



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am
Sunday 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception-St Mary's
Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass

Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am
1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

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Hall Committee: Steph Bintner, Steve Mc Ginnis, Kristen Hanes, Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett	

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
December 9, 2018- December 16, 2018

DECEMBER 9

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carl Nehring
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour
NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019

DECEMBER 10

181: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 5:17-26
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Mary Cunningham

DECEMBER 11

SAINT DAMASUS I

182: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mona Bowden
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE

690A: Zec 2:14-17; Ps 13:18b-19; Lk 1:26-38
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Florence Lee

DECEMBER 13

SAINT LUCY

184: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Donna Sereg

DECEMBER 14

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

179: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4,6; Mt 16-19
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Paul & Dora Blankenhagen

DECEMBER 15

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Davis May

DECEMBER 16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marjean Bussanmas &
Francis & Helen Gavin
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter
NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm or by appointment.

Liturgy of Baptism: Parents are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and 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.

Prayer Chain: Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for anyone in need. Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-2029

Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

Newcomers/Addresses: Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.

Change of Address: Notify the office when you change your address.

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by noon on Wednesday to Steph Bintner- bintners@msn.com/ Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

Thanks to all the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society and all of you who participated in last week's Christmas Cookie Walk. Your time, efforts, and resources sacrificed and given for this event are most appreciated!

I would like to call to your attention for a special event this coming, Wednesday, December 12, 5:30 -8:00 p.m. in the Hall. We will be having a Pre-Christmas Cookie and Cocoa Night for all of Our Religious Education Parents. It will be social time to get to know one another a little better than passing each other by in the hallways. We can also begin to think about some topics of future discussion as we move forward this coming 2019 year. Please bring yourselves, your warm and friendly smiles, and ideas!

Fr. Richard Gielow, a Vincentian priest from Kansas City, Missouri will be given an Advent Mission Saturday December 15-Wednesday December 19th at both parishes. His theme will be: *Aspire to Inspire Before You Expire*. I would invite all of you to attend this Mission. He is inspiring, captivating with many stories, and move you to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ as we prepare for his coming. Please bring a friend along. Receptions will follow the evening weekday masses. He will be here at the regularly scheduled weekend Masses, Monday December 17, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Tuesday December 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, and Wednesday December 19, 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. There will be NO 6:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday and NO 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday.

Last, but not least, the flu season is hitting many people, including our own Office Staff (Yes, myself included). I would encourage you all to please stay home and get plenty of sleep if you are sick! It will be NOT be a sin to miss Mass for this reason!

Happy Second Sunday of Advent! Fr. Chris

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.

Pilgrimage to Greece & The Greek Isles: "In the Footsteps of St. Paul!": Come along Nov. 5-15, 2019, to some truly beautiful and holy places! We'll visit many of the great sites where St. Paul wrote his Epistles, including Athens, Corinth, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and more. We will also take a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,759 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email fdanguenther@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule

Please call someone to replace you if you aren't available to serve

4:30 p.m. Mass December 15th

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gross, Todd & Johna Clancy, Matt Coenen, Josie Schettler, William Seufferer & John Schandley

Ushers: Slinkers, Dave Slick & Carol Proctor

10:15 a.m. Mass December 16th

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Whitesitt, Ed & Zach Hallin, Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Penny Miller & Kathy Timmerman

Ushers: Williams & Huttons

Money Counters: Terri & Bev Elbert & Debbie McDaniel

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

Building Fund: \$ 2,255.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 7,839.00

Plate: \$ 309.75

Capital Campaign: \$ 7,168.00



Please have any Mass Announcements in to the office NO LATER than NOON on Tuesdays.

If it is received after NOON on Tuesdays it might not make the Mass Announcements .

Thank you , The Staff

STARS would like to Thank all the parishioners that helped make this years Cookie Walk such a success again this year.

Your containers are located by the church coat closet.

Thank you again
STARS Officers

Advent Prayer Angels

Please take 1-2 angels off the Advent Prayer Angel tree in the Gathering Space and pray for the intention on the angel throughout Advent. What better way to prepare for Jesus' birth and praying daily for others.



Just a reminder to have your Christmas Flower Offerings into the office no later than Tuesday, December 18th

To assure that your loved ones Name (s) will make the insert that will be place in the bulletin Sunday, December 23rd!!!



St. Pius X Parish Annual Gala

It's Go Time! The St. Pius X Parish annual Gala, sponsored by the St. Pius X Home & School Association, will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. Come join fellow parishioners for a night of live music, live and silent auctions, dinner, drinks, fellowship, and more! Tickets are available now, visit <http://e.givesmart.com/events/brw> to register. Tickets are \$55/each or \$480/reserved table for 8.

St. Thomas has been blessed with an additional Votive Candle lighting Prayer Stand. Just a reminder that these candles are purchased with the money that is left in the collection box.

**Please note: 7 day Votive Candles\$ 3.00 each Large Candles
2 hour Votive Candles.....\$ 1.00 each Small Candles**

Please make sure you are placing your money in the collection box every time you light a candle. **Thank You- The Staff**



Second Sunday Of Advent

STARS Book Club

Wednesday December 12, 6:00 - Having a Mary Spirit by Joanna Weaver - finish the book

All are welcome!

