



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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November 3, 2019

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C

November 3, 2019- November 10, 2019

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

NOVEMBER 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROME0

485: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 5

486: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1b-3; Lk 14:15-24

9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Good Samaritan

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Joseph Giglio

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

NOVEMBER 6

487: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

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

NOVEMBER 7

488: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4,13-14; Lk 15:1-10

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

NOVEMBER 8

489: ROM 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert

NOVEMBER 9

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

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

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

NOVEMBER 10

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

491: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -Emily Pontolilo

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

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-

Please welcome Fr. Lawrence Villone from Omaha, Nebraska and a member of the Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament. In his bio, it states, "Rev. Fr. Lawrence Villone is a very dynamic preacher and missionary. He is highly successful in establishing Perpetual Adoration Chapels in various parishes and communities around the United States and in other countries. Personally, he has opened up over 200 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapels over the last several years. In addition, Fr. Villone has given numerous missions on devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, and Eucharistic spirituality as well as a variety of other inspirational topics. As a missionary, he zealously strives to achieve the goal of Pope Francis, and the late Saint John Paul II, to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in every parish and Christian community throughout the world."

He will be at St. Thomas Aquinas for all three Masses this weekend. Second, a number of you at the 4:30 p.m. Mass last weekend were greeted with Anti-Catholicism literature when you arrived in the parking lot. Needless to say, when I heard about it and found the literature myself on my vehicle, I was NOT happy. The literature is full of misinformation and falsehoods on the Catholic Church. Please remember: Each and every Sacrament can be found in Scripture (Matthew 28, 1 Peter 3, Acts 22, -Baptism John 20:23-Reconciliation, John 6, 1 Cor. 11, -Eucharist, Acts 8-Confirmation, Ephesians 5-Marriage, 1 Timothy 4-Holy Orders, James 5:14-Anointing of the Sick) Second,, the bible does not claim to be the sole source of authority. (see 2 Thess. 2:15, John 21:25). Third, we have the Eucharist which is the Real Presence of Jesus. (John 6-Bread of Life Discourse) and many walked away from Jesus as he was telling them to 'eat his flesh and drink his blood.' (John 6:66). The early Christian Church were sent to the lions, crucified, or used as human torches for their belief in the Real Presence (The God Eaters). Fourth, even those from other Christian faith traditions will admit that we were the first Christian Church-as we can trace our history back to the apostles (Matthew 16) and early Church fathers (ie. St. Ignatius of Antioch who first coined the term 'Catholic' in 107 A.D. to the Church in Smyrna, St. Polycarp, St. Irenaeus, St. Augustine just to name a few) If you have any questions, regarding the letter, please do not hesitate to call me and make an appointment. Last, Fr. Ray Higgins and I will be traveling this Sunday afternoon to Phoenix, Arizona for three days to enjoy some rest and relaxation with a married couple friend of ours. We will return this coming Wednesday.

Blessings and peace!
Fr. Chris

IOWA FARMERS CAN LEAD ON CLIMATE ACTION

Matt Russell, 5th Generation Iowa farmer and Executive Director of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, will speak about how farmers are important in tackling the climate crisis. They play an instrumental role as we innovate farms around five basic principles of regenerative agricultural systems.

Are you interested ? Where: Trinity United Presbyterian Church
200 S. Howard, Indianola
When: Thursday, November 14th
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass November 9th

Lector: Kris Gross
Eucharistic Ministers: David & Joyce DeGroot, Bill Gross, Leasa Garrett, Genie Hansen, Tim & Kelly Gauger
Ushers: Terri Cooper, Grace Armstrong, Derry Butler & Dave Slick
Cleaning Vessels: Leasa Garrett & Bill Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass November 10th

Lector: Terry Schenfeld
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Schenfeld, Brian & Anne Brennan
Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl & Jack & Kathy Slinker
Cleaning Vessels: Brian & Anne Brennan

10:15 a.m. Mass November 10th

Lector: Elizabeth Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Steph Bintner, Ben Brackney, Dianne Funk, Claire Patin, Dave & Judy Hutton & Elizabeth Williams
Ushers: Bob & Julie Ormsby
Cleaning Vessels: Steph Bintner & Ben Brackney

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

Money Counters: November 3rd: Dave & Michelle Metz

November 10th: Vane & Marilyn Orey

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 27th

Building Fund:	\$ 1,420.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 1,998.00
Plate:	\$ 176.08
Capital Campaign:	\$ 2,728.00



Liturgy with Musicians' Blessing and Commissioning

Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: Please join the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) at Sunday Liturgy and Reception on Sunday, November 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Come, "make a joyful noise" during the Sunday Liturgy, which includes a blessing and commissioning of musicians. Following the liturgy, enjoy light refreshments and networking opportunities during a reception at the Pastoral Center. Contact Angie Murphy, Chapter Director, angiemickymurphy@gmail.com, to RSVP or for further information

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon her.**

Our deepest condolences go out to the Sonnie Brommel family.
Sonnie will be greatly missed by our parish communities.
Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.



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.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

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



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 !!!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS



"Operation Christmas is a group of lay people from several Indianola churches who have come together for the past 30 years to distribute food & gift vouchers to qualified people in Warren County in need at Christmas. This year we need volunteers on Sunday, December 8th to help with the gift distribution. We need about 30 people to help at Wal-Mart. There are 2 shifts--1 at 5:45 to 7:00 pm; 1 from 7-8:00 PM. You can work 1 shift or both shifts. We will also be having a special collection to contribute money to help with buying the gifts for the children. If you write a check, please make it payable to THE HELPING HAND and in memo section state Operation Christmas. **To volunteer to help work or if questions, please contact Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029 by November 26th.**"

Time for Medicare Part D Check-Up

The Social Concerns Committee is holding its annual Medicare Part D Check-Up on Saturday, November 16 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 17 from 8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. During this time anyone on Medicare can get a comparison done of Medicare drug plans for 2020. Every year the plans can change the drugs they cover, their premiums, deductibles and co-payments. At last year's check-up the average savings was \$367 per person with total savings of \$8,454. The Committee is asking that you sign-up for a time to get your comparison done. They will be available after Masses on November 1 & 2 and 9 & 10 to take sign-up

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.5. Contact Steve Garrett at 419-1929 for more information.

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: More info to come

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

Thank you for donating candy to our All Saints Day Eve "Trunk or Treat". It's hard to believe it's already November. This month the church especially remembers those who are no longer here. That's a very hard concept for a child to grasp because children are so full of life. Please pray in your family for those who have died and with whom we join in the communion of saints. Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3 and it will get dark early. So, please be extra cautious in the parking lot before and after Religious Education.

God Bless,
JoAnn

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.

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

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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 Lelnen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen & Aaron Babinski.



Please contact Jackie 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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