



St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Mary Cluster

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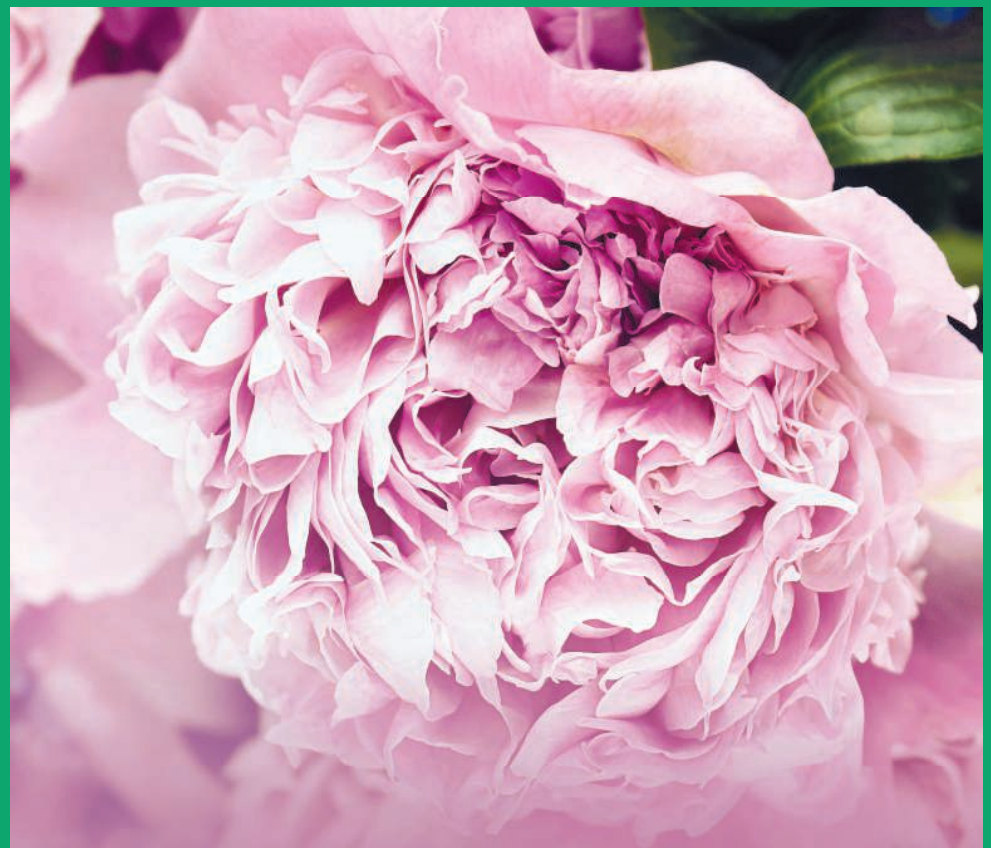
Hospitality Prayer Formation Service

The Seven Sorrows (or *Dolors*) are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art.

These Seven Sorrows should not be confused with the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

1. The prophecy of Simeon.
(Luke 2:34–35)
2. The flight into Egypt.
(Matthew 2:13-23)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem.
(Luke 2:43–45)
4. Mary's meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa.
(not in the New Testament)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary.
(Matthew 27:34–50, Mark 15:23–37, Luke 23:33–46, John 19:18–30)
6. The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear, and his descent from the Cross.
(John 19:34)
7. The burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.
(Matthew 27:57–61, Mark 15:43–47, Luke 23:50–53, John 19:40–42)

It is a common practice for Catholics to say daily one Our Father and seven Hail Marys for each.



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11

“Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero, tan lleno de injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los bienes verdaderos?” - Lc 16, 10-11

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019

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September 22, 2019 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top. Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done. "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time? Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go? ©LPI

Annual Stewardship Report - Ministry/RE signup
You should have received in the mail an envelope that contains the annual Stewardship report for fiscal year 7-1-18 to 6-30-19, your personal contribution statement thru 8-31-19, a Ministry sign up sheet and also the registration for Religious Education for this school year. Please fill these out and return them to the office, place in the collection basket or mail as soon as possible. We use these for creating the next fiscal year budget. Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be having their Omelet breakfast on **Sunday, Oct 6 from 9 am to noon**. This is to raise funds for our seminarians.

Three Unique Events for Women of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Beauty Alive: On Fire!

Gather with other women who are on fire for faith!

All locations 6:30-8:00 pm
Sept 23 Marshalltown, St Mary
Sept 24 Cedar Rapids, St Pius X

Registration is appreciated, but not required (no charge) <https://www.dbqarch.org/event/beauty-alive-on-fire/>

Sponsored by: Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Beauty Alive: On Fire!

Fearless. Faithful. Feminine.

Women's Retreat based on "The Dignity and Vocation of Women" by JP II. **October 26, 2019, St. Mary, Waverly.** Sponsored by the ACCW.

