

Mass Time: Sunday 8:00 AM

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Kayla Keller

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Ken Croat, Michele Fick, Pat Van Dyke,
Dave Psotka & Kayla Keller

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Amy McCasland, Steve Gehringer &
Frank Hawk Jr.

Inspections & Facilities

Maintenance / Hall Rental/

Band of the Month

Leasa Garrett 515-961-3026 Ext.#6

Remember in your prayers (Prayer Chain)

Cindy Robison, Phyllis Brichacek,
Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Rosa George
Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks,
Doug George, Rod Deming, Mike Hraha,
Brian Lippold, Bud Wattonville,
John Cassady, Mary Long, Dale Gavin,
Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler,
Ken Croat, Shane Calvert, Kristina Smith,
Mary Kahler & Jack Lippold

Please remember...

prayer is one of the most

Important things we can do for each other
and it costs nothing but your time!

Call the office to be placed on the Prayer
Chain.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 7:30 A.M. at
Immaculate Conception
Saturday 3:45P.M.-4:30P.M. at
St. Thomas Aquinas or by appointment

Baptism: Parents are requested to call the
Parish office to arrange for pre-baptism
sessions.

Parents must be registered with the church.
One sponsor must be Catholic.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months
in advance to make arrangements.
Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick

Newcomers/Addresses: Register in person; call the Office for Appointment 515-961-3026

Change of Address: Please notify the office when there is a change of address by phone or email
lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by noon Wednesday to the Bulletin Editor,
Leasa Garrett at 515-961-3026 Ext.#6 or lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Immaculate Conception

101 Saint James St.
St. Marys, Iowa
50241



December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgies Scripture Reading– Cycle A
December 22, 2019 –December 29, 2019

DECEMBER 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception– Don Brommel
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Dr. Joe Brennan
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Zac Easter
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Simpson Smith Chapel

DECEMBER 23

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:00 Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception– Carl & Pat Nehring

DECEMBER 24

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

13: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
12:00-1:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter
NO 6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-
Marty Gehringer & Lester Gehringer
10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Angie Chiappine

DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Sargio & Bernice Fontanini

DECEMBER 26

SAINT STEPHEN

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

DECEMBER 27

SAINT JOHN

697: 1Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8; Mt 2:13-18
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Maggie Seymour

DECEMBER 29

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception– Pam Gavin
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Bill Babcock

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

December 29, 2019

Lector:

Gift Bearers:

Euch. Min.

Ushers:

Servers:

Larry Bertrand

Ron Kindley Family

Sara Hawk & Susan Matlage-Simms

Brent & Isaac Gavin

John Cassady, Alena & Cooper Oberbroeckling

Money Counters:

Mass Intention:

Band of the Month:

Frank & Helen Gavin & Mary Seibert

Pam Gavin

Frank & Helen Gavin

Dec 16th

Sunday Collection

Plate: \$116.02 Tithes: \$ 870.00

Donut Social

\$ 94.00

Christmas Flower Collection Total

\$ 460.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Lector:

Gift Bearers:

Euch. Min.

Ushers:

Servers:

Extra Euch. Min. If needed will be:

Larry Bertrand

Enrique Palacios Family

Tom Brommel & Sara Hawk

Larry Bertrand & Mel Stills

Ben, Louis & Lucy Vonnahme

Dorothy Gavin, Bob & Janice Gavin, Susan Matlage-Simms & Brock Thompson

Mass Intention: Marty Gehringer & Lester Gehringer

2019-2020 Elementary Religious Education Calendar Immaculate Conception

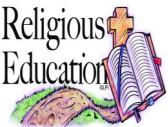
December Schedule:

December 8: Class

December 15: Christmas Program

December 22: No Class– Christmas Break

December 29: No Class– Christmas Break



Encounter: First Fridays Eucharistic Adoration with Jon Leonetti

Friday, January 3rd, 2019 | 7:00 pm | St. Pius X Catholic Church

You are invited to sit with Jesus for an hour of prayer in the form of Eucharistic Adoration Speaker and Iowa Catholic Radio host, Jon Leonetti will be speaking on how his encounter with Christ has changed his life. Praise and worship music will accompany a time of personal prayer with food and fellowship afterwards. Families of all ages are welcome. For more information, please email firstencounterdsm@gmail.com.



