



# St. Mary, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas

Williams, Gilbert, Webster City

Hospitality Prayer Formation Service

## SAVE THE DATES

October 16/17  
Fall Cleanup Days

Sign up for the date & time you would be available to help clean up the grounds and get ready for new landscaping to be done.

October 31  
Harvest Raffle/Dinner

The Parish Family Life has set the date for our annual fall festival!! We will continue the dinner as a DRIVE THRU ONLY, and also the Raffle with a grand prize of \$2000. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to help and sell raffle & dinner tickets

Watch for more information in the bulletin and sign up boards in foyer!



Websites:

[www.stthomaswc.org](http://www.stthomaswc.org)

[www.ssppgilbert.net](http://www.ssppgilbert.net)



## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME 27° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."  
- Mk 10:6

Pero desde el principio, al crearlos, Dios los hizo hombre y mujer".  
- Mc 10, 6

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday      October 3, 2021

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October 3, 2021 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey! ©LPI

## Ministry Fair featured Ministries

We are called as parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church to be stewards of all the gifts that God has given us. In our Stewardship Prayer we give thanks for what has been provided to each of us. We are all unique and can help our Church in many different ways. Our Mission Statement places the goal of active participation before us. In the coming weeks there will be an opportunity for you to volunteer to participate in parish life sharing our God-given gifts. Take time to learn how you can best serve and make St. Thomas Aquinas a vibrant parish.

**Beginning Sept 25/26, each week there will be several ministries featured in the bulletin. The following week we will have a brief talk from a representative of a ministry after Communion. There will be a small sign up sheet for each person interested in any of the featured ministries to sign, check which ministry you would like to participate in then drop that in the baskets in the back of church. We will continue for several weekends until we have featured all the different ministries available.**

### PRAYER CHAIN

Pass along and pray for prayer requests called into the Prayer Chain Coordinators.

### PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Volunteer to be on the committee to provide activities to build and strengthen the community within the parish.

### FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

The purpose of this group is to assist the Director of Faith Formation and the pastor in implementing programs and ministries that support life-long learning for youth and adults.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to inform the parish of the local injustices in Hamilton county and to support one or more entities per month.

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Meet and welcome new parishioners to our community.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A fraternal organization of men over 18 years of age who are committed in making their community a better place while supporting their Church are welcome to join.

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless. Let us pray... Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Notes from St Mary

We would like to thank those from St. Thomas who came to help us serve the Hemken car sale. We really appreciated the extra help and enjoyed spending the day together.

St. Mary Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

I attended the Hemken auction last Saturday. I am very grateful to your parish, St. Mary, for the delicious food you served at the auction. The homemade pie was incredible and the beef sandwiches were amazing! Thank you again for all your hard work!

With gratitude, Kevin McLaughlin

## Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2,3-4ab,7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27


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The week of October 11-14, the ad rep from LPi will be here to call on businesses who may want to include an ad in the bulletin.

## Directory

**St. Thomas Parish Offices** 515-832-1190  
**STA Fax:** 515-832-3757

**St. Mary Parish Office** 515-854-2241

**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Office** 515-292-3810

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**Director of Liturgy & Faith Formation - Deacon Dan Hurt**  
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 Phone: 515-832-1190 Cell: 515-835-9972

**Director of Music - Melissa Hindt**  
 Email: dbq218s@dbqarch.org  
 Phone: 515-832-1190

**Development Director - Heidi Tesdahl**  
 Email: dbq218s1@dbqarch.org  
 Phone: 515-832-1190 Cell: 515-835-9359  
 Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

**School Phone:** 515-832-1346  
**School Fax:** 515-832-1212

**School Principal - Theresa Schleisman**  
 Email: tschleisman@stswc.com

**School Secretary - Sharon Smith**  
 Email: ssmith@stswc.com

**SSPP Secretary - Cindy Phelan**  
 Email: dbq091s@dbqarch.org  
 Phone: 515-291-2272

**Kristin Taylor - website & church reservations**  
**Cheryl Larson - bulletin**  
 Email: stpeterandpaulgilbert@gmail.com

**Directors of Faith Formation - Heather Slifka & Nicole Jonas**  
 Email: stspeterandpauldff@gmail.com

## Office Hours

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

**St. Mary & Sts. Peter & Paul**  
 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. 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!

**St. Thomas Aquinas Committees**  
 Pastoral Council Chair-Brian Menage .... 515-490-2481  
 Finance Council Chair-Ray Lammers ..... 641-757-1311  
 Stewardship Chair- .....  
 Parish Life Chair- .....  
 Faith Formation Chair- .....  
 School Board Chair-Jeanne Hill ..... 515-297-0607  
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 Prayer Chain-Bridget Roden ..... 515-832-3992  
 Linda Groves ..... 515-832-3041

**St. Mary Committees**  
 Finance Chair-Keith Bowden..... 515-859-7004  
 Pastoral Council Chairs-Annette Jeffers ... 515-689-3509  
 -Sharon Wiese ... 515-835-0177  
 Prayer Chain-Mary Fankhauser ..... 515-571-3911  
 Rod Dagit ..... 515-854-2200

**Sts. Peter & Paul Committees**  
 Pastoral Council Chair-Amy Crabbs..... (515) 291-9088  
 Catholic Charities ..... 1-800-772-2758

## Pastoral Care

Please call the parish office if you would like Fr. Francis 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 times will be 30 minutes before Masses. Appointments can also be made at any time.

**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.

**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.

### PARISH SUPPORT

We now have a "donate" button on our Facebook page and online on the website is also available!!

