



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 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A

December 29, 2019- January 5, 2019

DECEMBER 29

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17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Pam Gavin

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Bill Babcock

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

DECEMBER 30

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 31

VIGIL OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Maggie Seymour

5:30 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Mary Cunningham

NO 6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas

JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

18: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Albert Bassier

JANUARY 2

SAINT BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-David Barnes

JANUARY 3

206: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34

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

JANUARY 4

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

207:1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

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

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ryan Kalitzki

JANUARY 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Carl & Pat Nehring

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Dan Kosman

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

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-

The Church celebrates five big Feasts/Solemnities in the Christmas Season. The first, of course, is the Birthday of the Messiah, Christmas. This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, with the baby Jesus. St. Bernard of Clairvaux once stated, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure. (First Homily on the 'Missus Est'). Pope Leo XIII stated that St. Joseph 'shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men.' (Encyclical, Quamquam Pluries, 1889). He continued, "Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ." Pope Pius IX had proclaimed St. Joseph the 'Patron of the Catholic Church' in 1870.

It was Mary and Joseph who took care of Jesus' physical body and who call for us to do the same for His Mystical Body, the Church and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. In the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer and, we too, are called to render appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. (Trinity Communications, source)

Last, on January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The term, Theotokos-God bearer goes back to the third or fourth century and officially consecrated as Catholic Doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, as crowds of people marked chanting through the streets after this Council concluded, "Praised be the Theotokos!"

It was based on the doctrine of the Incarnation, as expressed by St. Paul-"God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law-(Galatians 4:4).

Vatican II, 'Lumen Gentium' (Light of the Peoples) calls Mary, the Mother of God twelve times.

SS. Popes Paul VI and John Paul II established this day as a World Day of Peace-to both parishes.

One other comment: I would ask that if you are the last one out of the building to make sure all lights are off and the building is secured. It helps us all keep the cost of utilities down. Thanks for your help and cooperation on this matter.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and a Happy Healthy 2020!

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

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Lector: David DeGroote

Eucharistic Ministers: David & Joyce DrGroote, Josie Schettler, William Seuferer, John Shandley & Jeannie Bendon

Ushers: Don Bendon, Grace Armstorg, Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: David & Joyce DeGroote

8:00 a.m. Mass January 5th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathan Thomason, Martin & Marcia Konrad

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

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass January 5th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Steph Bintner, Alex Lynch, Jana Lynch, Kathy Timmerman, Ann Williams, Dianne Funk, Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool & Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Steph Bintner & Dianne Funk

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

Money Counters: December 29th: Dave & Michelle Metz

January 5th: Vane & Marilyn Orey

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

December 22nd

Building Fund:	\$ 1,080.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 3,580.00
Plate:	\$ 678.42
Capital Campaign:	\$ 160.00

Poinsettia Plant Add On



Names
Luella Nickelson & Family



In Memory of
Dwight Nickelson

For those of you that give a considerable amount of money at the end of the year. Per the Diocese of Des Moines, the office must have all funds into the bank on or before December 31st. We will no longer be able to give you credit if you write the check in 2019 and it goes to the bank in 2020.

Thank you,
Staff

Perpetual Adoration

We will be holding a reception and Chapel open house after all masses the weekend of December 27 and 28. The reception will be in the multi purpose room and we will have the Chapel open for parishioners and visitors. We will also be signing up new adorers to hopefully fill Thursday, Friday and Sunday hours. If you have not yet signed up PLEASE prayerfully consider giving and scheduling just one hour of your time. You can sign up at the open house or you may do so from any device at <https://www.adorationpro.org/taindianola> or from the link on the adoration page of the St. Thomas web site (stthomasindianola.com). You can also sign up by contacting Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com.

Thanks again
Anitta

Indianola Knights of Columbus



January Events

Sunday January 5 Country Style Breakfast
Serving from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Thursday January 9 Monthly Meeting
Meal 6 to 7 Meeting at 7:00 PM

The Indianola Knights of Columbus extend their thoughts & prayers to everyone during this time of the year. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!



Religious Education 2019-20

Merry Christmas! The children have enjoyed learning about the season of Advent as we now embrace the Christmas season.

The Christmas season is a lot harder to teach children because the minute the toys are opened and the food is gone, they think Christmas is over. However, the Christmas season runs from December 25 all the way until January 6, which is the Epiphany of Our Lord.

The third graders are currently learning the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary – the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Christ, the Presentation and the Finding in the Temple.

You can ask Carol Bailey's 5:30 pm 6th grade class to recite the Apostle's Creed. Everyone learned it and earned a pizza party. Congratulations!

As we hit the halfway point of the school year, we want to especially thank all of our Catechists! Your dedication is God's gift to us and the sharing of your faith is your gift to God and the children.

God Bless, Joann

Office Hours for the next couple of weeks:

January 1st New Years Day Closed
January 2nd Closed



Encounter: First Fridays Eucharistic Adoration with Jon Leonetti

Friday, January 3rd, 2019 | 7:00 pm | St. Pius X Catholic Church
You are invited to sit with Jesus for an hour of prayer in the form of Eucharistic Adoration. Speaker and Iowa Catholic Radio host, Jon Leonetti will be speaking on how his encounter with Christ has changed his life. Praise and worship music will accompany a time of personal prayer with food and fellowship afterwards. Families of all ages are welcome. For more information, please email firstencounterdsm@gmail.com.

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

Wine and Cheese Social



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



ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

January 14 – Random Acts of Kindness (6:30 Rosary)

February – Meals From the Heartland – 1 hour packing only!
So many of you enjoyed this even last month and requested we do it again! I will try for February 10-13 but the schedule hasn't come out yet so will let you know ASAP!



When dropping off for Wednesday Religious Ed or for STAT please take in to consideration that there will be people in the parking lot either walking to the building or to their vehicles.

Thank you,
Staff



Policy on Cancellation



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

Heal House Thanks You

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the HEAL House of Iowa throughout the year. If you would like a receipt with our EIN # for your taxes, please contact either Angie Elliott @ 515-710-6140 or Dorothy Gezel @ 515-238-2788

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

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.

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, January 11th 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 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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