

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Holy Family of Jesus &

The Epiphany of the Lord

December 26, 2021/January 2, 2022

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. (Except Monday)

WEEKEND: 5:15 P.M. Saturday Mass

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday Mass

HOLYDAYS: 9:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 9:00 A.M. Monday

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight - John Kauble
319-330-3853 johnkauble@gmail.com

Sickness

Please call the Parish Office whenever someone is ill or whenever there is a need for Communion at home.

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas More Parish strives to be a Parish for All Seasons. We are committed to being an inclusive parish, to help all, in whatever season of life, to grow closer to God through engaging liturgies, support of family life, strong religious education, and a keen awareness of social justice.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to St. Thomas More. Our parish community accepts people of all walks of life, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We are all on a spiritual journey, trying to find our way. All are welcome to join us. To register, please see the pastor after Mass or stop by the welcome table in the gathering space.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is arranged after Pre-Baptism Class. Baptisms celebrated monthly during Liturgy. Make arrangements by calling the Religious Education Office (319-337-4231).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We are honored to help you prepare for Christian Marriage and to celebrate your wedding. Please contact Fr. Adam prior to selecting a wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30-5:00PM or by appointment.

RCIA-Right of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact: Fr. Adam at the Parish Office or Shannon Duffy at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is confidential, one-to-one caring and listening offered to adults in our community who are grieving a loss or in need of support. Please call or email
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The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 15th from 6:00-8:00PM in the church's lower level. A free will donation would be greatly appreciated as all proceeds will go to support STM's participation in the Free Lunch Program.



Parish Office and Religious Education Offices will be closed on Monday, December 27th, and reopening on Monday, January 3rd. You may leave a phone message or email and we will reply as soon as possible.

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to early submission of the bulletin, last week's offertory update was not yet available. We will resume the offertory update in next weekend's bulletin.

Christmas/Epiphany Party!

The YAM group at St. Thomas More is inviting all young adults, ages 21-39 to a Christmas/Epiphany Party, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, in the side room at Old Chicago in Coralville. The young adult gathering is an opportunity to kick off the New Year by meeting new people & sharing ideas for future events. All those in attendance are encouraged [not required] to bring a new gift [\$15 limit] for a gift exchange. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Russ at jacalyn.russ@gmail.com.

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2021-2022
Thank you to all who has sent in your Annual Appeal pledge envelopes. As of Dec. 15th, we have 97.22 % pledged of our parish goal of \$114,668. If you haven't sent your pledge in yet please do so soon and help us reach our goal and increase our percent pf parish member participation. No contribution is too small. Extra envelopes can be found in the gathering area of the church.

Food Pantry Collection:
Food Collection items can be placed in the multipurpose room in the blue barrels. *There will be a box for checks/cash donations. (You could also mail these to STM). Thank you for your continued contributions.



All 50+ members are welcome to the STM lower level for coffee and fellowship following Mass on the 1st Friday of each month. We will gather on January 7th and February 4th. See you at 9:45AM in the Lower Level! Contact Norma Ward at nkkw@mchsi.com if you have any questions. The coffee pot will be on!

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30PM via Zoom and every Saturday at 10:00AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (behind the Altar)
Please email the Parish office for zoom details. Thank you.



 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sun	Dec 26	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Connie Carder +
Mon	Dec 27	No Mass
Tues	Dec 28	No Mass
Wed	Dec 29	No Mass
Thurs	Dec 30	No Mass
Fri	Dec 31	No Mass
Sat	Jan 1	9:00 AM - Andrew & Ann Di Maggio +
Sun	Jan 2	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Delores Scheetz +

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sun	Jan 2	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Delores Scheetz +
Mon	Jan 3	No Mass
Tues	Jan 4	9:00 AM - Kerri Pierson +
Wed	Jan 5	9:00 AM - Dr. Philip McLaughlin +
Thurs	Jan 6	9:00 AM - Joe & Pat Graff +
Fri	Jan 7	9:00 AM - George Haubeil +
Sat	Jan 8	9:00 AM - Jim Hardy +
Sun	Jan 9	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Ray Skawski +

Readings for the week of December 26th, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12 - 21/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Readings for the week of January 2nd, 2022

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of December 26th, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Observances for the week of January 2nd, 2022

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

Growing More in Faith
CHURCH BUILDING CAMPAIGN Offer Extended



MORE good news on our GMIF Campaign! The offer by a generous parish member to add \$100 for every new pledge/donation and \$100 for every current pledge/donation that is increased by 20% has been extended to the end of January.

We are so pleased that so many are taking advantage of this offer which is also increasing our "ALL-IN" participation.

If you able to accept the donor's challenge, please pick up a pledge card in the church Gathering Space or call the parish office, 319-337-2173.

