



# 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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December 1, 2019

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A

December 1, 2019- December 8, 2019

#### 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

#### DECEMBER 2

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

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carolyn McElwee

#### DECEMBER 3

##### SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

176: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

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

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

#### DECEMBER 4

##### SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

177: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

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

#### DECEMBER 5

178: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21-24-27

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Florence Lee

#### DECEMBER 6

##### SAINT NICHOLAS

179: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31

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

#### DECEMBER 7

##### SAINT AMBROSE

180: Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

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

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John Swatta

#### DECEMBER 8

##### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Jim Boyd

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

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

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation for Simpson is at St. Thomas

5:00 p.m. Mass for Simpson is at St. Thomas-

**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-

It is hard to believe that we are in a new liturgical year, Cycle A, Gospel of St. Matthew and in the Advent Season. Some highlights of the Advent Season: It comes from the Latin word, Adventus, meaning coming; it marks the beginning of the liturgical year; it has two meanings-the celebration of Christ's coming into the world and his second coming, St. Bernard speaks about his coming in mystery as well as in -our hearts, our lives, in the Eucharist; there is a focus on light and darkness, primarily coming from the Gospel of John. The first portion of Advent runs from the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 30/December 1 to December 16-Gaudete Sunday-this is a preparation for the second coming of Christ. The Second portion prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ-Christmas. Last, It was believed that the origins of Advent go back to the 4th century in France as they used the time before the Epiphany (January 6-Official Date) as a time of preparation for Baptism. Some call this St. Martin's (St. Martin of Tours) Lent (started on his feast day, November 11). Advent, as we know it today developed in Rome during the late 6th/early 7th century by Pope Gregory I, who composed many of the prayers, antiphons, and psalm responses. Many themes and ideas we know today can be traced to the Roman Advent Season (Source: A Brief History of Advent-Advent Resources). One of the highlights of this upcoming Season is the Cookie Walk. Our St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society is having their Annual Cookie Walk this Saturday December 7, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with a variety of cookies, other types of foods, crafts, vendors, Christmas trees, and an appearance of Santa. I would highly encourage parishioners from both parishes to attend this wonderful, festive event.

Happy First Sunday of Advent and have a Blessed Advent Season!  
Fr. Chris



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

**Help the Knights of Columbus give a Helping Hand to the needy this advent season! As part of our national program, Helping Hands, the Knights of Columbus Council 5032 is sponsoring a parish-wide program to help stock Indianola's local food pantry, The Helping Hand. Critical needs for The Helping Hand this season include:**

1. Food items high in protein--canned chicken, canned soups and peanut butter, especially.
2. Personal items such as underwear (all sizes) and hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) are also in high demand.
3. Paid laundry cards or laundry soap and bags.
4. Items for families to do a baking project together--almond bark and pretzels are suggested.

As you do your shopping during the holiday season, please consider adding one of these items to your list. Bring your items to the box display in the gathering space starting this Saturday, November 30 through Sunday, December 15.



## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass December 7th:

**Lector:** Kris Gross  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross, Genie Hansen, Tim & Kelly Gauger, Mary Kling, Jeannie Bendon,  
**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Derry Butler  
**Cleaning Vessels:** Tim & Kelly Gauger

### 8:00 a.m. Mass December 8th:

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Martin & Marcia Konrad & Carol Van Aernam  
**Ushers:** Carol Proctor, Kathryn Pierson, Jack & Kathy Slinker  
**Cleaning Vessels:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

### 10:15 a.m. Mass December 8th:

**Lector:** Ed Tormey  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Hallin, Zach Hallin, Dianne Funk, Alex Lynch, Jana Lynch & Kathy Timmerman  
**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton & Ben Brackney  
**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.**

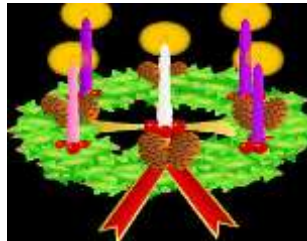
**Money Counters: December 1st: No Money Counters  
Happy Thanksgiving Weekend**

**December 8th: Terry & Bev Elbert**

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

### November 24th

<b>Building Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 690.00</b>
<b>Sunday Tithe:</b>	<b>\$ 2,933.00</b>
<b>Plate:</b>	<b>\$ 637.23</b>
<b>Capital Campaign:</b>	<b>\$ 2,950.00</b>



1st  
Sunday  
Of  
Advent  
is  
December 1st

### 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](mailto:spennani1975@outlook.com) or 515-344-7850. Thank you and God Bless you.

### MISSION MOMENTS

Mission Moments, an opportunity to share your time and talents within our community. In collaboration with STAT, we would like to conduct fall cleanup activities for our members. Please, sign up or nominate someone who would appreciate the assistance. You may write names/contact information/location on the sign up sheet on the clipboard on the table at the back of church OR email the information to "[missionmomentsingodscountry@gmail.com](mailto:missionmomentsingodscountry@gmail.com)"  
Mia Gehringer & Christian Bengtson  
Mission Moments-Community Service Coordinators

### VOTIVE CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER STAND

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**

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jsayredre@gmail.com). We'd love to help you make this a special time for your family.

God Bless,  
JoAnn

### Big Band Affair – Saturday, December 14

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Norwalk is hosting the *High Society Big Band* playing the songs of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey and many more. The event is from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. This excellent 15 piece band will be playing for your listening or dancing pleasure. Beverages will be available for purchase and light snacks will be provided. Pre-event tickets are \$60/table of 8 (reserved), \$8/single, or \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office, 720 Orchard Hills Dr., Norwalk or call 515-981-4855. Take time during this busy season to just relax and enjoy.

### 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 !!!!**

### 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

### 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.

### 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!!!

### 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.



### 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.**

**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.

### Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of **S t T h o m a s A q u i n a s C h u r c h O n l y .**

**Doug A ndreasen, E d Lelnen , Jean Veasman ,  
Loretta Petersen & A ron B abinski.**




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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