

Mass Time: Sunday 8:00 AM

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Marguerite O'Meara 515-961-3026

Remember in your prayers (Prayer Chain)

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Joyce Smith, Herb Moore,
Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks,
Doug George, Rod Deming, Jack Kinney,
Mike Hraha, John Burriss, Bill Brentano
and Bud Wattonville

*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:

**Saturday 4:30P.M.-5:00P.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.

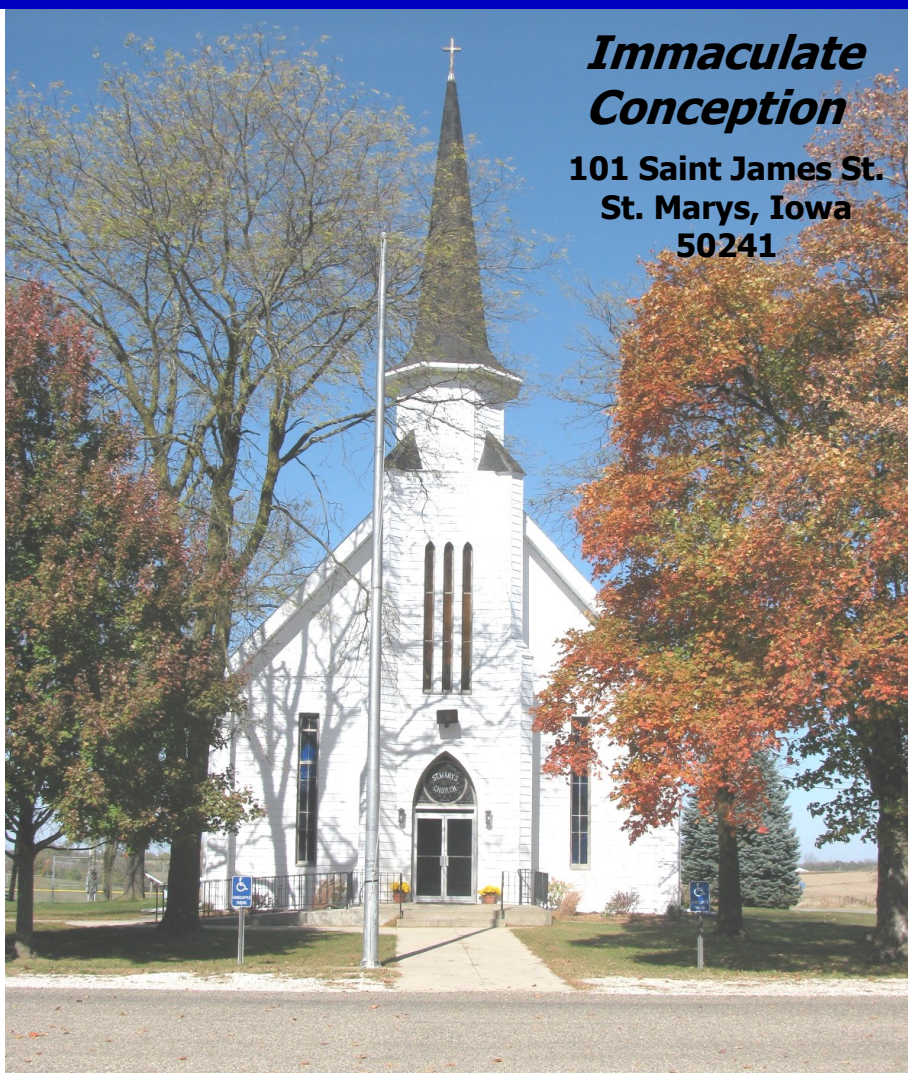
Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months
in advance to make arrangements.
Pre-Marriage Program is required.

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 immacula@netins.net

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by noon Wednesday to the Bulletin Editor, Marguerite O'Meara at
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Immaculate Conception

101 Saint James St.
St. Marys, Iowa
50241

May 17, 2015

The Ascension of the Lord

*Liturgies Scripture Reading-Cycle B
May 17-24, 2015*

Sunday, May 17 Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-9, Ephesians 1: 17-23 or Ephesians 4: 1-13 or 4: 1-7, 11-13,
Mark 16: 15-20

8:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception—Lorraine Kane

**10:15 am at St. Thomas Aquinas—Viola O'Meara
NO SIMPSON MASS**

Monday, May 18 Feast of St. John I, Pope, Martyr

Acts 19: 1-8, Psalm 68: 2-5D, 6-7B, John 16: 29-33

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 19 Feast of St. Celestine

Acts 20: 17-27, Psalm 68: 10-11, 20-21, John 17: 1-11A

**6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas—Liz Hickman
Rosary 6:30pm**

Wednesday, May 20 Feast of St. Bernadine of Siena

Acts 20: 28-38, Psalm 68: 29-30, 33-36B, John 17: 11B-19

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas—Zach Sobiech

Thursday, May 21 Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11, Psalm 16: 1-2A 5, 7-11, John 17: 20-26

