, and Beverage. Adults $8, Children 4-12 $4, 3& under free. Country Store, Raffle Handicapped accessible! Carry Outs available! Everyone Welcome!

Church Women United will meet at 10:00 A.M. on Fri. November 5, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church 209 Colorado Ave. Lunch will be served AFTER the program. Questions call: Edith Wessel 232-1459.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Retreat Opportunities

American Martyrs Retreat House
2209 N. Union Rd., Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-266-3543
DBQAMRH@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Nov. 12-14 State-wide Knights of Columbus Retreat Weekend. Director: Retired Bishop Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S Theme: "...to stir into flames the gifts bestowed upon you." Opening 8:00 p.m with Mass. Closing after lunch Sunday. Offering: $115. Silence most of the weekend for you to enjoy.

Outreach Tithe

- Tithe applications are available from shari@staparish or on the parish website, www.staparish.net/forms.
- Due date Monday, November 8th before 8:30pm in the parish office for Jan-Jun 2011 allocation.
- Any registered STA parishioner may request a grant for an organization they support. That organization must provide basic services for the poor. Full details of program are included in the application.
- Typical grant is $300-$1,000.