Registration: https://www.dbqarch.org/event/archdiocesan-womens-retreat-fearless-faithful-feminine/?instance_id=1492



January 25, 2020 Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Beauty in Christ: Fearless. Faithful. On Fire!
Speakers Hallie Lord and Katie Prejean
<https://archwomensconference.org/>

2020 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

The 2020 Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, with Archbishop Jackels presiding at Mass. More details may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com. Registration will open soon!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

How Has Canon Law Changed on Fasting Before Communion?

The rules on fasting before receiving the Eucharist have changed in the past several decades or so. For centuries, Catholics were required to fast from all food and drink - including water! - from midnight of the evening before receiving Holy Communion.

The current law found in canon 919. It lays out the norm: *whoever is to receive the Eucharist is to fast for at least one hour before Communion from all food and drink, with the sole exception of water and medicine*. Note that the canon specifies "one hour before Communion," not one hour before the Mass begins. Coffee and tea cannot be taken less than an hour before receiving the Eucharist. While the law doesn't mention it, the medicine it refers to doesn't need to be a prescription; aspirin, cough syrup and other over-the-counter medications can be taken too. And sick and elderly persons, as well as those who care for them, may receive Holy Communion even if they have taken food or drink within the preceding hour—meaning in practice that they don't really need to fast at all.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

SENIOR COMPANIONSHIP MINISTRY

Senior Companionship Ministry is a ministry that supports shut-ins in our community. As part of this ministry, you will be paired with an elderly individual who may be homebound or in a nursing home. Your role will be to be a friend, visit this person, and listen and be present to this person. Other roles that fall under this ministry are possibly helping this person get to Mass, picking up prescriptions, and/or helping this individual get to an appointment. Please contact the office for more details.



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Directory

St. Thomas Parish Offices 515-832-1190. STA Fax: 515-832-3757. St. Mary Parish Office 515-854-2241. Pastor Fr. Stephen Meyer. STA & SM Secretary/Bookkeeper - Rita Wolfram. Director of Faith Formation - Deacon Dan Hurt. Director of Liturgy & Music - Marty Doerning. Development Director - Heidi Tesdahl. School Phone: 515-832-1346. School Principal - Theresa Schleisman. School Secretary - Sharon Smith.

PARISH SUPPORT

We now have a "donate" button on our Facebook page, PayPal is also available!!

St. Thomas Aquinas Collections

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name, Amount. Includes ADULT Envelopes (\$4,267.00), Offertory Collection (\$171.92), Auto-Tithe (9-15-19) (\$1,575.00), TOTAL (\$6,013.92).

Total amount needed weekly to cover expenses \$10,653.00

St. Mary Collections

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name, Amount. Includes ADULT Envelopes (\$815.00), Offertory Collection (\$40.00), TOTAL (\$855.00).

Total amount needed weekly to cover expenses \$1,425.00

Thank you for your gifts to God through your church.

Auto Tithing is available for STA parishioners, directly from your bank account on the 1st or 15th of the month.

Call 832-1190 to sign up. Your generosity is appreciated!

St. Thomas Aquinas Committees: Pastoral Council Chair-Sarah Rahe, Finance Council Chair-Stephen Kesten, Stewardship Chair, Parish Life Chair-Daniel Garnett, Faith Formation Chair-Amy Shannon, School Board Chair-Sarah Staley, K.C. Grand Knight-Wayne Fuhlbrugge, Prayer Chain-Bridget Roden, Linda Groves. St. Mary Committees: Finance Chair-Keith Bowden, Pastoral Council Chairs-Annette Jeffers, Sharon Wiese, Prayer Chain-Pauline Tibbs, Catholic Charities. (For Counseling Services, call to schedule an appointment. Counseling appointments are available at the St. Mary office.) Sister Rita Menart.

It's all on-line @ www.stthomaswc.org

Check out our website to read all of the cluster information and click on Resources for links to our Diocese and the USCCB.

The school has a Facebook page!

https://www.facebook.com/stthomasaquinaswc/

The church also now has a Facebook page!

https://www.facebook.com/stthomaswc/

We will continue to use email to communicate reminders and send the bulletin but you are now able to contact us through Facebook as well.

The bulletin can now be emailed to you weekly, if you would like your email included, please call or email Rita at the office to be put on the list!

Office Hours

St. Thomas Aquinas Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. OPEN during lunch.

St. Mary By appointment. Call Father at the STA Church Office or the rectory to make an appointment.

Bulletin deadline is Monday, noon for any notices, announcements etc. you wish to have included in the bulletin. Please call, email or drop off the notice to the office.

Pastoral Care

Please call the parish office if you would like Fr. Meyer to visit you during a hospital stay, or you are in need of pastoral care or prayer support. With the privacy laws, health care facilities can only call us if specified by the patient. Call 832-1190. Also, if you or a loved one are homebound, please call the parish office to make arrangements for a minister to visit and bring communion.

Sacraments

Reconciliation Reconciliation will be available by appointment and every Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. Reconciliation is also available every Sunday, at 7:30 am at St. Mary, or by appointment.

