



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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April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A

April 5, 2020-April 12, 2020

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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

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

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

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

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

April 6

257: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

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-Mary Kahler

April 7

258: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

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

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

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

April 8

259: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Donald Mangold

April 9

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

260: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

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

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at Immaculate Conception-Mary Kahler

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas-Therese Crawford

April 10

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

40: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25; Heb4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

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

5:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgical Service with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception

7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgical Service with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion at St. Thomas

April 11

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

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

NO 3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

NO 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil with Blessing of Easter Fire,

lighting of the Paschal Candle at St. Thomas-Anthony Weeks

April 12

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9; Mt 28:1-10

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Darcy Moeller

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

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

NO 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

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

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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Rectory Phone 962-2063

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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We are entering the Holiest of weeks of the year, Holy Week. According to the directives of the Diocese of Des Moines, it will be an unusual and unique Holy Week this year. Yes, there will be Masses and Services (Good Friday is a service) we will be livestreaming them since we are not allowed to have more than 10 people in the church. With the news that the virus could peak in the next two weeks, we do need to take many precautions. There will be Palm Sunday Masses live streamed as well in both churches. The Masses will be available to watch and participate in after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas and after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at St. Marys. You may watch either one, if you so choose, or watch it on television or the internet through EWTN, Bishop Barron, etc.

There will be drive up palms with parishioners in gloves to distribute palms at St. Thomas Aquinas from the Entrance of Hwy 92 and then we ask you to exit by the way of R63, parishioners with baskets will be waiting for your tithe offerings. At Immaculate Conception, St. Marys, we ask that you turn right at Iowa, another right past the North Side grill, and another right on St. James where you will be greeted with parishioners (who have gloves) with palms and sacramentals on the passenger side of the car and can put offerings in.

I will make myself available for confessions on Monday April 6 at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys from 6-7 p.m. I would ask that you go behind the screen for now and keep the social distancing of 6 feet for your sake and mine. Tuesday, April 7th, I will be available for confessions from 6-7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. Again, I am strongly encouraging, we do this behind the screen and keep 6 feet distance.

Holy Thursday, April 9th, I will do a Mass that will be made available in the evening hours. There will be no foot washing or procession this year with the Blessed Sacrament. It will be greatly subdued.

For Good Friday, The Veneration of the Cross will be live streamed and will be available in the mid to late afternoon. We will add a prayer for those with the corona virus and their healing.

The Easter Vigil will be greatly subdued this year. It will be made available in the late hours of Saturday April 11th and can be watched on early Sunday morning. I will also do an Easter Mass on Sunday that will be made available in the late morning.

I know this will be a great hardship on all of us this year! We can offer up this suffering for the conversion of many to Christ's gracious and merciful love as Christ's suffering on this cross had the purpose and meaning to redeem the world. Remember: Evil does not have the final say. There will be a resurrection and Jesus and those who follow Christ do win in the end!

Happy Holy Week!
Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

**April 9th : Holy Thursday, April 10th: Good Friday,
April 11th:Easter Vigil, April 12th : Easter 8 am & 10:15 am
All have sign up sheets by the Receptions desk**

4:30 p.m. Mass April 18th:

Lector: Kris Gross
Eucharistic Ministers: Darrell Pottebaum,
Brooklyn Pottebaum & Judy Kirby
Ushers: Vivian Winkler, Terri Cooper, Derry Butler &
Grace Armstrong
Cleaning Vessels: Darrell Pottebaum & Brooklyn Pottebaum

8:00 a.m. Mass April 19th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker
Eucharistic Minister: Nathan Thomason
Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker, Carol Proctor &
Kathryn Pierson
Cleaning Vessels: Nathan Thomason

10:15 a.m. Mass April 19th:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Whitesitt, Kathy Timmerman,
Ben Brackney
Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool & Dave & Judy Hutton
Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Timmerman & Ben Brackney

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: April 5th: NO MONEY COUNTER

April 12th: NO MONEY COUNTER

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

March 15th

Building Fund:	\$ 0
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 0
Plate:	\$ 0
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0

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,

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 .

Please Read Fr. Chris's Pastor Report for more information.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner



NO Good Shepherd, RE or STAT until further notice.

God bless,
JoAnn

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!

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



LETS ALL PRAY NOT PANIC!!!

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.

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

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

April 16th: Girls Night Out **CANCELLED**



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

Please remember in your prayers, Tom Cutts, who died this past week. He is the brother of Larry Cutts of our parish. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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**.



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.


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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