

Mass Time: Sunday 8:00 AM

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Lesia Dembinski, Mary Seibert,
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Kayla Keller

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Leasa Garrett 515-961-3026

Remember in your prayers (Prayer Chain)

Jim Brommel, Cindy Robison,
Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Rosa George
Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks,
Doug George, Mike Hraha, Brian Lippold,
Bud Wattonville,

Mary Long, Dale Gavin,
Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler,
Ken Croat, Kristina Smith,
Ellen Pontolillo,

Charlotte Brommel & Christal Finck

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:

**Please note: Inside the bulletin or on the
Front of the Mass Times/Sacrament of
Reconciliation on the website will have
correct information for Reconciliation**

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.

*Join us at Immaculate Conception every Monday evening at
6:30PM for the recitation of the Holy Rosary.*

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,

Immaculate Conception

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JANUARY 3

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate–Linda Croat

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Cathy, John & Kathy Malloy

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Arlene DeWall

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas–Carol VanAernam

5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice

JANUARY 4

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

212: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

see 737-742, esp. Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 or

1 Cor 13:4-13 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 10:38-42

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

JANUARY 5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

see 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 (722.4)

Jn 10:11-16 (724.10) or 719-724

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Sonnie Brommel

JANUARY 6

SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–For the intentions of the Stoffel Family

JANUARY 7

SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

215: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Marty Middleswart

JANUARY 8

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Gary & Vivian Elbert

JANUARY 9

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–For the intentions of

Doug & Mary Phillips

JANUARY 10

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11 *or,*
in Year B: Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate–Linda Croat

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Arlene DeWall

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–For the intentions of

Mike & Kerri O'Meara & Family

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas–Alice Whitmore

5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice

Livestream Masses: Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:15am at St. Thomas
Sundays at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Christmas carols continue as we are still in the Christmas Season. One of the famous carols is, "We Three Kings of Orient Are." This speaks of the wise men or Magi traveling from afar from the East following the star to greet the infant Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gift of gold was considered worthy of a king, both the secular and biblical kings. Gold was highly prized. We see King Solomon's drinking vessels were made of gold (2 Chronicles 9:20) and King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold (Daniel 3:1). Frankincense came from tree resins and was greatly valued from the Middle East, Rome, and India. It was used in biblical times to make incense (Exodus 30:34), as an ingredient in sacrifices (Leviticus 2:1-2), and an ingredient in perfume (Song of Solomon 3:6, 4:14). Frankincense speaks of the worship of God-sending our prayers to heaven.

Myrrh is extruded from the gum of the Commiphora myrrh plant. It is less expensive than frankincense, yet still highly valued. It is mentioned 17 times in the Scriptures. In Genesis 37:25, it was being carried by camels in a caravan, for perfume in Song of Solomon in 1:13, 3:6, 4:6, 14, 5:1, 5, 13), as an anesthetic, for Jesus' burial embalming in John 19:39, as an ingredient for anointing oil in Exodus 30:23-25 and to deodorize clothes. In Esther 2:12, it was used as a cosmetic for women. Myrrh is primarily associated with death.

(Source: www.neverthirsty.org).

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the Christian feasts. It means 'to reveal' or 'to manifest' as the Christ child was manifested before the Kings, Shepherds. This Feast began in the East and is celebrated as the Theophany and almost universally celebrated on January 6. It is on January 6 in Italy where gifts are exchanged and given by La Befana.

This year in the Latin Rite, we celebrate on January 3, following the Feast of the Holy Family, which is generally celebrated on a Sunday. Epiphany ends the twelve days of Christmastide, yet the season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Have a Happy Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord!
Fr. Chris

The best gift you can give to the Lord is the gift of your presence. Consider going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He longs to see you.



Mark your Calendar:



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The WATCH Retreat will be virtual and will begin Sunday evening March 21 at 7 PM - 8:15 PM and on the following four Sunday evenings. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

If you have questions, please contact Jackie at jjward71@gmail.com or 515.250.7385.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Lector: David Psotka
Euch. Min. Sam Vonnahme
Ushers: Brent Gavin
Servers: Frank Hawk
Mass Intention: Linda Croat
Band of the Month: Kim Kubik

Pope Francis Proclaims
2021 as the
"Year of Saint Joseph".
May St. Joseph guide, guard,
and protect all of us this coming
year.



Local Help For Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international ministry with a local council in Des Moines that is supported by the Des Moines Diocese. Parishes in the diocese form conferences of volunteers that work to help the society achieve its goal of serving those in material or spiritual need. **St. Patrick's-Irish Settlement Parish in rural Cumming** has formed a conference to help those in our local communities. Volunteers from St. Patrick's are available to assist people in accessing services available thru SVDP and to help those in emergent need of basic necessities. **If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the SVDP/St. Patrick's volunteers at # 515-204-8047. All contacts are kept confidential.**

Through two locations in Des Moines, SVDP offers food, clothing & household items; emergency assistance with rent/utilities; job prep, tutoring, language & computer training and much more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. More information can be obtained at www.svdpsdm.org.

ADORATION

We currently have several openings for adoration in our chapel. Advent is such a wonderful time to start and make an ongoing commitment to spending an hour a week with our Lord. We need the prayers and graces now more than ever during these trying times. Below are the hours that are currently empty. If you are able/interested in covering one of these hours, please call Anitta 515-344-7850 or send me an email at spennani1976@outlook.com. God Bless you for your consideration.

Mondays: 12 Midnight and 1 am
Tuesdays: 12 Midnight, 1, 2, 3 am
and 12 noon
Wednesdays: 12 Midnight, 1, 2, and 11 am
Thursdays: 12 Noon and 3pm
Fridays: 12 Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8,
9am and 12 noon

From all of us at Immaculate Conception, we wish you and your families a healthy, blessed and happy New Year!

Father Chris



Deacon Dave

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St. Marys Cemetery

Have you thought of where you want your final resting spot? Have you ever thought of St. Marys Cemetery? If so, it's never too early to start thinking about it. St. Marys Cemetery has lots available and if you want more information you may contact Joan Psotka at 641-297-2216 or jflowergirl@gmail.com. She will be more than glad to help you.