



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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May 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
May 3, 2020-May 10, 2020

MAY 3

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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

MAY 4

279: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

MAY 5

280: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

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

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

MAY 6

281: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 ; Jn 12:44-50

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

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

MAY 7

282: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Therese Crawford

MAY 8

283: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6

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

MAY 9

284: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

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

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

MAY 10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

52: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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-Beverly Krier

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Irene Jones

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: May 3rd & May 10th will be by appointment only.
Please call the office to schedule an 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:

Last Wednesday, I, along with many others from the Presbyteral Council met for a Re-Opening Meeting. There are lots of questions that are still up in the air. Many of you heard the Governor's Report to re-open churches this weekend. The Diocese looks to not only the State guidelines, public health, the science and medical fields and their data in trying to determine a date. Nothing is set in stone on a date to begin as of yet. Bishop Joensen will be coming out with a statement, if not already, to give us some of the wisdom and data on how we might proceed in the future. I would ask for your patience and prayers during this time. I know it has not been easy. There is no one more anxious in getting back to public masses than myself. I know live streaming is not the same as being here in person. At the same time, we do not want to jeopardize the health and wellbeing of our parishioners either. So, again, I ask for your patience and prayers at this time.

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. We know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Any of us who have worked on the farm or have had to work with sheep know how easily they can go astray and how they need to be corralled or reigned in to prevent themselves from being prey. Sometimes, corrections such as prodding or and I know there are some scholars may dispute this, to break their leg, so they do not go off astray and become prey for other animals. In a sense, we are His sheep, who can easily wonder off the beaten path into sin. He beckons us back with his mercy, forgiveness, and love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Like a teen-ager who gets grounded, or we are given a ticket for speeding, sometimes, correction is needed for each of us to bring us back. We do not like it. It is painful, but we know it also leads us to a deeper relationship with Him, if we heed his warning. Such a warning might be this coronavirus. We have had to step back, reflect, consider priorities, and be less concerned with the material things of life and more focused on faith and family. It has not been easy at all. When this is all said, done, and over, we will see God's hand and the blessings that may have come our way during this most challenging time.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday-
Fourth Sunday of Easter!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED

May 9, 2020

Fr. Chris has requested The Family of Adam & Amy Jo Naughton to assist with Mass Saturday, May 9th .

Mass Intentions : Beverly Krier

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

Mission Trip Planning Meeting online-Monday May 4, 7:00 p.m.

RCIA-SKYPE-Tuesday May 5, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday May 7th-ZOOM online 7 p.m. for IC, St. Marys

Masses livestreamed May 9-4:00 p.m. St Thomas Aquinas 10:00 a.m. IC, St. Marys on Sunday May 10th-

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

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**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call the office. It will be done only by Appointment for the next couple of weeks May 3rd & May 10th.



Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd of the flock, you tend and feed and protect your chosen people and only ask us to put our trust in your loving care. You set a table before us, you welcome us and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ever thankful for all our blessings, O Savior of the world, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Good Shepherd & Vocation Weekend

Diocese of Des Moines Vocations Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Give to the People of the Diocese hearts open to the Call of Your Holy Spirit.

Help us Work Together with William, our Bishop to Cultivate a Culture of Vocation.

Inspire our Young People to Give Generously of Themselves and the Courage to Follow their Vocation in Life.

In the Spirit of Faith, Love, and Sacrifice, Help our Parents Rejoice when their Children are Called in Service of Your Church.

May the Parishes of Southwest Iowa Support those Called to Priesthood, Diaconate, Lay Ministry, and Consecrated Life.

Sustain our Faith which Calls us To Walk in the Footsteps of Christ.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Patroness of our Des Moines Diocese, pray for us. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

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



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.

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 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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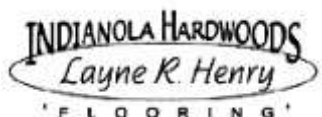
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