

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.

SAVE THE DATE!! JANUARY 30

Plan to join us on **Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 am Mass** for a special celebration for the completion of our church renovation. Archbishop Jackels will be here to celebrate with us.

We are also planning a breakfast after Mass in the foyer/gym.

Stewardship

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.


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Hospitality Prayer Formation Service



The Baptism
OF THE LORD
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

"Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego". - Lc 3, 16

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January 9, 2022

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The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." – Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



Do you desire the company of holy women?

Then invite your friends to the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference, *Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation*, Saturday, January 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Whether you join from the comfort of your own home or gather with other women from your parish, you'll experience all the great features of our annual women's conference: Archbishop Jackels, two national speakers, music, prayer, and worship! Speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly will focus on the beauty of the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and Elizabeth, as well as our visitation as sisters in Christ! Invite your daughters, sisters, and friends to this extraordinary conference!! To read more about our speakers and to register (group discounts available): <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>



Votive Candles are now available in the Shrine

The votive candles have returned and you will find them near a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe where the tabernacle once stood.

If you have someone for whom you wish prayers and remembrance, please call Bridget Roden or Linda Groves who will send that intention to the prayer chain.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.stthomaswc.org
Online donations are available for both parishes

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Rosary Group January 9, 10 am

January 18, 6 pm

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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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.



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.



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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!

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Pastoral Care

Please call the parish office if you would like Fr. Anane 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.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Collections

December 26-31, 2021	
ADULT Envelopes	\$11,014.00
Offertory Collection	\$230.00
Christmas	\$19,090.00
TOTAL	\$23,047.00
January 2, 2021	
ADULT Envelopes	\$3,265.00
Offertory Collection	\$90.00
Dec 1st & 15th Auto-Tithe & Online donations	\$
TOTAL	\$3,355.00
Total amount needed weekly to cover expenses \$11,440.00	

St. Mary Collections

December 26-31, 2021	
ADULT Envelopes	\$760.00
Offertory Collection	\$41.00
Christmas	\$2,475.00
TOTAL	\$3,276.00
January 2, 2021	
ADULT Envelopes	\$295.00
Offertory Collection	\$51.00
TOTAL	\$346.00
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

Sun, Jan 9 10 am Children's Rosary
 Tues, Jan 11 6 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
 7 pm STA Pastoral Council
 Thurs, Jan 13 6 pm SM Finance Committee Mtg
 Sat/Sun, Jan 15/16 STA Social Justice Collection
 Directory Pictures: STA-Tues, Jan 18 to Thurs, Jan 20
 Weekdays 2-8:30 pm SM-Fri, Jan 21 to Sat, Jan 22
 Weekends 10 am-4 pm STA-Wed, Jan 26 to Sat, Jan 29


School News

First Children's Rosary-Sunday, January 9 at 10 am
 Mon, Jan 17 NO School Professional Development Day
 Tues, Jan 18 5 pm School Board Meeting
 6 pm Children's Rosary

Mark your calendars for the Chili and Soup Supper (the finale to Catholic Schools Week) on Saturday, February 5th immediately following Mass. This annual event serves as a sincere "Thank You" to our church and school families for all your support throughout the year.

Faith Formation

Wed, Jan 12 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation
 Wed, Jan 19 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. Call Luanne Tanner to schedule appointments 515-297-0807.

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 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.

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 10	8:30 am	STA - Russell & Dorothy Foley
Tues.	Jan 11	8:30 am	STA - Julie Sitzmann
Wed.	Jan 12	8:30 am	STA - Jeff Allen
Thurs.	Jan 13	8:30 am	SM - Jane Slauson
Fri.	Jan 14	NO Mass	
Sat.	Jan 15	4:00 pm	SM - David Ratzke
		6:00 pm	STA - Mike Kudla
Sun.	Jan 16	8:00 am	SSPP-SM, SSPP, STA Parishioners
		10:30 am	STA - George & Mary Shey

Ministry Schedule

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

St Mary	Saturday, January 15 at 4:00 pm
Greeters	Allen & Jackie Tibbs
Reader	Wayne Greufe
Altar Servers	Ryan & Dylan Oskvig
Gift Bearers	Grant & Michelle Oskvig
Comm. Ministers	Deacon Dan Hurt
Pianist/Cantor	Judy & Carroll Ose
St. Thomas	Saturday, January 15 at 6:00 pm
Reader	Jeannie Hill
Altar Servers	volunteers
Comm. Ministers	Deacon Dan Hurt
Sacristan	Kathy Finucan
Pianist/Cantors	Melissa Hindt/mixed voices
Instrumentalist	Melissa Gillette
Hospitality Team	Millie Oleson, Scott Neuroth
.....	Shawn Campbell, Lynn Reinsch
St Thomas	Sunday, January 16 at 10:30 am
Reader	Amanda Westrum
Altar Servers	volunteers
Comm. Ministers	Deacon Dan Hurt
Sacristan	Kent Bailey
Pianist/Cantors	Michelle Jergens/mixed voices
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