



# Social Justice Newsletter May 2020

**A Committee of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**  
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**Black Bag Collection** We are thankful to many of you who continued to give to the Black Bag collection, despite the fact that we have not been able to physically pass the black bag. We continue to be experiencing a short fall in what we have budgeted for the agencies that we as a parish, through the Social Justice Committee, support on a monthly or yearly basis. If you would consider finding it in your heart to continue to be generous in helping St. Cecilia's meet the needs that we have committed to, we would be grateful. Donations can be made by mailing or dropping off your contribution to the parish office. If you bring your contribution into the church, you can drop your envelope off in the mail slot to your left along the wall. You can also contribute through ACH or Bill Pay via your bank. Please mark all contributions **"Black Bag Contribution"**. Thank You!

**MICA Food Collection** Next collection at St. Cecilia's will be held the weekend of **May 16-17**. You can drop off donations in the Narthex beginning Tuesday, May 12 through Monday, May 18 (10 a.m.). During the months of March and April, even though Mass was not being held in the church because of the virus, over 1,000 pounds of food and supplies for MICA were brought to the Narthex by parishioners. This was amazing—thank you and please keep it up!

## **COVID-19 EMERGENCY INFORMATION—ST. CECILIA PARISH**

During these difficult times many at St. Cecilia's Parish have been working to help our parishioners and neighbors. Listed below is information regarding some of those efforts.

**COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Story County Immigrants**—Funding provides emergency assistance for rent, utilities, gas, and other necessities (prescriptions, etc.) for those in need. A tax-deductible donation can be made to this fund. Please mail checks to St. Cecilia Church—ATTN: COVID-19 Fund for Immigrants, 2900 Hoover Avenue, Ames, IA 50010

**Masks for parishioners** - Donations of materials have been made by Days for Girls, circle members, other organizations and parish members. Parishioners have been making the masks. If you need one, they are in a basket located on the table near the parish office.



**Knights of Columbus Hispanic Community Assistance**—As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the work force and thus the lives of our parish Hispanic families in need, plans are to continue to request the assistance of our Catholic Community to come to their aid as long as the need persists.

Our next collection dates in May will be Saturdays at the St. Cecilia Parish kitchen from 10 a.m.-12 noon, May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Needed items will be shared through a Sign-Up Genius the Wednesday prior to each collection date. In addition, perishables such as eggs, produce, meat and fruit will be ordered through the Knights of Columbus account as long as funds are available. If you'd like to be added to the Sign-Up Genius, or help assemble food packages, please contact Elin Herrman at [elinherrman@gmail.com](mailto:elinherrman@gmail.com) or [therrman@isunet.net](mailto:therrman@isunet.net). For Parishioners who wish to support financially, rather than shop for items, donations can be made to the Knights of Columbus. Please note: **"Families in Need"** in the memo, and mail to: K of C #2230, Box 2228 Ames, IA 50010-2228.

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The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
**CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER**

## Story County/City of Ames COVID-19 Information



United Way  
of Story County

United Way has set up a link to COVID-19 resources on their website. This guide is being constantly updated with resource information as it develops.

<https://www.uwstory.org/covid-19-resources>

### USE THE WEBSITE TO GET CURRENT INFORMATION ON ALL RESOURCES IN AMES AND STORY COUNTY INCLUDING THOSE LISTED BELOW

United Way has moved up the date of their annual food drive and has replaced it with a 'virtual' drive. People are being encouraged to send monetary donations to UWSC and to designate whether it be for food or other non-designated emergency items. People can still contribute non-perishable food items but they are asked to call ahead for the point of delivery.

**FOOD PANTRIES — Food pantries are short on pasta, sauces, beans, boxed meals, soup, cereal, toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes and cleaning supplies.**

**Food pantries in Ames:** Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA); Bethesda Lutheran Church; Calvary United Methodist Church; Food at First (First Christian Church); Primary Health Care Inc.; Farm to Clinic (F2C); The Salvation Army; Shared Blessings (Northminster Presbyterian Church); The Shop—various ISU locations (ISU students only); ISU temporary Food Pantry; Ames Pet Food Bank

**Other Story County Pantries:** Nevada Community Cupboard (St. Patrick's Church); Nevada Food at First (First United Methodist Church); Cambridge Food Pantry (United Methodist Church); His Work, Our Hands—Cambridge; Colo Food Pantry; Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry (First Presbyterian Church); Slater and Sheldahl Food Pantry (Bethlehem Lutheran Church); Story City/Gilbert/Roland—Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry; Zearing and McCallsburg Food Bank (Zearing City Hall)

#### SCHOOL PANTRIES :

**Ames School Locations:** Meeker, Mitchell, and Sawyer Elementary Schools; Ames Middle School

**Other Story County School Locations:** Gilbert Community School District (Gilbert High School); Ballard High School Pantry; Collins-Maxwell MS/HS School Pantry; Colo-NESCO Clothing Closet and Food Pantry; Nevada Cubbie's Cupboard; Roland/Story City Norsemen Food Pantry

**SCHOOL MEAL PLANS**—the Ames School District and County Districts have plans in place and have notified school district families with details.

#### OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE IN AMES AND STORY COUNTY

Free Cy-Ride bus service; help with rent and utilities (Good Neighbor and others); Boys and Girls Club of Story County; Harvest Vineyard Church; Family Nutrition Program (Nevada—food and nutrition education for families with children); Meals on Wheels; Senior Supplemental Food Program; WIC (Women-Infants-Children) Nutrition Program



Prayer from Archbishop Michael Jackels, Archdiocese of Dubuque -  
"God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St. Raphael, patron of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and patron of healing, pray for us."