

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE

Lord

Stewardship

Epiphany - January 2, 2022

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.

- Mt 2, 10-11

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January 2, 2022

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January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being." Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/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, 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Rosary Group January 4 & 18, 6 pm
 January 9, 10 am
 Every 1st Tues of the month,
 Erin Tasler will be leading the Rosary.
 We are starting a Children's Rosary also,
 2nd Sun-10 am and 3rd Tues-6 pm
 Everyone is invited to attend.



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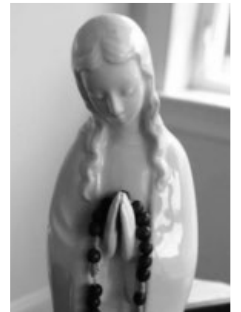
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Children's Rosary – A new program & scholarship opportunity for St. Thomas Aquinas School:

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a Children's Rosary group at St. Thomas Aquinas.



A very generous donation to a new fund being created will be used to give scholarships to attend St. Thomas Aquinas School. The "Danuta and Kent Oberg Children's Rosary Scholarship" will be awarded. The only requirements for the scholarship are enrollment (or future enrollment) at the school and attendance at the scheduled Children's Rosary sessions. These sessions will be held in the church twice a month on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00 AM and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join these rosary sessions.

Message from Marty Doerning:

May God bless all of you during this Christmas season and New Year. You are always in my thoughts and prayers....out of sight does not mean out of mind. Stay well.

Have you noticed **blue tape** on the pews here and there, if so, **please leave it there.** We are marking areas that need to be touched up by the builders. If you see a spot anywhere in church; pews, furniture, paint, flooring, etc., please let an usher, Heidi, Rita or Dan know so we can mark it. Thank you!!

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER Mass cancellations are called in to the local radio station KQWC and Pat Powers also puts that on Facebook and other media sites. It is also called in to WHO and KCCI TV stations. Please listen to the radio, check the television stations and/or the TV websites. It may take some time for the TV notices to update, so please check frequently.

Church Happenings

Tues, Jan 4 6 pm SSPP Pastoral Council Meeting
6 pm STA Rosary Group
Thurs, Jan 6 7 pm STA Finance Committee Meeting
Fri, Jan 7 9 am-6 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 am Social Justice Meeting
Sun, Jan 9 10 am Children's Rosary
Tues, Jan 11 6 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
7 pm STA Pastoral Council

School News

STA would like to ask for prayers for our students, staff and school families for the New Year!!!

Mon, Jan 3 6 pm Ball Committee Meeting
Classes resume Tuesday, January 4th.
First Children's Rosary-Sunday, January 9 at 10 a.m.

Faith Formation

Wed, Jan 5 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation resumes
Wed, Jan 12 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
during 10:30 am Sunday Mass.
It is open to all children 4-7 yrs of age.

Church Directory

Unique Church Solutions will be assisting us to put together a new directory in January. Several dates for pictures have been scheduled: **January 18-20 at STA**
January 21-22 at SM and
back to STA January 26-29



There are flyers in the bulletins, you may schedule your own appointment online or we will have volunteers before and after Masses scheduling times for pictures. You may have your pictures taken any day, if you are from St Mary, you can schedule at STA and vice-versa, just note which parish you belong to.

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: _____

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Request/comments _____

**Please cut out the above information and
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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.

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

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.	Jan 3	8:30 am	STA - Steve, Mark & Tom Christensen & Jim Fortune
Tues.	Jan 4	8:30 am	STA - Pat Cormaney
Wed.	Jan 5	8:30 am	STA - Scott Stines
Thurs.	Jan 6	8:30 am	SM - Jr Brim
Fri.	Jan 7	NO Mass	
Sat.	Jan 8	4:00 pm	SM - Matthew Hall
		6:00 pm	STA - O'Malley/Walsh Families
Sun.	Jan 9	8:00 am	SSPP-SM, SSPP, STA Parishioners
		10:30 am	STA - Jean Nieman

Ministry Schedule

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

St Mary Saturday, January 8 at 4:00 pm
 Greeters volunteers
 Reader volunteer
 Altar Servers volunteers
 Gift Bearers volunteers
 Comm. Ministers Deacon Dan Hurt
 Pianist/Cantor Judy Ose/Kari Ricke

St. Thomas Saturday, January 8 at 6:00 pm
 Reader Jim Hindt
 Altar Servers volunteers
 Comm. Ministers Deacon Dan Hurt
 Sacristan Annabelle Hurt
 Pianist/Cantors Melissa Hindt, Mary Jane Kudla
Hospitality Team Millie Oleson, Scott Neuroth
 Shawn Campbell, Lynn Reinsch

St Thomas Sunday, January 9 at 10:30 am
 Reader Livia Kasch
 Altar Servers volunteers
 Comm. Ministers Deacon Dan Hurt
 Sacristan Keith Everson
 Pianist/Cantors Michelle Jergens, Laura Monson
Hospitality Team LuAnn & Roger Garvey
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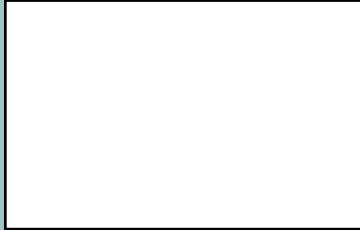
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