



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

April 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
April 26, 2020-May 3, 2020

April 26

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273: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30; Jn 6:22-29
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-Dr. Joe Brennan
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Anna Marie Blair
NO 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson Smith Chapel
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Simpson Smith Chapel

April 27

273: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

April 28

SAINT PETER CHANEL

274: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Darrell Konrad

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

APRIL 29

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

275: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Cooney

APRIL 30

SAINT PIUS V

276: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bob VanAernam

MAY 1

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

277: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

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

MAY 2

SAINT ATHANASIUS

278: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

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

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

MAY 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

Barbara Croat & Brian Croat

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

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Lori Frueh

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

Office Hours: Monday-Fridays 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458

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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I will never forget being with the Gezel family the Sunday before Christmas and getting the news that their loved one, Joe may not make it, from one of the doctors and nurse practitioners. It was quite disheartening to say the least, our emotions were even more intensified, as this was three days before Christmas. The parish came together with prayers and fasting. The miracle occurred as Joe began to improve, to talk, and eventually go home last month. It was nothing short of a miracle. Thanks, and praise be to God!

We, often wonder, what must have been going on in the minds of Cleopas and a few others on the road to Emmaus. They were downright depressed, dejected, saddened, and grief stricken by the murder of their best friend, Jesus. Then, they speak about hearing reports of his resurrection, that He was alive! This just doesn't happen. It was all too good to be true. Then, the stranger comes along to listen, to engage in dialogue and debate, explaining the Hebrew Scriptures and all that would take place. They break bread, their hearts and minds were awakened to the realization of his presence. The stranger vanishes. Their hearts were burning, that it was not too good to be true. The stranger was Jesus. Jesus had risen and was alive! It was a hope-filled moment.

We need lots of hope these days. We are saddened by the loss of and the hunger for Jesus in the Eucharist, his body, blood, soul, and divinity. We feel the negative effects of social distancing without hugs or handshakes. We are saddened by postponing our weddings, funerals, or not being able to attend prom or our own graduations. Our baseball, track, and other sports or extra-curricular activities have either been livestreamed or downright cancelled indefinitely. We are devastated by all this news of this! Who or what is our Hope, our Refuge, our Stronghold, our Anchor during these times? Hopefully, it is the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one we can turn to-to talk even if it is venting (He knows everything, right? Why hide it from Him) or listening with our hearts. We have his Word, the Scriptures, yes, livestreamed Masses/Spiritual Communion (I know it's not the same), yet, he is here, suffering with us. You and I need to unite our sufferings to His on the Cross, knowing that the Cross and death does not have the final say, the resurrected life does. I invite us to hold on to the image of the Risen Lord during this most difficult time. The Gezels showed us that miracles do happen! Miracles will continue to happen! Let's pray and hope for end to this pandemic and renew our lives to Christ more deeply during this Easter Season! Yes, He has Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Happy Third Sunday of Easter!

Fr. Chris

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Quarterly Comparison**

JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019
Income-\$87,516.01	\$46,807.68	\$73,380.52
Expenses-\$37,878.88	\$36,926.25	\$38,771.11
\$49, 637.13	\$9,881.43	\$34,609.41

JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020
Income: \$ 73,688	\$ 50,244	\$ 41,497
Expense: \$ 55,707	\$ 40,951	\$ 37,452
Difference: \$17,981	\$ 9,293	\$ 4,045

The figures above include the Building Fund & Capital Campaign Funds.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED

May 2, 2020

Fr. Chris has requested The Family of Brian & Laura Rothchild to assist with Mass Saturday, May 2nd.

Mass Intentions : John Swatta

Linens: Judy Kirby will be taking care of the Linens during the Live Streamed Masses.

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.

ADA 2020

A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs & services throughout the diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the Appeal supports the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Pledge cards are located by the bulletins. Thank you for your generosity & your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception in the church behind the screen 10 am-11 am Saturday, April 25th and St. Thomas Aquinas in the north end of the parking lot from 11:30-12:30 p.m Sunday, April 26th

Churches continue to be open. If you need a key to get in IC, St. Marys, Please contact the Fire Station or someone who has a key, also let Leasa know that you will be in the church.

Thank you for your generosity in giving during this most difficult time. It is most appreciated! ACH forms are available means to give which are located at both parishes on there tables.

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**

Sacraments of Reconciliation Times
April 25th & 26th.

St. Thomas: Sunday, April 26th 11:30 am– 12:30 pm
Same location as last week

Immaculate Conception : Saturday, April 25th 10 am –11 am
Same location as last week

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,

You, the God who does not abandon. **Amen**

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

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



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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!



We will not be resuming regular Religious Education classes for this year. We are however working on putting out material that will deepen your child's relationship with God. So, please like us on Facebook stthomasindianola.com where we post Masses and weekly activities for the children. Stay safe, and God bless you!

God bless,
JoAnn

Perpetual Adoration

Scheduled Adoration continues to be held in the church from 4pm on Sunday through 5 pm on Thursday. Visitors may adore our Lord any day of the week from 7 am until 9pm. All adorers and visitors must use the main church doors for entrance. Please remember there should be no more than 10 adorers in the church at anytime and to spread out in the church.

For questions or to sign up contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com or by call 515-344-7850.

Thank you,
Anitta



Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianola. This will also have any new updates while we our going through this Covid-19 Pandemic.

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,
Loretta Petersen, A aron B abinski , Len Miller &
Mike Metz



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@gmail.com or 515-250-7385,
Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debble 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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