Baptism Celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents are required to take a pre-baptismal class at St. Thomas Aquinas before scheduling the baptism. Register by calling 832-1190.

Matrimony Couples planning marriage are asked to make an appointment with the Pastor at least 6 months before anticipated date of marriage to discuss preparations and necessary requirements.

Church Happenings

Sun, Sept 22 3 pm SM Ditch Clean up
Wed/Thurs, Sept 25/26 NO MASS, OFFICE CLOSED
Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Conference-Cedar Falls
Thurs, Sept 26 6:30 pm KC's Meeting
Sat/Sun, Sept 28/29 KC's Tootsie roll drive
Sun, Sept 29 9 am SM Scholarship Breakfast
Thurs, Oct 3 7 pm STA Finance Committee
Fri, Oct 4 9am-6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10am Social Justice Meeting

School News

Picture day rescheduled: Due to some unfortunate circumstances beyond their control, Life Touch Photography has changed our picture date to **October 25th**.

A big thanks to Fareway and HyVee for donating to our first ice cream social/parent meeting last week!!! Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Meeting last Wednesday evening. We plan to continue this event and rename it STA Open House. We will also consider having this event a week prior to school starting.

Mon, Sept. 23 No school; All day Professional Development

Faith Formation

Sun, Sept 22 12:30-4 pm Car Show-youth fundraiser
Wed, Sept 25 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation/Family Enrichment Registration/refreshments
6:30-7:30 Youth Faith Formation
Wed, Oct 2 6-8 pm Family Enrichment-making tie blankets for homeless - Dinner begins at 6 pm
Wed, Oct 9 6:30-7:30 Youth Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD during 10 am Sunday Mass. It is open to all children age 3 - First Communion.



	WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP AFTER 8:30 AM MASS. Everyone is welcome to attend!!
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We, the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas, remain rooted in Christ by: creating a spirit of hospitality in all that we do, celebrating the liturgy with great care and devotion, placing the goal of active participation before all else, witnessing faithfully to God's presence and love in our daily lives and effectively communicating that message, sharing our God-given gifts and caring responsibly for those in need.

We, the community of St. Mary Church, strive for Heaven by devoting ourselves to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through worship, prayer, and service by living virtuous lives as disciples of Christ, loving our neighbors, proclaiming our faith, and passing it on.

We are glad you worshipped with us. How may we serve you?

- I am a visitor
- I am interested in becoming a parishioner of
_____St. Mary, Williams
_____St. Thomas Aquinas, Webster City
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Please note the change of my personal information

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Request/comments _____

Please tear off the above information and place in the offering basket.

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas Aquinas
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am
 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays 8:30 am
 Wednesday 8:30 am
 Friday 8:30 am

St. Mary
 Sunday 8:00 am
 Thursday 8:30 am

Nursing Home Masses
 Crestview-1st Tuesday of month 9:00 am
 Southfield-2nd Tuesday of month 9:00 am

MASS TIMES MAY CHANGE FOR HOLY DAYS—WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION.

MISAS EN ESPANOL: Parroquia San Juan, 608 2nd Ave NE, Clarion, IA. Misa en espanol todos los sabados a las 8:00 p.m. Parroquia San Patricio, 1405 North Federal St., Hampton, IA. Misa en espanol el 1er sabado del mes a las 7:00 p.m. Servicios de la Palabra en espanol en Ausencia del Sacerdote el resto de sabados del mes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	Sept 24	8:30 am	STA - Julie Ann Messerly
Wed.	Sept 25	8:30 am	STA - NO MASS
Thurs.	Sept 26	8:30 am	SM - NO MASS
Fri.	Sept 27	8:30 am	STA - Dan Nilles
Sat.	Sept 28	5:00 pm	STA - SM & STA Parishioners
Sun.	Sept 29	8:00 am	SM - Veronica Brighton
		10:00 am	STA - Denese Bunce

Ministry Schedule

Welcome any newcomers or young people who would like to share their gifts and talents.

St Mary
Sunday, Sept 29 at 8:00 am
 Greeters Rod & Randy Dagit
 Lector Carroll Ose
 Mass Server(s) Dylan & Kaylee Oskvig
 Gift Bearers David & Amy Trask
 Comm. Ministers Tony Sponsel,
 Judy Ose, Michelle Oskvig
 Pianist/Cantor Jean Fox, Betty Sponsel

St. Thomas
Saturday, Sept 28 at 5:00 pm
 Lector Jeanne Hill
 Servers Reece Sadler
 Comm. Ministers Colleen Sadler,
 Dan Garnett, Mary Engstrom
 Sacristan Kathy Finucan
 Pianist/Cantors Mary Jane Kudla

Sunday, Sept 29 at 10:00 am
 Lector Paul Wagner
 Servers Kasch Family
 Comm. Ministers Judy Wagner,
 Dan Hurt, Jean Biggins
 Sacristan Matt Shannon
 Pianist/Cantors Elisa Kesten

Ushers for Oct - Sat 5 pm Team # 5 Sun 10 am Team # 4

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