4th Sunday of Advent


KC Fish Fry Place Mats

KC Fish Fry will be having place mats on there tables and they will be advertising any of the local business that would be interested in sponsoring the placemats. The KC Fish Fry usually sell an average of 400 meals a week, so this would be a great way to advertise your business.

The cost will be \$25 a business card size and will run for 4 weeks in Lent.

If you are wanting more information or you are interested in helping please contact Mike or Tom by February 1, 2020.

Contact Mike Erwin 515-707-2342 or Tom Brommel 515-971-9575



Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, lets go visit Him on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings while traveling during your Holiday to a local Catholic Church to thank him. He will return many graces to us through his Word and Sacrament to sustain us and nourish us.

God bless! Fr. Chris

Perpetual Adoration

We will be holding a reception and Chapel open house after all masses the weekend of December 27 and 28. The reception will be in the multi purpose room and we will have the Chapel open for parishioners and visitors. We will also be signing up new adorers to hopefully fill Thursday, Friday and Sunday hours. If you have not yet signed up PLEASE prayerfully consider giving and scheduling just one hour of your time. You can sign up at the open house or you may do so from any device at <https://www.adorationpro.org/taindianola> or from the link on the adoration page of the St. Thomas web site (stthomasindianola.com). You can also sign up by contacting Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com.

Thanks again
Anitta

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners-

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and in a few days, Christmas. It is hard to believe how fast the Advent Season has gone by. I found a few interesting facts about Christmas. For the most part, the early Church did not celebrate Christmas, Easter yes, but not Christmas. It was believed that the date of Jesus birth was first identified by Sextus Julius Africanus in 221. December 25 was the day of dies solis invicti nati (the day of the birth of the unconquered sun), a popular holiday in the Roman Empire that celebrated the winter solstice as a symbol of the resurgence of the sun, the casting away of winter and the heralding of the rebirth of spring and summer. For a long time, the celebration of Jesus' birth was observed in conjunction with his baptism, celebrated January 6, notably the Feast of the Epiphany. Christmas began to be widely celebrated with a specific liturgy in the 9th century. (source: Encyclopedia Britannica). Today in America, Christmas is associated with gift giving, decoration of trees, baking of goods, etc. More so, our hope is that those who call themselves Christian celebrate the birth of Christ.

Some Christmas facts, I found interesting:

Each year, 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States. There are 21,000 Christmas tree growers in the United States, and trees grow for about 15 years before they are sold. Today, in the Greek and Russian Orthodox churches, Christmas is celebrated 13-14 days after the 25th. This is because the Western churches use the Gregorian calendar (Pope St. Gregory the Great) , while the Eastern Churches use the Julian Calendar. As a side note, the Christmas season begins on December 25 and ends at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year, January 12). Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.

The first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement.

Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the red and green plant from Mexico to America in 1828.

The Salvation Army has been sending Santa Claus clad donation collectors into the streets since the 1890s.

Construction workers started the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition in 1931.

When Christmas was cancelled: 1659-1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston, and law breakers were fined five shillings.

(Source: History of Christmas)

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas Season! Blessings to all of you!

Fr. Chris

Office Hours for the next couple of weeks:

December 24th Christmas Eve Closes at Noon


December 25th Christmas Day Closed

December 26th Closed

January 1st New Years Day Closed

January 2nd Closed

Holiday Hours...



Indianola Knights of Columbus

January Events


Sunday January 5 Country Style Breakfast

Serving from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Thursday January 9 Monthly Meeting

Meal 6 to 7 Meeting at 7:00 PM

The Indianola Knights of Columbus extend their thoughts & prayers to everyone during this time of the year. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.



Are you looking for a last minute gift for Christmas?


We have Chicken Dinner Tumblers for sell if you are looking for an awesome Christmas stocking gift. They come in black and white . One side has Annual Chicken Dinner along with that awesome chicken and the other side has Immaculate Conception Catholic Church , St. Marys Iowa with the Church design in the middle. Cost is \$25.

Stop by the office today and pick one up.

For those of you that give a considerable amount of money at the end of the year. Per the Diocese of Des Moines, the office must have all funds into the bank on or before December 31st. We will no longer be able to give you credit if you write the check in 2019 and it goes to the bank in 2020.

Thank you,
Leasa

Policy on Cancellations



If we experience inclement weather and Sunday Mass is cancelled, then religious education classes would also be cancelled.

If Martensdale-St. Marys cancel evening activities due to inclement weather, all Immaculate Conception meetings, etc. are also cancelled for that evening too.