



# 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 27, 2019

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C

October 27, 2019- November 3, 2019

### 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**

### OCTOBER 28

## SAINT SIMON AND JUDE

666: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

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

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

### OCTOBER 29

480: ROM 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

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

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

### OCTOBER 30

481: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Clarence Ward**

### OCTOBER 31

667:Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ralph Johnson**

**7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas - Dave Day**

### NOVEMBER 1

## ALL SAINTS DAY

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

667:Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ruth Dale**

**7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carl & Pat Nehring**

### NOVEMBER 2

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL

466: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11

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

**4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg**

### NOVEMBER 3

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

153: Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -Brian Croat**

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

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

**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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Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

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## PASTOR REPORT

### Dear Parishioners:

**This coming week, we have the Feast of All Saints, Friday November 1st. It is a holy day of obligation. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass either on the Vigil or on the Feast Day. I would strongly encourage you to make this your utmost priority! I found a story that I thought gives us some background on the Universal Call to Holiness and Sainthood.**



**A pumpkin story:** "What is it like to be a Christian saint?" "It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you by inviting you to confess your sins and seek reconciliation. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed from you. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness or Holy Spirit inside you to shine for the entire world to see by your serving and sharing love, mercy and forgiveness." This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season. (Fr. Tony Kadavil). The next day, November 2, is All Souls Day. On All Souls Day, we remember those gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Both parishes, we will be calling off individuals names who have died this past year. We want to remember them in a special way. If you have a loved one who died since November 2018 to the present time and would like a candle lit, please call the office and attend this important Mass on Sunday November 3rd either at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys or St. Thomas Aquinas. There is a history in the Jewish tradition for the remembrance of the dead. The Talmud states that the prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to the deceased. Orthodox Jews also recite prayers 11 months after the death of a loved one so he or she will be purified. It is called the Mourner's Kaddish. Jesus and his apostles also shared this belief and passed it on to the early church. "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers" is a popular inscription found on the walls of the Roman catacombs. There is biblical evidence from the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures. From the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures-we find the Jewish belief in the need of prayer and sacrifice for the dead in 2 Maccabees 12:46. Proverbs 24:16-tells us that the just sin seven times a day. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians speaks about saved but as going through fire-(1 Corinthians 3:11-15), In Revelations 21:27-we are told, 'nothing unclean shall enter heaven.' Early Church Fathers, Tertullian (160-240 A.D.), Augustine (354-430 A.D.) advised widows to pray for their husbands and St. Monica, St. Augustine's mother requested: "When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar." (Fr. Tony Kadavil and Confessions Book 9, Chapter 11, Section 27). The church synods of Nicea, Florence, and Trent all encouraged the offerings of prayers to the dead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church promulgated by St. John Paul II states, 'almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. (CCC #1032).

Last, but not least, I would like you all to invite to attend the Mission for Perpetual Adoration on Saturday/Sunday November 2nd and 3rd. Fr. Lawrence Villone, Missionary of the Blessed Sacrament, will be here next weekend to talk to us about the graces and need for spending time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. My hope is that you will be here for this inspiring talk!

Blessings and peace! Happy All Hollows Eve, All Saints and All Souls Days! Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass November 2nd

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Jo Naughton, Jeanne Bendon, Josie Schettler, William Seuferer, Marv & Sandy Sauser & Steve Garrett

**Ushers:** Don Bendon, Derry Butler, Dave Slick & Vivian Winkler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Marv & Sandy Sauser

### 8:00 a.m. Mass November 3rd

**Lector:** Penny Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joseph DeWall, Nathan Thomason & Carol VanAernam

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson, Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Joseph DeWall & Nathan Thomason

### 10:15 a.m. Mass November 3rd

**Lector:** Ryan Whitesitt

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jana Lynch, Alex Lynch, Ed Hallin, Zach Hallin, Kathy Timmerman, Cindy Whitesitt & Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Joe & Dorothy Gezel & Bob & Julie Ormsby

**Cleaning Vessels:** Jana Lynch & Alex Lynch

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

**Money Counters: October 27th: Duffy & Rose Metz**

**November 3rd: Dave & Michelle Metz**

**Money Counters there is a new schedule in the back of the church ready for you to pick up. Nov. 17, 2019-March 29,2020.**

**Linens:** Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

### October 20th

<b>Building Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 855.00</b>
<b>Sunday Tithe:</b>	<b>\$ 2,671.00</b>
<b>Plate:</b>	<b>\$ 514.60</b>
<b>Capital Campaign:</b>	<b>\$ 3,344.17</b>



### 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](http://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](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) if you can help. We will begin filling adoration holy hours following the parish mission on Nov 2 and 3.

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### ALL SOULS SAY

As we have traditionally done for All Souls Day at St. Thomas, **Saturday, November 2nd at 4:30 pm, & Sunday, November 3rd at 10:15 a.m.** parishioners are invited to carry lighted candles forward in honor of their loved ones who have passed away during the past year. You may honor any family member or friend in this way, whether or not he or she was a member of this parish. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, please contact the office (515-961-3026). Deadline is October 30th by 4:00 p.m.



### Wine and Cheese Social

There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, November 2nd following 4:30 pm Mass in the Multi Purpose Room.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!**



### 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.

### 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.

### Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

- November 14: 6:30 p.m. Rosary @ Church  
7:00 p.m. Game Night  
(Pizza & 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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: More info to come**

### 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](http://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](mailto:Angieme4444@aol.com)

### Prayer List

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



Please contact Jackle Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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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