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas—Vivian Elbert

Friday, May 22 Feast of St. Rita Cascia

Acts 25: 13B-21, Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20B, John 21: 15-19

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas—Ben Hummel

Saturday, May 23 Feast of St. John Baptist Rossi

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Psalm 11: 4-5, 7, John 21: 20-25

5:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas—LeRoy Grote

Sunday, May 24 Feast of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, First Corinthians 12: 3B-7, 12-13
or Galatians 5: 16-25, John 20: 19-23 or John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

8:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception—John Stills

**10:15 am at St. Thomas Aquinas—John Shean
NO SIMPSON MASS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday May 24, 2015

Lector: Dave Psotka, Eddie Vonnahme
Offering: Justin Strange Family
Euch. Min. Jim Carr, Mimi Kelly, Sue Stills
Ushers: Jim Gavin, Mel Stills
Servers: Lucas & William Borseth, Spencer Pontolilo
Money Counters: Frank & Helen Gavin, Caroline Davitt
Mass Intention: John Stills
Band of Month Family: Jim & Margaret Brommel

May Tithe Count

May 3 \$756.00
 May 10 \$1317.00



There will be
Eucharistic Adoration
 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the
First Friday of the Month
 beginning June 5th at St. Thomas.
 Join us.
 "Could you not watch with Me one Hour?"
 Matthew 26:40

Meet Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

As he talks about his new book

THE SHED THAT FED A MILLION CHILDREN

The Extraordinary Story of Mary's Meals

Date: Saturday, May 30th

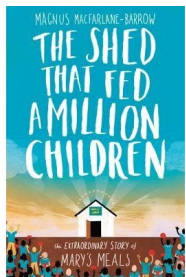
Place: Smith Chapel, Simpson College
 409 N Buxton Street

8:30am to 10:30 am

Talk, Q & A, Signing

Books will be available for purchase
 at the event for \$21.99

All Proceeds go to Mary's Meals





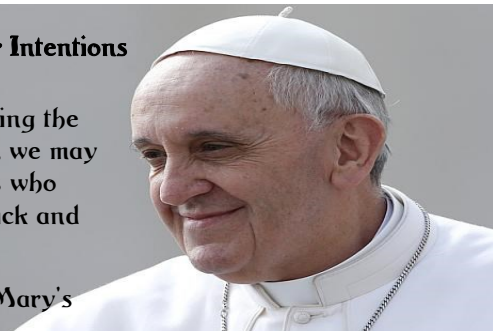
Save the Date!
Chicken Dinner
August 2nd
 Serving 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
 More than 70 years of serving the best chicken
 dinner in Iowa!
 What day do chickens hate the most?
 Friday

If you were unable to get a photo taken for the parish directory and would like to submit a recent photo you still can. Please scan the photo and email it to Marguerite O'Meara at immacula@netins.net by June 1st.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for May 2015

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's



FROM THE PASTOR

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension this week. I found an interesting tidbit on this Feast which was once celebrated during the sixth Thursday of Easter. Here are some interesting historical things: "The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the fifth century, St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Frequent mention of it is made in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and in the Constitution of the Apostles. The Pilgrimage of Sylvia (Peregrinatio Etheriae) speaks of the vigil of this feast and of the feast itself, as they were kept in the church built over the grotto in Bethlehem in which Christ was born (Duchesne, Christian Worship, 491-515). It may be that prior to the fifth century the fact narrated in the Gospels was commemorated in conjunction with the feast of Easter or Pentecost. Some believe that the much-disputed forty-third decree of the Council of Elvira (c. 300) condemning the practice of observing a feast on the fortieth day after Easter and neglecting to keep Pentecost on the fiftieth day, implies that the proper usage of the time was to commemorate the Ascension along with Pentecost. Representations of the mystery are found in diptychs and frescoes dating as early as the fifth century." (The New Advent Bulletin)

Next week, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. I would invite our parishioners to wear the color Red signifying the tongues of fire!

After some time of prayer and discernment of gifts, I have decided to name Mr. Wayne Jostes, Chaplain of the five area local nursing homes. His ministry will be one of Word and Communion Services. Wayne will also attend with me the Indianola Ministerial Association meetings. I am grateful to Wayne for his willingness to take on an important ministry for our community. While he will be working in conjunction with Caring Hands Ministry in our parish, he will report directly to me. I have noticed that Wayne (and his wife, Sandy too) has done a tremendous job in working with our elderly at our local nursing homes.

Last, I am working on getting a trip to Rome and Assisi during the Fall of 2016, latter September and early October. As many of you know, Mr. Trevor Chicoine, the seminarian from Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's, God willing, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at that time. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of our churches to see if there is any interest for a 8 day or an 11 day trip. My plan is to keep the cost at no more than \$3000 per person.

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
 IS COLLECTING BABY ITEMS TO BE
 GIVEN TO THE MADISON COUNTY
 MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER IN WINTERSET.
QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PAM WEARMOUTH



Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on May 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cemetery weather permitting.

Do you have pictures of recent Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions or Chicken Dinners you would like to contribute to the New Parish Directory?

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