



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 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 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 at

Steph Bintner- bintners@msn.com & Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

May 24, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
May 24, 2020-May 31, 2020

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
Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception by appointment ONLY
10:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-
Carol & Frankl Kubik Livestreaming ONLY at IC
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Dr. Joe Brennan
Livestreaming ONLY at IC
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Sonnie Brommel
Livestreaming ONLY at IC

MAY 25

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE

297: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 8:2-5acd, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
10:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 26

SAINT PHILIP NERI

298: Acts 2:17-27; Ps 68L:10-11, 20-21; Jn 1:1-11a
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Velma Forret Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 27

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

299: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,33-36a, 35bc-36b; Jn 17:11b-19
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Cooney Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 28

300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Theresa Crawford Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 29

SAINT PAUL VI

301: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 30

302: Acts 2:16-2, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5,7; Jn 21:20-25
Reconciliation at St. Thomas by Appointment ONLY
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John Swatta Livestreaming ONLY

MAY 31

PENECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Jn 20:19-23
Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception-by Appointment ONLY
10:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Mary Kahler
Livestreaming ONLY
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter
Livestreaming ONLY at IC
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John Felice
Livestreaming ONLY at IC

**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**

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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Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We will begin to take steps for the parish re-opening process, whenever that may occur. In several counties across southwest Iowa, weekday Masses began last Thursday May 21 (Technically, the Feast of the Ascension-40 days after Jesus rose from the dead). We are NOT one of the counties. Unless you are from these other counties, out of respect and charity for the parishioners, I encourage you to refrain from attending week day Masses. I know many of us are longing to receive Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Yet, we need to take into consideration other's health and wellbeing and ourselves too.

In preparation, I am putting out a call for new Ushers/Greeters. It would be great if we could train 18 people to be New Ushers/Greeters in the next weeks for the re-opening for St. Thomas Aquinas and 2 for Immaculate Conception between the ages of 30-50 years of age. Please call the office if you are interested. I am open to having high school students serve in this capacity as Ushers/Greeters. I am also trying to make time for First Communicants for St. Thomas Aquinas as we have 21 and offering them individually. I will get back with you on details on how we can arrange all this. If there are individuals, who would not mind, training new Ushers/Greeters with the new guidelines given from the Diocese, please call the office.

In the bulletin and on the website, there are procedures/guidelines given when we are ready to re-open. I would advise you to look these over. Much input has been given to those in charge to put this all together. I am confident that our parishioners will follow these guidelines in the spirit of charity and common good of all parishioners.

We begin the Feast of the Ascension this weekend. In some dioceses, it is still celebrated on Thursdays as it was formally known as Ascension Thursday (when I was first ordained). The bishops have moved this to the Sunday following Thursday to accommodate work schedules, etc. After several resurrection appearances and lessons that need to be taught to his followers, Jesus ascends into heaven to make way for the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Defense Attorney, who supports, guides, counsels us throughout our lifelong pilgrimage. Jesus, through the third person of the Blessed Trinity can be omni-present (present everywhere) to us. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God. We will talk about that next week on the Feast of the Pentecost. It is important to know that Jesus did not leave us alone as he ascends to the Father and the fact, that through our baptism, we are called to get busy to continue His work on earth, which involves prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (yes, even during the Easter Season!) Prayer is essential in our daily life. We know that Mother Teresa and her sisters began each day with prayer before they began their work day caring for the poor and sick. Prayer is our lifeline, our support, our help. Prayer involves that connection to God in the fact that we are His branches, He is the Vine. Fasting puts us in solidarity with the poor and the hungry. It also super-sizes our prayer (as Ellen Miller once taught me in public conversation).

Almsgiving is our service, our outreach, and extension of prayer to those who are in need. It is faith lived out in common practice. Scriptures point out that even the evil one believed in God, but of course, never followed through with that belief in prayer, fasting, or almsgiving. I wish you a Happy Memorial Day as you remember our loved ones, those who served our country so courageously, and Happy Feast of the Ascension! Please stay safe in your travels!

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris

CALMING THE COVID CHAOS

Have you been down due to social isolation? Are you desiring to receive the sacraments but cannot due to safety and health issues? If so, are you looking for a listening ear from Pastoral Care from the parish? Deacon Randy Kiel and myself will be available on Zoom to address any questions that have come through e-mail to me-frockyf@gmail.com or to listen as a silent participant. Deacon Randy Kiel and myself will also come up with questions that might be of interest or some that may be in the back of your minds that you may have never thought of asking. Call into the office at 961-3026 and leave your phone number. Deacon Randy and I will do a livestream Zoom on Monday June 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Chris will moderate this conversation with Deacon Randy Kiel. Depending on the response, there could be an additional time! Thanks for your participation at this most challenging time! Lets Calm the COVID Chaos!

Fr. Chris Fontanini, Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, Immaculate Conception, Catholic Priest Chaplain Simpson College
Deacon Randy Kiel, Deacon for the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, currently assigned to Holy Trinity, Des Moines

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 7 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED

May 30, 2020

Fr. Chris will be live streaming this Mass at 7 pm with the RCIA Class.

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.



Happy
Memorial
Day

From
St. Thomas
Staff

Just a couple of reminders:

Office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day .

Summer Office Hours will begin May 22nd.

Office Hours: Mon– Thursday 8:30 am– 4:30 pm

Friday 9 am– 1 pm



In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This mandate is given to all of us. But how do we achieve this? "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." As we celebrate the Lord's return to the Father, let us take to heart his words, let us show our love for the Lord and one another by living in a manner that will encourage others to become his disciples. Happy Feast of the Ascension!

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to COVID-19 and the weather, there will be NO Cemetery Mass at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. We will offer one at 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys church, livestreamed for the folks.

We do need ushers/greeters as we begin to move into Phase I-Reopening for Week day Masses only! I would be open to doing an evening Mass at St. Marys once the greenlight has been given. I will be getting input from a pastoral and finance councils about Masses.

We appreciate your sacrificial gifts/tithes! We know it has not been easy. Both St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception have been most generous during these challenging times with the pandemic. Thank you so much for continuing your tithes, Automatic Withdrawals from the banks, etc. Your generosity is most appreciated!

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. Nate Ziino
30. Gabe Zwanziger

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

The office is well aware that the electronic sign is not working . We are on top of this issue, so thank you to those that have called us :-)

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

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

Our deepest condolences go out to the Carol VanAernam Family. Carol will be greatly missed by our parish communities. Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.



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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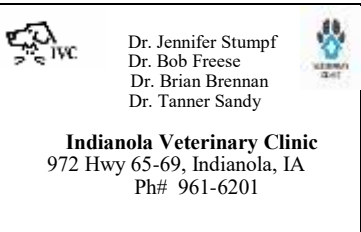
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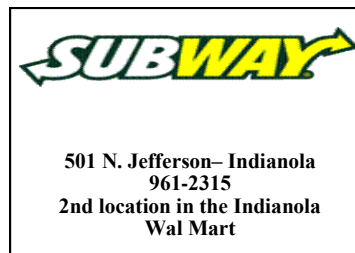
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