



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am & 10:15 am Sundays

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 9:30 am

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October 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C

October 20, 2019- October 27, 2019

OCTOBER 20

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

147: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Mary Ellen Plaehn

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Dr. Joe Brennan

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham

5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

OCTOBER 21

473: Rom 4:20-25; Ps 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

OCTOBER 22

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

474: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10,17; Lk 12:35-38

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

OCTOBER 23

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

475: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Evelyn Wadle

OCTOBER 24

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET

476: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Kathryn Krier

OCTOBER 25

477: Rom 7: 18-25a; Ps 119:66,68,75,77,93,94; Lk 12:54-59

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

OCTOBER 26

478: ROM 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour

OCTOBER 27

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

150: Sir 35:12-14,16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -Shirley Brommel

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

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 3:45 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 a 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-Fridays 9:00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

In two weeks, the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd, Fr. Lawrence Villone, Missionary of the Blessed Sacrament priest, will be here at all the Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas to present and promote Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As many of you know, we have a beautiful chapel ready to go thanks to various donors from the parish community and beyond. We are particularly grateful for these individuals and companies. I would encourage you to attend his presentation during the time of the homily on Eucharistic Adoration at one of the Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas. We also need your participation in signing up to give one hour per week to Jesus. My goal would be to have at least 200 parishioners sign up. I know this may seem ambitious and lofty, yet, I think if the Lord God wants this, He will make it happen. I do believe He wants it for our parish. Please prayerfully consider Mass attendance during the weekend of November 2 and 3 and giving one hour a week to our Lord. We may call it 'wasting' time with Jesus. It will make a difference for all of eternity.

On Saturday October 26, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., St. Mary of Nazareth in Des Moines will be hosting a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop in their parish hall. They will be discussing: Introduction to Stephen Ministry, Ways to minister to those experiencing grief, and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. The cost is \$15 per person, \$50 per congregation (four or more). You can call 515- 276-4042 or www.stephenministry.org/workshop to register.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass October 26th

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger, Jeanne Bendon, Lanny Ward, Marv & Sandy Sauser & John Shandley

Ushers: Mary Kling & Don Bendon

8:00 a.m. Mass October 27th

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin & Marcia Konrad & Mike Schenfeld

Ushers: Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

10:15 a.m. Mass October 27th

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Penny Miller, Tristan Grover, Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Elizabeth Williams, Jana Lynch & Alex Lynch

Ushers: Joe & Dorothy Gezel & Ed & Connie Tormey

Please remember that at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after and help clean the Sacred Vessels after each Mass.

Money Counters: October 20th: Jack & Kathy Slinker

October 27th: Duffy & Rose Metz

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

October 13th

Building Fund: \$ 6,240.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 2,232.00

Plate: \$ 543.57

Capital Campaign: \$ 1,670.00

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FALL FISH & CHICKEN DINNERS
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GATHERING TABLE

Hope you are enjoying these nice cool fall days. It is time again for The Gathering Table Monday Oct. 21, 2019, 5:30-6:30.

Attached is a google doc. if you are not able to access it and would like to sign up to bring something, let us know and we will fill it in for you.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQitlDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0

If you would like to help in some other way, we are in desperate need of nonperishables. You can leave them in the kitchen and mark them for The Gathering Table.

With cold days ahead we would really like to help those in need stock their cupboards with some non perishables! PLEASE consider donating to those less fortunate-most are families with small children that attend our monthly meal!

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way.

Thank you and God Bless,
The Gathering Table Committee



World Priest Day

World Priest Day is Sunday October 27, 2019. It is a day of celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to Our Lord and Our Church through the Sacrament of Priesthood. Take this opportunity to let them know how much you appreciate all they do. You can do this by sending them a note sharing how much you appreciate their ministry or you could pray a novena for all priests and their priesthood or even invite them over for a good home-cooked meal. It's a great opportunity to thank and affirm our dedicated priests.



