



Social Justice

Social Justice Good Samaritan Fund Budget

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Good Samaritan Budget Fund
Sources:
Black Bag Collection (third full weekend of every month)
Holy Thursday Collection
Thanksgiving Collection

Monthly Donations:
Butterfly Freedom House
Emergency Residence Project
Food at First
Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
Home for Awhile
Individual Assistance
Matthew 25 House

Annual Donations:
ACCESS
Ames Ecumenical Housing Council
A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS)
Birthright
Boys & Girls Club
Catholic Charities
Days for Girls
Friendship Ark Homes
Giving Tree
Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa
Heartland Senior Services
MICA (for transportation to Food Bank of Iowa)
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Saint Cecilia Youth Missions
Story County Community Housing
Youth & Shelter Services (Stork's Nest)

Annual International Donations
Central American Missions
FINCA
Haiti Fund (Holy Family Cluster)
Save the Rain
Wellspring Missions (So. Sudan wells)

The St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 7PM in the Oscar Romero Room. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.
Minutes of every meeting are available online at www.stceciliaparish.org

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Mission Weekend: In connection with the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, the St. Cecilia Social Justice Committee sponsored a Mission Weekend in October to inform parishioners about the Corporal Works of Mercy* being performed through their donations to the Good Samaritan Fund. *ACCESS, Appalachia Committee/Overflow, the Butterfly Freedom House, Days for Girls, ERP (Emergency Residence Project), Food at First, Friendship Ark Homes, Home for Awhile, the Matthew 25 House, the St. Cecilia Giving Tree, Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa, MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action), and Primary Health Care*—all of which receive donations from St. Cecilia—were among the groups attending.



Parishioners Jessica Loecke and Doreen Berg discuss Food at First at the recent Mission Weekend.

**Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty; shelter the homeless; visit the sick and imprisoned; bury the dead; give alms to the poor.*

Alternative Gift Market

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me," Matthew 25:35 NABRE

As Christians, we are called to care for the least of these, showing our love of Christ through our actions. One opportunity to do this is to use Alternative Gifts as part of our Christmas gift giving. The Ames Alternative Gift Market will again be at St. Cecilia's Christmas Market, being held after all masses during the weekend of November 19-20. Thirty projects ranging from wells in South Sudan to helping women and children refugees in Syria's border countries are available through our partner, Alternative Gifts International. You can also donate to any one of eight local Ames/Story County non-profit organizations and use the donation as an Alternative Gift. You will receive a card, with an insert describing your donation to your chosen organization, to give to your gift recipient. An Alternative Gift is a real gift, given in honor of a friend or loved one and just like traditional gifts, they express love and affection, celebrate occasions and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, they do not contribute to the consumer stream and they do not need to be dusted. Alternative Gifts express our stewardship of the world God gave us and give us a real way to care for our brothers and sisters.

Join us at the Christmas Market, November 19-20 after weekend masses. If you miss us at the Christmas Market, we will also be at Wheatsfield Grocery, 413 Northwestern Ave on Saturday, December 10 and December 17, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Live your stewardship. Shop alternatively. Give real, useful gifts with real, useful impacts.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Cecilia Parish helps deliver noon meals to shut-ins the first two weeks of every month. We are currently looking for volunteers available on either the 1st Monday or the 1st Thursday of the month. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, provide their own vehicle and be available for about an hour around lunch time. If you are interested or need more information, please call Cathy Kaspar at 233-0517.