St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR	1 Mary Mother of God • 8:30 am Mass at STA	 NO Mass 6 pm Rosary Group 	 3 Classes Resume 8:30 am Mass at STA 9 am Pray on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation 	 8:30 am Mass at SM 7 pm STA Finance Comm Meeting 	 NO Mass 9am-6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10 am STA Social Justice Meeting 	 5 pm Mass at STA STA SCRIP Sales
 8 am Mass at SM SM Social Justice Coll 10 am Mass at STA STA SCRIP Sales 12 pm Spanish Mass 	8 • 8:30 am Mass at STA	• 9 am Mass at Southfield • 7 pm STA Pastoral Council Mtg	 8:30 am Mass at STA 9 am Pray on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation 	 8:30 am Mass at SM 4:30 pm Liturgy Committee 	• NO Mass	• 5 pm Mass at STA
 8 am Mass at SM 9:30 am Children's Rosary 10 am Mass at STA 	 NO School 8:30 am Mass at STA 5 pm School Board 	• 9 am Mass at Windsor Manor • 6 pm Children's Rosary	 8:30 am Mass at STA 9 am Pray on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation 	18 • 8:30 am Mass at SM	• NO Mass	 5 pm Mass at STA STA Social Justice Collection STA SCRIP Sales
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28 • 8 am Mass at SM • 10 am Mass at STA (Youth Mass)	• 8:30 am Mass at STA	30 • 8:30 am Mass at <u>STA</u>	 8:30 am Mass at STA 9 am Pray on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm Youth Faith Formation 		CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 28- FEBRUARY 3	Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas Cluster



Congratulations to:
Matthew & Alissa
Barr, on the baptism of
their son, Waylon
Samuel on Nov 26 and
Jose & Ana Perez, on

the baptism of their daughter, **Yulissa** on **Dec 2** at St Thomas Aquinas Church.

We welcome you into our Christian family.

Welcome to: St Thomas:



Giancarlo & Monica Nieto and daughters Gabriella, Vanessa & Eliana

We are glad to have you as members of the St Mary LSt Thomas Aquinas Church family.

We extend our sympathies to the family of:

Lucille Baker.

May she rest in eternal peace.



SCRIP Available

Support STA School and our local Merchants!

Purchase gift cards for

GAS - GROCERIES- GIFTS
DINING OUT!

Be sure to get your SCRIP before or after Mass!

STA SCRIP sales are the 1st & 3rd weekend of the month.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Pledge Update:

December 18, 2023 **Pledges:** \$2,838,616

Payments made: \$2,273,097

Campaign pledges were to

be paid in full by

December 31, 2023, if you have not, please call the office. Thank you for being so generous!!!



St. Mary Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Jan. 3-----Mary Fankhauser Betty Sponsel

Jan. 5----Brooklyn Doolittle

Jan. 6----Allen Tibbs

Jan 21----Stephen Neuberger

Jan. 12----Fernando Ramos

Jan. 24----Robert Evans

Anniversaries:

Jan. 13----Jeff & Cheryl Cottingham

St. Mary's January Social Concerns Collection will go to Beacon of Hope, Ft Dodge

St. Mary's February Social Concerns Collection will go to Lord's Cupboard, Jewell

Your generosity is appreciated.



Church Collections

Ouestion:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church? Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

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