

# Social Justice

## A Committee of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church



### Good Neighbor Celebrates 20th Anniversary in Ames and Story County

**MISSION:** To provide emergency rent, utility, food, and transportation assistance to our neighbors in Story County, in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement

**SIDE NOTE:** Thanks to all St. Cecilia parishioners who give to the monthly Black Bag collection, Good Neighbor receives \$700 per month to help with their work.

At the April 29, 2017, 20th Anniversary Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (GNEA) celebration, St. Cecilia Catholic Church (SCCC) received an **Outstanding Faith Member Award**. SCCC was one of the initial Ames churches that founded GNEA and actively supports the organization in a number of ways. In addition to providing significant financial support to GNEA on a monthly basis, SCCC has developed internal fundraisers to benefit the agency. The church created the **Coins 4 Kids**. The program involves making children aware of some of the issues surrounding poverty, and nurtures their caring for others by asking them to collect change to support GNEA. SCCC also conducts a **holiday decorations exchange** with proceeds benefiting agency services. SCCC serves as one of the hosts of GNEA's annual **Choral Concert** and a representative from St. Cecilia's sits on the GNEA board (*current representative is Phyllis Craig*).



*(GNEA Director, Michael Fritz, presents SCCC Deacon Ron Smith Outstanding Faith Member Award)*



SCCC parishioners attend GNEA's 20th Anniversary celebration — above, **Steve and Audrey Marley**. To the right, **Bill Haas** and **Cynthia Shriver**.

## Social Justice Contacts

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE**  
**AMERICAS - STC Contact:**  
Rose Tondra 232-4598

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**PROJECT - STC Contact: Julie Haas**  
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In April 2017, ISU students came to St. Cecilia's in two shifts as part of **CyServe Service Day**. The 22 students worked with some of the Days for Girls Sewing Team members to make hygiene kits for girls in South Africa, Nicaragua and Zambia.



The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oscar Romero Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER**

Since April 2015, until now, 1,603 kits have been made. New members are always welcome; sewing skills are not required—just stop by any meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and/or the fourth Thursday at 1 p.m. In the Oscar Romero Room at St. Cecilia's, or call Mary Ross (232-5080). Our Facebook page always lists upcoming meetings or go to <http://www.stceciliaparish.org/ames-days-girls-sewing-team/>

# Help Support Our St. Cecilia Family

## How Your Contributions Help Support Our

### Revenues (as of 5/15/17)

Anchor



First Communicants 2017



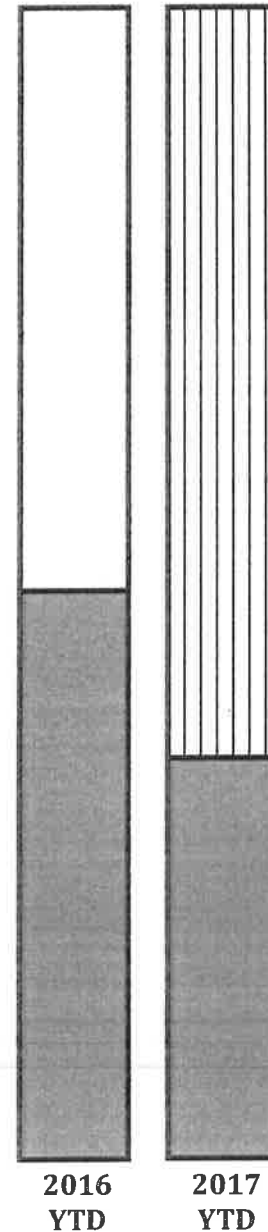
May 2016  
YTD Goal  
\$1,280,000

May 2016 YTD  
Actual  
\$1,196,631

May 2017  
YTD Goal  
\$1,233,719

YTD May 14  
\$1,095,027

YTD May 7  
\$1,074,232



### Help Us Close the GAP!

Right now we are short about \$105,000 to meet our obligations. To meet our income goal for this year, would you consider contributing a bit extra each week? We have 1,500 households. If each household could give an additional \$5 per week for the next 3 months, we could close the GAP by \$90,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts to spread the Gospel. Thank you for your efforts and sacrifices.

*God Bless You!*