Contact Mimi Kelly with questions laramiekelly@gmail.com or 515-321-4286



Wine and Cheese Social

There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, December 8th following 4:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space.

ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education Corner

We are now entering the new year of the Church and the season of Advent – a time of preparation to more fully receive Christ in our hearts and our lives.

The days are getting darker and we are waiting for the Light of the World to lead us out of darkness.

If you have an Advent wreath at home, please pray with children before your evening meal.

The 3rd grade class will be making an Advent craft they can use at home.

We will have regular RE and Good Shepherd classes until December 19. Then we will resume on Sunday, January 6; Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 10.



2018-2019-STAT

- December 12th: 6:30-8:30 p.m. STAT Pizza & Life Teen at PC
- December 19th: 6:30-8:00 COC/Genesis– Christmas Bingo at PC
- December 26th: **NO STAT– CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- January 2nd: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dodgeball at Wilder Elementary—

Are you game?

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Trivia Night for the Hope Foundation--February 2, 2019! Location is at St. Thomas in the St. Thomas Hall.



FREEZER MINISTRY

We are beginning a new ministry at St Thomas Aquinas and would love to have YOUR SUPPORT!!! ALL it takes is some ingredients, love, and friendship!!! We will be preparing freezer meals once a month in the Pastoral kitchen. These meals will be stored in the freezer and whoever needs one can go grab it and go, signing up on the posted sign. This can be your family, a family in need, anyone who needs a hot meal!!! If you have a favorite family dish/casserole that freezes well, please let me know- all are welcome to participate!!

We will have a SIGN UP to donate ingredients at the back of the church or you can message me at 515-710-6140!

FREEZER MEALS

it is in giving we receive"

Blessings,
Angie Elliott

Meals are frozen and ready for use in the kitchen freezer-no

Indianola Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Events



Thursday , December 13 Monthly Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 PM

Sunday , December 16 Christmas Party La Vida Loca Winery 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jjwwme08@gmail.com



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- ★ STARS ★
- ★ December 6th: 6:00 pm Christmas Party at Annelise Wine
 - ★ Menu: Pasta Buffet , veggie platter, bread and salad,
 - ★ Desserts. wine & lemonade.
 - ★ January 10th: 6:30 pm– Kick your Faith off in the New Year!
 - ★ → We provide light snacks and drinks
 - ★ → Amanda Zwanziger The Paralyzed Movement
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Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianola. This will also have the updated cancelations for Masses and RE!!!

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller & Bryan Bradley



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@q.com or 515-250-7385, Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029 to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest of the group to start immediate prayers for you or your loved one in need.

We would like to offer a prayer shawl to parishioners who are ill or in need of comfort.

The shawls were prayed over when created. Please make your request through one of the prayer chain leaders.

Please contact Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name to the list published in the bulletin.

Names will remain on the list for a month unless you indicate otherwise.

 <p>David & Heidi Klodd 515-229-1299</p> <p>15110 Hwy 92 Indianola</p>	 <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p>	 <p>Propane • Heating • Cooling</p> <p>P.O. Box 95 Milo, Iowa 50166 (641) 942-6320</p>	 <p>1512 E. 1st Avenue -Indianola Finish Carpentry Steve Bintner, Owner Cell # 515-229-9605 Home# 515-961-7217</p>
 <p>Kim Tierney Keller 453-5320</p>	<p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p>	<p>LOREY COMPANY Carl M Lorey, Jr. Your Paperman</p> <p>914-28th Street Des Moines, IA 50312 515-255-7190 Email: LOREYPAPER@MCHSL.COM</p>	 <p>Dr. Cory R. Drees C.S.C.S. Chiropractic Physician</p> <p>214 West Salem Avenue Phone (515) 961-6202 Indianola, IA 50125 FAX (515) 961-0608 email: chirodrees@aol.com</p>
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 <p>Work well. Play well. Live well. 217 Center Road</p> <p>Matt DeWall, M.P.T., C.S.C.S. 1507 N. 1st Street (515) 961-7435</p>	 <p>Laying-Sanding-Finishing-Refinishing 1416 E. Euclid Ph: 515-961-6424 Indianola, Ia. 50125 Cell: 988-0705</p>	<p>Volunteers needed to help to clean the hall, bartend, pour wine etc Call Leasa Garrett 961-3026 It's an easy way to give back to your church!</p>	 <p>1203 North E Street-Indianola (515) 961-7458 www.wesleylife.org Join us for Mass at the Village Every third Tuesday 9:30am</p>
 <p>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p>	<p>Contact the office And have Your ad Placed here!!!!</p>	 <p>Grocery: 961-5643 Market: 961-5872</p>	 <p>501 N. Jefferson- Indianola 961-2315 2nd location in the Indianola Wal Mart</p>
<p>Heartland Computer Company 515-961-6326 Winston Sayre, Owner Sales, Service, Repairs Free In shop diagnostics</p>	 <p>110 E. Boston KURT E. WELLS Indianola, IA 50125 Owner (515) 961-4924</p>	<p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p>	<p>Wiegert Disposal Inc. Trash Service for Residential-Commercial-Industrial</p> <p>Dumpsters-Roll Offs Call for Free Estimates 515-764-2389 800-728-4908</p>