NPM Mass and Musicians' Blessing

Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: You are invited to join the Des Moines Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians for a Mass and Musicians' Blessing on Sunday, November 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Reception will follow at the Pastoral Center

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

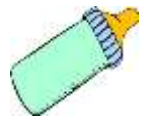
Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming Dates: November 1-3 @ Coralville. For information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Perpetual Adoration

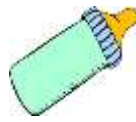
We are still in need of 1-2 additional persons to assist in the organization and support for Perpetual Adoration as Divisional Captains. There will be a meeting and training for the Captains in the coming weeks with dates to be finalized once we have filled the spots. Thanks to those of you who have already agreed to assist. Please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or at spennani1976@outlook.com if you can help. We will begin filling adoration holy hours following the parish mission on Nov 2 and 3.

**B-I-N-G-O-
For Heal House**

Family friendly bingo night Nov 2 6-8. Enter through the north doors at the church. Cost is \$1a card to play. 10 rounds with prizes for the first bingo called per round. All proceeds will go to the HEAL House. There will be snacks available for free will donation as well.



St. Thomas Aquinas
Will be joining the
InnerVisions Health Care Team
By raising money
For the Baby Bottle Campaign
October 19th & 20th.



You will be asked to pick up a baby bottle and fill it with changes or currency and then return the baby bottle the next weekend October 26th & 27th to the church. More Info to come in the coming weeks.

March for Life 2020

Iowans for Life will again be attending the March for Life in Washington DC. The buses leave Wednesday, Jan. 22 and return Sunday, Jan. 26. The march will be held Friday, Jan. 24. The march is a unique opportunity for the Pro-Life community to bear witness to the value of all human life, especially the defenseless unborn.

In memory of our brother, Joe Vorwald, the Indianola Knights will pay for 2 individuals to participate in the 2020 March. The registration deadline is Nov. 1. Contact Steve Garrett at 419-1929 for more information.



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

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

- November 14: 6:30 p.m. Rosary @ Church
7:00 p.m. Game Night (Pizza & Family)
Advent Prayer Partners



Children's Choir

Children's choir will meet each Wednesday from 6:40 to 7:00pm in the St. Thomas room all the Wednesday's of RE. Any child from 3rd through 8th grade are welcome. Those that were already part of the choir are cordially welcomed back.

We are excited to announce that Cindy Whitesitt will be our Children's Choir Director again this year. We are so excited to begin again. "Let us praise the Lord with song!"

If you have a child that is not in our Religious ED program but would like them in the Children's Choir. Please feel free to send them.

New this coming year:

They will also practice 1 hour prior to the Mass that they will sing in.

Sing: Sunday, October 27th at 10:15 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas Adult Choir

Tom Shipman (Music Director) is looking to starting up an adult Choir with mixed voices. Tom is looking for individuals 16 years of age and older, Men and Woman that love to sing .

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.

They will sing Saturday, November 9th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

If you are interested in joining the Men's Choir please contact Music Director Tom Shipman. Information is on the front of the bulletin.

Upcoming dates

Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.

Singing: Sunday, December 15th at 10:15 a.m. Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education 2019-20



**Religious Education and
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner**

RE Corner

Candy Donations Welcomed

Since Beggar's Night in Indianola (October 30) is on Wednesday this year, we will not have Religious Education or Good Shepherd that evening. Instead, all RE/CGS students are strongly encouraged to attend All Saints Day Mass at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct. 31. After Mass, we will have "Trunk or Treat" for the children.

If you would like to help donate candy for this event, we will have a box in the Gathering Space, also near the Religious Education entrance doors for your candy donation.

Thank you for helping us out and making this an "All Saints Day" the children will remember!

God Bless,
JoAnn



Ladies, join Iowa Catholic Radio for our Women's Conference "The Soul of the Matter" on Saturday, November 2 at St. Francis Church. The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 am followed by 3 inspiring speakers, Fr. Wade Menezes, Sonja Corbitt and Susan Tassone. We will also have beautiful music by Anna Nuzzo. Adoration and Confession will be offered all day and well as an array of vendors. You will not want to miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and share it with your friends. For more information and to register go to www.iowacatholicradio.com or call 515-223-1150.

**SERVICE SQUAD
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

You're asking yourself what is Service Squad, well it's a group of STAT kids/adults that are willing to come in and help you out with like yard work or small things that need to be done around your home.

If there is something that you need help with just call Angie Elliott at 515-710-6140 or Angieme4444@aol.com

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of
St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen & Aaron Babinski.



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@gmail.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.



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