



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: 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

May 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
May 10, 2020-May 17, 2020

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

MAY 11

285: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
NO 8:00 a. m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

MAY 12

286: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

MAY 13

287: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Therese Crawford

MAY 14

SAINT MATTHIAS

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Cooney

MAY 15

SAINT ISIDORE

289: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

MAY 16

290: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3,5; Jn 15:18-21
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bess Bassler

MAY 17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16,20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Mary Kahler
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Darrell Konrad
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

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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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Thanks to all of our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, and those who have taken on the role of motherhood with adopted children. It was said that after Pope Pius X mother kissed his papal ring at his installation, she then presented her hand with her wedding ring, saying, "Now you kiss my ring-for without it, you never would have received yours." Source: Catholic Exchange, Today's Saint, August 21, 2019

We can also think of the life of St. Augustine. Without his mother's 34 years of prayers, the church would not have been blessed with a bishop, or one of the great figures who could articulate the truths of faith, and become a great saint later on after a life of wine, women, and song. We know that Jesus was God, yet also human. He had two natures. We have to believe his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary had to contribute to the education and gave a great example of holiness for him as a young boy and into manhood to follow. Mothers, many of whom, have become saints are responsible for contributing to the life of holiness for many men and women throughout the Church's history through their lived example of faith. Happy Mother's Day!

I know many of you have been asking me, "When are we going to begin public mass again, Father? Folks, I wish I knew the answer. I realize it is hard for all of us to be in this position, myself included. I would say, I really miss you all. I would believe that many of my brother priests and fellow ministers in town would echo this sentiment. We do miss our people. Yet, we need to continue to be patient and praying in the next days and weeks ahead. I would invite you if you have not already to go to the church and talk to God and then listen with your hearts. Convey those feelings of impatience, struggles, difficulties, or whatever you may be carrying inside of you and let it out to Him. He can handle it. He already knows all those feelings, thoughts, and emotions are there. I cannot tell you how many times I vent to God while walking in the square or in the church about all of these things that have suddenly come upon us. If you do not have a key (I know a lot of you do at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys), go to the fire station, a neighbor, or someone you know that does and ask to be let in. St. Thomas Aquinas is open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. Some of us have key fobs that can let us in during the night time hours for adoration. It is a great way to spend time with the Lord. I find it peaceful, relaxing, and quite refreshing to spend some time with Jesus-to fall in love with Him! He is the only one that can get us out of this mess!

Blessings and peace! Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Chris

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

No word yet on when Public Mass will begin!
I ask for your patience and prayers!
Happy Mother's Day!
Virtual Blessing of Mother's

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon him.**

Our deepest condolences go out to the
Len Miller Family.

Len will be greatly missed by our parish communities.
Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED

May 16, 2020

Fr. Chris has requested The Family of Tristan & Rosie Grover to assist with Mass Saturday, May 16th .

Mass Intentions : Bess Bassler

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.



"I am going to prepare a place for you"

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples that he will not always be with them. He tells them, "I am going to prepare a place for you". Hearing this they begin to feel anxious. He's going away? He will not be with us?

Today more than ever we share in the anxiety the disciples must have felt! We long to be with Jesus, receive Jesus Sacramentally, but can't. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas spiritual communion consists of "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

The prayer of spiritual communion – which may even be made without words in the yearnings of our heart – shows our deep hunger for the Eucharist; it further shows our deep desire to be united to the Eucharistic life of Christ; it shows, as well, our profound love for the Sacrament of Love!

STAT Kids giving back !!!!

Stat Kids from St. Thomas & Immaculate Conception are wanting to give back to their parish by cooking a meal for any shut ins, medical issues, someone going through a financial hardship or any elder that would just like a hot meal in their belly and to warm their hearts that are from Immaculate Conception & St. Thomas parishes.

If you know of anyone that would benefit from this please contact the office and we will pass the information on.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call the office. It will be done only by Appointment.

Senior Class of 2020!!!

"Below is a list of **Seniors** from our parish who will be graduating this month. Feel free to send the seniors a card or simply keep them in your prayers. As we look with hope to their future, we ask God to bless and guide our graduates in His perfect ways!"

St. Thomas Aquinas

1. Alivia Bauer
2. Sophie Bell
3. Bella Bingaman
4. Jeb Borgmeyer
5. Allison Brewer
6. Gabe Buthmann
7. Blaise Dittmer
8. Eva Gabel
9. Jonathan Huffer
10. Nick Koenig
11. Tom Krapfl
12. Anna Marvelli
13. Maria May
14. Matt McKnight
15. Katie Murphy
16. Caleb Nostrala
17. David O'Meara
18. Preston Pettit
19. Jeffrey Phippen
20. Nicholas Piper
21. Brooklyn Pottebaum
22. Jeffrey Roberts
23. Michael Roberts
24. William Seuferer
25. Maggie Staudacher
26. Gavin Tichy
27. Andrew Winjum
28. Natalie Woosley
29. Gabe Zwanziger

Please contact Johna Clancy at cyclan90@gmail.com if you need an address.

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,

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](https://www.facebook.com/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 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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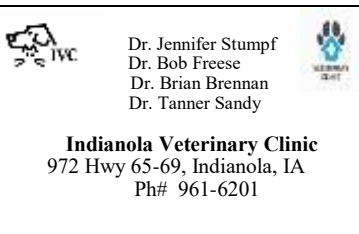
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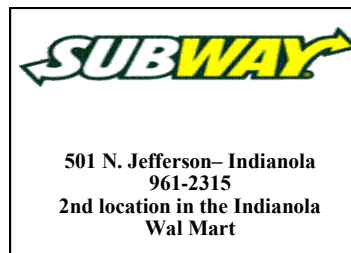
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