



# 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 8, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A  
December 8, 2019- December 15, 2019

#### DECEMBER 8

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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

#### DECEMBER 9

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

689: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas  
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-  
6:30 Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception  
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carolyn McElwee  
DECEMBER 10  
182: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14  
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Carolyn & Richard Woodruff  
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

#### DECEMBER 11

#### SAINT DAMASUS I

183: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bea Johnson

#### DECEMBER 12

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

690A: Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 23;18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bea Johnson

#### DECEMBER 13

#### SAINT LUCY

185: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

#### DECEMBER 14

#### SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

186: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

#### DECEMBER 15

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Lambert & Dolly Brommel  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour  
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter  
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass 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-

This week we celebrate two Marian Feasts. The first is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is normally a holy day of obligation. This year, since the date has been moved to the 9th (The Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over any Marian and Saint Feast Day), it is not a Holy Day. The celebration of this Feast actually dates back to the Seventh Century. Some theologians contended that Mary could have only been sinless if she was exempt from original sin, while others contended that she could only have been redeemed if she was subject to original sin. The Church has stated from the fifteenth century that she was conceived without original sin and remained without sin throughout her entire life. This doctrine was formally defined by Pope Pius IX-(Ineffabilis Deus, December 8th, 1854), 'Mary, in the first instance of her conception by a singular privilege and grace granted by God in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the Human Race was preserved free from all stain of original sin.' She remained without sin by cooperating and fully responding to God's Grace throughout her life. We find evidence of this in Scripture through the Early Church Father's reflection upon Genesis 3:15 and Luke 1:28. The next feast is celebrated Thursday December 12-The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Juan Diego, a sixteenth century, simple faithful layman, was walking to church one Saturday morning, December 9, 1531 when Our Lady appeared to him and asked him to ask the Bishop to build a chapel on Tepeyac Hill. St. Juan Diego was sidetracked for a good reason. He desired to tend to a sick Uncle, whom the blessed Mother assured would get well. He followed through on her request to the Bishop who was quite skeptical of the vision. Then, Juan brought roses that came to bloom in the middle of Winter, a miracle in itself, yet, even a greater miracle happened, for in his tilma was the image of Our Lady. The Bishop believed and had a chapel built. It was recorded that nine million in Mexico converted to Christianity. This Feast is celebrated by the Mexican culture annually. (Source-Franciscan Media)

These two feasts are the only times during Advent where the Gloria is recited or sung. Let us remember the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way this week through these two significant feasts and consider attending Mass in her honor.

Happy Second Week of Advent!

Fr. Chris

### Indianola Knights December Events

Monthly Meeting Thursday December 12  
Parish Hall 7:00 PM  
Christmas Party Sunday December 15  
La Vida Loca Winery 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM



**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 14th:

**Lector:** Lanny Ward

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lanny Ward, Leasa Garrett, Josie Schettler, William Seuferer, John Shandley, Deacon Dave & Jeannie Bendon

**Ushers:** Don Bendon Grace Armstrong, Terri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Lanny Ward & Leasa Garrett

### 8:00 a.m. Mass December 15th:

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld & Carol Proctor

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor, Kathryn Pierson, Brian & Anne Brennan

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

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

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Dave & Judy Hutton, Steph Bintner, Ed Hallin & Zach Hallin

**Ushers:** Ed & Connie Tormey

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave & Judy Hutton

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

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

**December 15th: Jack & Kathy Slinker**

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

### December 1st

**Building Fund: \$ 2,372.00**

**Sunday Tithe: \$ 3,410.00**

**Plate: \$ 538.53**

**Capital Campaign: \$ 2379.00**

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord**

**And let perpetual lights shine upon him.**

Our deepest condolences go out to the Dan Kosman family.

Dan will be greatly missed by our parish communities.

Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.



Just a reminder to have your Christmas Flower Offerings into the office no later than Monday, December 16th

To assure that your loved ones Name (s) will make the insert that will be place in the bulletin Sunday, December 22nd!!



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are continuing to fill hours and preparing for Perpetual Adoration which we hope to launch soon. We currently have M- W filled and are in need of adorers to fill Thursday and Friday hours as well as persons willing to be an adoration sub. For those who have already signed up, we will continue to provide updates on start times via the bulletin, church announcements and via email or text messages. Additionally, we will be conducting adorer training and information meetings next week. The meeting is optional for adorers and also open to anyone who has questions or would like a little more information. If interested you may attend the meeting on Sunday Dec. 8 at 2pm or the one on Tuesday Dec. 10 at 7pm. Both meetings will be held in the Multi-Purpose room at St. Thomas. If you are interested in signing up for an hour on either Thursday or Friday or in being a substitute adorer, please contact Anitta Spenner at spennani1976@outlook.com or at 515-344-7850. Thank you and God Bless.

**SAVE-THE-DATE:**

Trivia Night for HEAL House and Habitat for Humanity  
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 6 p.m.  
More information to come  
Sponsored by St. Thomas Social Concern Committee

**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 !!!!**

**A HUGE THANK-YOU** to everyone that was able to contribute to the special collection for Operation Christmas. Once again, we have been blessed with some amazing families that have went ABOVE & BEYOND to help make this a success!! You are all such giving and caring people! THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support for this program for the children and families of Warren County.

**Attention ACH Users!!!!**

There are envelopes with flowers on them in the back of the church that you can fill out and place in the gift basket as it goes around, so your loved ones can be remembered this Christmas season.



**2nd Sunday  
Of Advent**

**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, December 28th 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 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

**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



**Policy on Cancellation**



When **Indianola schools** are closed, **CGS, RE and STAT WILL NOT** have classes.

**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 Jackie 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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