Holy Family of Jesus/December 26, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord/January 2, 2022

This week at St. Thomas More

Sunday, December 26th

"The Last Shall Be First" Food Collection Weekend
Mass - 8:30AM
No RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Mass - 11:00AM

Monday, December 27th

No RE Class K-5 6:30-7:30PM

Tuesday, December 28th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 29th

No Mass
No RE Class K-5 4:30-5:30PM
No RE Class 6-8 7:00-8:00PM

Thursday, December 30th

No Mass
Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00PM

Friday, December 31st

Men's Group 6:30-8:00AM
No Mass

Saturday, January 1st

Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:00-10:45AM
Mass - 9:00AM
No Mass- 5:15PM

Sunday, January 2nd

Fair Trade Sale
Mass - 8:30AM
No RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Mass - 11:00AM
Social Justice Meeting via zoom 3:00PM
Check the Website for updates

This week at St. Thomas More

Sunday, January 2nd

Fair Trade Sale
Mass - 8:30AM
No RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Mass - 11:00AM
Social Justice Meeting via zoom 3:00PM

Monday, January 3rd

No RE Class K-5 6:30-7:30PM
Catechist In-Service 6:30PM in Lower Level

Tuesday, January 4th

Mass - 9:00AM
Homily Group 9:45-10:45AM in MPR
Baptism Class 6:30PM

Wednesday, January 5th

Mass- 9:00AM
No RE Class K-5 - No RE Class 6-8
Catechist In-Service 6:30PM in Lower Level
Bible Study 7:30PM in MPR

Thursday, January 6th

Mass - 9:00AM
RCIA Class in Lower Level 7:00PM
Worship & Spirituality Meeting 7:00PM in MPR

Friday, January 7th

Men's Group 6:30-8:00AM
Mass - 9:00AM
50+ First Friday in lower level 9:45AM
Christmas/Epiphany Party at Old Chicago in Coralville 7:00PM

Saturday, January 8th

Baptism Weekend
Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:00-10:45AM
Mass - 5:15PM

Sunday, January 9th

Baptism Weekend
Mass - 8:30AM
RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Mass - 11:00AM
Confirmation Class 2:00PM
Check the Website for updates



Regina's biggest fundraiser, The Regina Gala "Through The Decades" will be held virtually Saturday, February 5th, 2022! We appreciate the continued support and hope this year's "Catholic themed baskets" will be an opportunity for ALL the Parishes in our area to come together to support Regina Catholic Education Center. Keep an eye out for our Sign-up Genius to choose items to be included in the Baskets for boy's and girl's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and adult and child catholic devotionals/reading items. Other ways you can participate in support: 1) Any dollar amount in the form of a check written out to Regina Gala 2022 dropped off at your church office or Regina offices(or mailed to 2150 Rochester Ave, IC, IA 52245). 2.)Regal Rewards(Script) can be purchased in some parishes or through Regina. or 3) The Amazon wish list to come. Contact Trish Kohl, gala coordinator: trish.kohl@regina.org for questions/more details.

Stephen Ministry

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10a)

The holidays and winter present extra challenges for many. If you or someone you know is feeling especially isolated or lonely, a trained Stephen Minister may be the answer to your prayers. This person would provide one on one, confidential, Christ-centered care once a week for one hour. To inquire about a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone else, please contact:

Cathy (319-631-0915) - nepola_fam@hotmail.com or Lee (319-331-5620) - LJG1218@hotmail.com



Christmas Message from Fr. Chuck

I want to express a very special Christmas greeting with a prayer of blessing for all our parish members, for those who visit us this season, and for all your loved ones. With all that we have been through in the last couple of years, I am even more profoundly grateful for all of you. Your goodness is so obvious. I thank you for sharing so generously your talents, your time, and your treasure so that in all that you do, you help make St. Thomas More a welcoming community of faith that transmits God's love to our community and world. May the gift of Christ's birth and his presence in your hearts bring you hope, joy, and peace. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Chuck

An Epiphany Note:

The Epiphany is an important feast around the world. In some cultures, the customs surrounding the feast are as or even more elaborate than those surrounding the feast of Christmas. One such custom is the home blessing, using chalk blessed at Mass on the feast. For years the St. Thomas More community has had this custom; so this year on the weekend of the January 2nd, the Feast of the Epiphany this year, the chalk will be blessed and passed out at the Masses along with instructions.

One per household.

The C, M, and B in the formula stand for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.



The following are memorialized through donations to the Christmas plants collection:

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 Janet Woster

Poinsettias can be taken after 11:00 Mass. Sunday, January 9th.

Jr. High & High School NEWS



Mardi Gras is coming to town for the *Growing More in Faith Campaign!* STM Jr. High and High School Youth Groups are paying it forward this year and sponsoring Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 13th with a raffle, silent auction, and children's games. Dad's Belgian Waffles will also be here! All proceeds will be directed to the *Growing More in Faith Campaign*.

If you have any donations for our silent auction please contact Michelle Montgomery at michelle4youth@gmail.com or 319-337-4231.



Year end contributions statements will be mailed mid to late January.

Reminder that for your contributions to be on the 2021 statement they must be received by December 31, 2021

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