



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 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
May 17, 2020-May 24, 2020

MAY 17

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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

MAY 18

SAINT JOHN 1

291: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

MAY 19

292: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

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

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

MAY 20

SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA

293: Acts 17:15,2218:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

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

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

MAY 21

294: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

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

MAY 22

SAINT RITS OF CASCIA

295: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

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

MAY 23

296: 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

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

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

MAY 24

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

58: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

Carol & Frankl Kubik

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Dr. Joe Brennan

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

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

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 will be by appointment ONLY at this time.
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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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Within the last month, I received a letter of resignation from Bart Brummer as a trustee and member of the Finance Council. I want to thank Bart Brummer for his 20 years of service as a member of the Finance Council and nearly 5 years as trustee for the parish. Bart has brought great wisdom, insight, advice, and dedicated service to our parish! He will be missed as a trustee for the parish of St. Thomas Aquinas. When you see Bart, please thank him for his service, time, and efforts for the parish. It is truly appreciated!

I have asked Tim Gauger, also a member of the Finance Council, to step in as Trustee. Tim brings a valuable business sense as accountant for Mid-America energy. I believe he will serve us well as trustee.

Last Monday, Bishop William Joensen began laying the groundwork for re-opening of Churches. Phase I will consist of beginning to celebrate week day Masses (Monday through Saturday morning or in our case, Tuesday through Friday) publicly with proper social distancing, sanitizing pews, more than likely, the call for wearing of masks, no sign of peace, no precious blood (except for the celebrant), removal of hymnals, and the discouragement of those in vulnerable, at risk categories to continue to watch Mass from home via television or livestream.

Phase II would be the beginning of celebrating Saturday evening and Sunday Masses publicly. Sunday Mass obligation will remain suspended for a time. Bishop Joensen, while acknowledging livestream Masses are not the same, also calls for charity, patience, and forbearance to keep our churches safe environments to help stop the spread of the corona virus. I would encourage us to prayerfully consider these factors as we make preparations for the Re-Opening of Churches. I will be in communication with you when Bishop Joensen gives us the greenlight to begin celebrating Masses publicly, whether it be weekday or weekend Masses. Let us continue to pray to the Blessed Mother Mary, all the nine choirs of angels and saints for the end of the pandemic which has hit most of the world.

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel of John this weekend we hear Jesus assure us "I will not leave you orphaned." At some point we all want or even need to hear these words. They speak directly to some of our greatest fears and challenges; abandonment, isolation, and loneliness. They speak to our situation today. When will this virus be over? When will it be safe to go out? Be with friends? Go to Mass? Jesus reminds us, "I will not leave you orphaned." We do not stand alone, and though it may feel like it without the possibility of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist, let us remember the prayer of Spiritual Communion: **My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED

May 23, 2020

Fr. Chris has requested The Hageman Family to assist with Mass Saturday, May 23rd.

Mass Intentions : John Shean

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.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank you to all those who have made sacrificial gifts over the past several weeks while livestreaming Masses. It has been most appreciated!

Just a short update: Phase I will begin with weekday Masses, phase II will be Sunday masses. We'll keep you posted when the Bishop gives us the greenlight to begin.

GATHERING TABLE

It is time for the Gathering table Monday May 18th 5:30-6:30.

Attached is the google doc, for you to sign up. If you can not access this doc. please let us know what you would like to donate and we will sign you up.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQjtIIDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0

We are also in desperate need of nonperishables.

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way.

We will again be dishing up the food in to go containers for our guest to pick up and go.

We hope that you are all staying safe.

Thank you and God Bless
The Gathering Table Committee

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

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.

If you would like send Msgr. Bognanno a Just say hello Card his address is below.

Msgr Frank Bognanno
3663 Grand Ave. Unit 207
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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.

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

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



DINOSAUR BACKPACK

Does this little Dinosaur Backpack belong to you? It has several books in it and has been by our receptions desk since April 1st.

Please call the office if it belongs to you.

Thank you,
Staff



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 are going through this Covid-19 Pandemic.

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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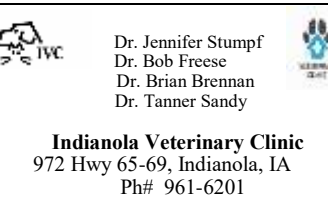
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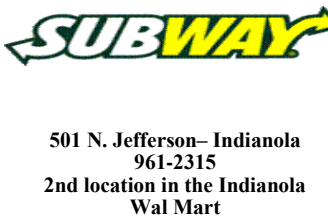
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