### St. Thomas Aquinas Collections

<b>September 26, 2021</b>	
ADULT Envelopes	\$1,840.00
Offertory Collection	\$216.50
Sept 1st & 15th Auto-Tithe & Online donations	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,056.50</b>

Total amount needed weekly to cover expenses **\$11,440.00**

### St. Mary Collections

<b>September 26, 2021</b>	
ADULT Envelopes	\$600.00
Offertory Collection	\$117.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$717.00</b>

Total amount needed weekly to cover expenses **\$1,460.00**

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

## Church Happenings

Sat, Oct 2 SM Social Justice Collection  
Sun, Oct 3 STA after 10:30 am Mass-Max Sylvester's 90th birthday brunch  
Tues, Oct 5 6 pm SSPP Pastoral Council Meeting  
6 pm STA Rosary  
Thurs, Oct 7 7 pm STA Finance Committee Meeting  
Tues, Oct 12 7 pm STA Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thurs, Oct 14 Pastoral Study Day - Fr Anane, Dan & Rita gone all day

## School News

STA is praying for a safe and bountiful harvest for all. We ask for your continued prayers for our school to be safe and healthy as our students' minds and spirits grow bigger and better every day. STA is searching for a PS teacher for the remainder of the school year. Any interested candidates should contact Theresa Schleisman at [tschleisman@stswc.com](mailto:tschleisman@stswc.com).  
Wed, Oct 6-Student Mass will be served by 6th graders

## Faith Formation

Wed, Oct 6 6:30-7:30 pm STA Faith Formation  
6:45-8 pm Sts Peter & Paul Faith Formation  
Wed, Oct 13 6:30-7:30 pm STA Faith Formation  
6:45-8 pm Sts Peter & Paul Faith Formation

Please support our youth going to the National Catholic youth Conference through prayer and donation. This conference will take place from November 18-21, and we need to raise approximately \$9,000.00. **Currently, you can support the youth through Youth Stock.** Please contact the parish office for details.

**Rosary Group October 5 & 19 6 pm**  
**Every 1st & 3rd Tues** of the month at 6 pm,  
Erin Tasler will be leading the Rosary.  
Everyone is invited to attend.



**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 cut out the above information and place in the offering basket.**

# Mass Schedule

**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 Saturday..... 6:00 pm  
 Sunday..... 10:30 am  
 Mondays ..... 8:30 am  
 Tuesdays ..... 8:30 am  
 Wednesday ..... 8:30 am

**St. Mary**  
 Saturday ..... 4:00 pm  
 Thursday ..... 8:30 am

**Sts. Peter & Paul**  
 Sunday..... 8:00 am

**Nursing Home Masses**  
NONE AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID-19

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

All STA Saturday evening Masses will be live-streamed & in person unless there is an issue with the broadcast, then STA Sunday will be live-streamed.	
You are able to watch the videos of the Masses at any time after the live-stream has ended.	
Mon.	Oct 4 8:30 am STA - Dorothy & Russell Foley
Tues.	Oct 5 8:30 am STA - Millie Anderson
Wed.	Oct 6 8:30 am STA - Leo, Cleone & Stefani Menage
Thurs.	Oct 7 8:30 am SM - Donald Hoefler
Fri.	Oct 8 NO STA Mass
Sat.	Oct 9 4:00 pm SM - Matthew Hall
	6:00 pm STA - Daron Koehler
Sun.	Oct 10 8:00 am SSPP-SM, SSPP, STA Parishioners
	10:30 am STA - All those suffering from mental illness

### Ministry Schedule

*We welcome any newcomers or young people who would like to share their gifts and talents.*

**St Mary Saturday, October 9 at 4:00 pm**  
 Greeters..... LaVerne & Pat Schumacher  
 Reader ..... Janet Greufe  
 Altar Servers ..... Teagan & Kaylen Trask  
 Gift Bearers ..... Amy & Dave Trask  
 Comm. Ministers ..... Deacon Dan Hurt  
 Pianist/Cantor ..... Michelle Jergens/Betty Sponsel

**St. Thomas Saturday, October 9 at 6:00 pm**  
 Reader..... Jim Hindt  
 Altar Servers .....  
 Comm. Ministers ..... Deacon Dan Hurt  
 Sacristan ..... Duane Reinsch  
 Pianist/Cantors .....Melissa Hindt/Mary Jane Kudla

**Sts Peter & Paul Sunday, October 10 at 8:00 am**  
 Sacristan ..... Gary Bailey  
 Greeter..... Terri & Troy Carlson  
 Ushers ..... Garry Johnson, Timothy Huff  
 Reader ..... Ron Meyer, Mark Wuebker  
 Altar Servers.....Alec & Blake Bell, Hadley Carlson  
 Gift Bearer ..... Jenny & Travis Thein family  
 Comm. Ministers..... Amy Crabb, Donald Johnson  
 Sound Technician.....Mary Kay Solberg

**St Thomas Sunday, October 10 at 10:30 am**  
 Reader..... Heidi Tesdahl  
 Altar Servers .....  
 Comm. Ministers ..... Deacon Dan Hurt  
 Sacristan ..... Matt Shannon  
 Pianist/Cantors ..... Jean Fox/Greg Kienzle

STA Ushers Oct - Sat - Team # 5 Sun - Team # 4

**CELL PHONES: A reminder to everyone to turn off cell phones when they come to Mass. Thank you!**



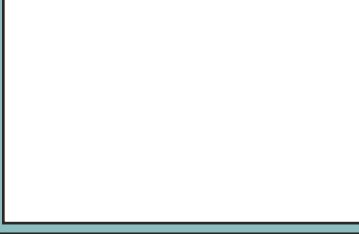
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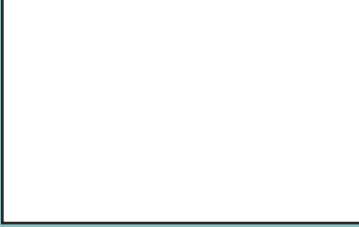
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