



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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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.
Lenten Schedule: Saturdays 3:30 pm-4:15 pm February 29th-April 4th of 2020.
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-les3garr@yahoo.com

March 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
March 29, 2020-April 5, 2020

MARCH 29

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34: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Brian Croat

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Willie Bintner

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Willie Bintner

NO 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson Smith Chapel

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

MARCH 30

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary, Exposition & Benediction at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

7:00 Reposition at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Tim Chicoine

MARCH 31

252: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton

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

APRIL 1

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn8:31-42

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Irene Jones

APRIL 2

SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA

254: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

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

APRIL 3

255: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas

APRIL 4

SAINT ISIDORE

256: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

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

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

April 5

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

37: Mt 21:1-11 (procession) 38: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11;

Mt 26:14-27:66

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Louis & Vada Miller

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Ketch

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Lester Metz

4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson Smith Chapel

5:00 p.m. Mass Simpson Smith Chapel

All Masses & Activities have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus

**You will find updates on the Website & Facebook
Daily Mass & Sunday Mass will be via Website & Facebook
Post times : Daily Mass 11am Weekend Mass 4 pm Saturdays**

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:

My hope is that many of you are listening in or viewing the livestreaming/streaming Masses, announcements/communications, prayers over the last weeks. These are uncharted territories for most of us. It is really important that we stay close to Jesus during these difficult times. We need to converse and listen with our hearts. We need to share what is really going on inside with us with Him, but also make sure we are staying in touch with friends (physical presence with social distancing, phone, facetime, e-mail, texts, etc.). God never meant for us to carry our burdens alone.

I was reflecting on our readings today. Ezekiel speaks about dry bones but that new life will come from the time of their exile. It is a message of hope to a people in a foreign land, foreign culture during the 6th century B.C. Some of them would have been born in Babylon and some died there with 50 plus years of exile. Can you imagine 50 years? That is a long time. They needed the prophet's word to bring hope, healing, and consolation such as Ezekiel and Isaiah, who at times, could be tough on the people and their sins. Then, we see Jesus coming along the scene to Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Lazarus was terminally ill, ready to die. Jesus took off. Didn't he care? Why would he do such a thing at their hour of need? Then, he dies. He has been dead for four days. Jews would believe the soul left the body after 3 days. Jesus would demonstrate that he was unlike any others. He would raise Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus, COME OUT! In their great moment of despair and sadness, Jesus brings hope and new life. He wants to do the same for us in this challenging time of global history. He wants to bring hope to us, as we encounter, social distancing, spiritual sacrifice from Holy Communion, and for some of us, being forced to work out of our homes or others of us, finding ourselves unemployed due to company cutbacks or other challenging situations. God wants to bring hope and new life to us as he did to the Jews in exile, to Mary and Martha, and to us today.

Blessings and peace on this Passiontide Sunday!

Fr. Chris

Holy Week

As of March 26th

Fr. Chris has been informed by the Diocese that IF we have Holy Thursday, April 9th that there will be NO Feet Washing or Precession .

Fr. Chris will have another meeting with the Diocese on March 31st, so stay tuned for updates.

Easter Flower

Thank you to the St. Thomas Parishioners that have contributed to the Easter Flowers, however at this time we are no longer accepting donations for flowers.

Please know that Fr. Chris will remember you and your loved ones during this Easter Season.

Ministry Schedule

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

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

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannie Bendon, Tim & Kelly Gauger

Ushers: Mary Kling, Don Bendon, David & Joyce DeGroot

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

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

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Minister: Martin Konrad

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl, Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

Cleaning Vessels: Martin Konrad

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

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Gover,

Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Ushers: Ben Brackney, Dorothy Gezel & John & Ann Williams

Cleaning Vessels: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

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

Everything is subject to change !!!

Updates will be located on the Website & Facebook

Money Counters: March 29th: Dave & Joyce DeGroot

April 5th: NO MONEY COUNTER

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke, Judy Kirby & Terry Schenfeld

March 15th

Building Fund:	\$ 0
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 1,525.00
Plate:	\$ 0
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0
Easter Flowers:	\$ 225.00

Prayerfully consider continuing your weekly Tithes ,Building Fund & monthly Capital Campaign Pledge as expenses will continue to come in. You may drop your envelope off in the Secured Box on the wall under the Office sign or place it in the mail.

St. Thomas Parishioners

As the Coronavirus has official taken precedence in Iowa . We are all feeling the effects of this from our workplace to even at home. We ask you to prayerfully consider continuing your weekly Tithes & Building Fund & monthly Capital Campaign Pledge. You may drop them off in the black box located by the Office Sign on the wall. Bulletins and ACH Forms will be on the table as well.

Thank you,
Staff

Cantata

On April 5th a collection of vocalists and instrumentalists will gather to present the Easter story in song. The group of approximately 50 musicians primarily from the Madison/Warren county area have been rehearsing since the beginning of the year and look forward to sharing this story with you.

The event is sponsored by the Warren/Madison County Ecumenical Association and will be presented at the new performance auditorium at Interstate 35 School in Truro on April 5th at 6:00 pm. The cantata will last 35 minutes, and refreshments will follow in the commons. No admission is charged, but a free will offering is appreciated. All donations will assist the I-35 and M-st-M children at risk programs.

As of March 16th: Still nothing confirmed on continuing with April 5th

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

Palm Sunday, April 5th

Drive by Palms: Sunday, April 5th from 10-11am
Drive to the St. Thomas Aquinas Church parking lot (east entrance, on Hwy 92) and someone will be there handing out Palms. No need to get out of your car. This assures you of having a Blessed item in your home during these difficult days. God bless. Stay safe!

LETS ALL PRAY NOT PANIC!!!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com or contact Martin Konrad at 961-0329. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by **April 15, 2020.**



STARS Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS) is awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Indianola) to help further his/her education. Recipients are to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a degree, license, or certification in a college the semester immediately following high school graduation.

Applications for this scholarship must be turned into the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office **no later than 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 2020**, to be considered.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

April 16th: Girls Night Out

June 4th: 7:00 Bunco @ Steph's House (Bring a snack to share)



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 11th at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 12th at 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

Msgr. Frank Bognanno – 8 AM Mass

Fr. Chris Fontanini – 10:15 AM Mass

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Just a friendly reminder

Sign up sheets for Holy Week are located at the Receptions Desk.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday 8 am and 10:15 am Masses.

Please prayerfully consider signing up if you are attending any of the above.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner



NO Good Shepherd, RE or STAT until further notice.

God bless,
JoAnn



Perpetual Adoration

Continuous Eucharistic Adoration will continue in the church from 4pm on Sundays through 4pm on Thursdays. The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed but the Lord is no less present and still desires and is pleased when we visit him.

Visitors may come to adore our Lord during hours that the church is open, Monday - Friday 7am-8pm. Please be sure to spread out in the church if there are multiple adorers. Per guidelines we are limiting adorers to 10 in the church at any given time. If you are not a scheduled adorer and there are 10 persons in the church already, please come at an alternate time.

Additionally, we will be holding adoration from 8am until noon on Sunday mornings in the church. (St. Thomas). We are limiting adorers to 10 at each hour (8-9, 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12). You MUST sign up to adore during these hours. If you are interested please contact Anitta Spenner and provide your name, phone number/email, the number of adorers and the time(s) you prefer. We will attempt to accommodate all those interested but in keeping to the limit of 10 it may not be possible.

Please remember to pray for an end to the virus and it's spread and for all who are sick with the virus.

If you have any questions please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com.

Anitta Spenner

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen, Aaron Babinski, Len Miller &
Mike Metz



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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