



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 24, 2019

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
November 24, 2019- December 1, 2019

NOVEMBER 24

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162: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Bob Van Aernam

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

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

NOVEMBER 25

SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 26

504: Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

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

NOVEMBER 27

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

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

7:00 p.m. MWEA Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 28

506: Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

NOVEMBER 29

507: Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

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

NOVEMBER 30

SAINT ANDREW

684: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

3:30p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Creighton

DECEMBER 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Chuck Long

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

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Sonnie Brommel

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-

We come to the end of the liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King. It seems appropriate that many of the events from the Gospel of Luke culminate on Calvary, where Jesus died on the cross for our sins. It is also a reminder that in the midst of many kings that vie for our attention—power, pleasure, wealth, honor, or even the Caesars that rule over our lives, we have but one King whose reign lasts forever, He is Jesus Christ, the Lord and King. Pope Pius XI thought that it would be appropriate to institute this Feast to counteract the secularism and atheism of his time back in 1925. It is even more appropriate today as secularism and atheism reigns even more in our time and day. We might even believe there is indifference to the faith, which in a sense, is even worse. How do we make Jesus Christ the Lord and King of our lives? This might be something to reflect upon as we end our liturgical year of Cycle C The Gospel of St. Luke readings and enter Cycle A, The Gospel of St. Matthew.

Many of us will be celebrating the Feast of Thanksgiving this coming Thursday. We will be staying here or travel to be with family and friends. It is a great time to give thanks and praise to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us. I remember as a young boy, my mother would invite our relatives (who lived next door or close by) for a Thanksgiving Feast. She would cook the Turkey with all the stuffing, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy, warm the rolls in the oven, make two or three Pumpkin pies plus work hours from scratch making tortellini soup which had a combination of meats and cheeses in a little noodle in chicken soup broth. After being quite full, some of us would find a bedroom and sleep it off or take a walk (as I often did with my cousin, Gloria). These were joyful memories of Thanksgivings in the past. These are blessings that I have cherished and not taken for granted. My hope is that you will truly have a joyous time this upcoming holiday. I have to say it is my favorite holiday. I do enjoy Christmas and Easter immensely too. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Many blessings and peace!

As they say in Italian—Buon Graziamento!
Fr. Chris



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST

Be on the lookout for materials regarding the **Knights of Columbus** "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest coming home with your student in the first week in December this year. Your child will be provided with a contest fact sheet/entry form along with a blank 11x17 poster sheet to be completed with the submission. Entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Entries will be judged and winners will be announced in three age categories (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14) to advance to a district competition.



Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass November 30th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Jo Naughton, Mary Kling, Josie Schetter, William Seufferer, Judy Kirby & John Shandley

Ushers: Derry Butler, Terri Cooper, Grace Armstrong & Dave Slick

Cleaning Vessels: Mary Kling & Amy Jo Naughton

8:00 a.m. Mass December 1st:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol VanAernam, Nathan Thomason & Joseph DeWall

Ushers: Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

Cleaning Vessels: Carol Van Aernam & Nathan Thomason

10:15 a.m. Mass December 1st:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Steph Bintner, Dave & Judy Hutton, Kathy Timmerman, Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Joe & Dorothy Gezel & John & Ann Williams

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Timmerman & Cindy Whitesitt

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

Money Counters: November 24th: Dave & Joyce DeGroot

**December 1st: No Money Counters
Happy Thanksgiving Weekend**

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

November 17th

Building Fund:	\$ 1,135.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 2,268.00
Plate:	\$ 607.00
Capital Campaign:	\$ 850.00

Perpetual Adoration

“Could you not spend one hour with me” (Mt 26:40)

The Perpetual Adoration team is in the process of contacting parishioners who have already completed the invitation for adoration but, we still need more who are willing to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus truly present with us. Please prayerfully consider answering the call by completing an invitation (located in the gathering space) or contacting Anitta Spenner at spennani1975@outlook.com or 515-344-7850. Thank you and God Bless you.

We are providing the Thanksgiving meal at the former St. Joseph's Emergency Family Shelter, now called Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter. As the population of the shelter is about 40 people, we are hoping that some parishioners might like to help by providing pies or vegetable casseroles and a few other items. If you might like to offer help or have questions, please call Ken Bresnan at 515-778-0641 or kenbresana@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Ken and Rita Bresnan



Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, let's 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

Upcoming Indianola KC Events

Indianola KC Country Style Breakfast



Sunday December 1, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Open to the public.

Pancakes, Egg Bake, Sausage, Ham, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash-browns, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

Adults & Carry-outs \$5.00, Children (6 to 12) \$5.00 Children 5 & under are free.

Net proceeds are used to fund our scholarship program.

Wine and Cheese Social



There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, December 7th following 4:30 pm Mass in the Multi Purpose Room.



ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!

St. Thomas Social Concerns:

Keep someone WARM this winter!



During November, our parish is collecting cash donations and fabric to make fleece tie blankets for Warren County's homeless. Our 8th grade R.E. classes will help tie blankets.

Cash may be placed in collection baskets at Mass. Please place in an envelope and mark "Blankets".

If donating fleece, please purchase 4 1/2 yards. Solid or plaid fleece suitable for a wide range of age/interest is encouraged (rather than sports teams, cartoons, etc.). Fleece may be placed in containers in the Gathering Space.

Thank you. St. Thomas Social Concerns

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."

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.

Children's Choir will sing Saturday, November 23rd at 4:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.

They will sing Saturday, December 14th 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education 2019-20



Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner

Thank you to everyone who generously donated money or fleece fabric for our 8th grade RE class to make warm tie-blankets for HEAL House which ministers to the homeless in Indianola.

We are entering the season of Advent, which is such a special time to prepare our hearts for a closer relationship with Jesus when we celebrate Christmas.

We would encourage any Advent activity in your home that would focus on this liturgical season. We're not at Christmas yet, so it's important to keep the emphasis on "waiting" not "celebrating". There is something to be said for preparation and anticipation.

If you need Advent ideas for your family, you can email me at jsayredre@gmail.com. We'd love to help you make this a special time for your family.

God Bless,
JoAnn

Attention all Check Writers

If you write a check to St. Thomas please place what it is to go toward in the memo area of the check such as Tithes, Capital Campaign Phase 3, Building Fund etc.. This will assure that your check goes to the correct fund.

Thank You, Staff

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

- December 7: Cookie Walk 8 am-11 am
- December 12: Christmas Party 6:30-7:00 Appetizer/Social 7:00 Supper at Annelise Winery



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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