



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 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 31, 2020

PENECOST SUNDAY

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
May 31, 2020 - June 7, 2020

MAY 31

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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**

JUNE 1

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

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

JUNE 2

SAINT MARCELLINUS AND PETER

2354: 2Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas— Darcy Moeller Livestreaming ONLY

JUNE 3

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

355: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Bob VanAernam Livestreaming ONLY

JUNE 4

356: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Bea Johnson Livestreaming ONLY

JUNE 5

SAINT BONIFACE

357: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168; Mk 12:35-37
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg Livestreaming ONLY

JUNE 6

SAINT NORBET

358: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
Reconciliation at St. Thomas by Appointment ONLY

**4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas— Beverly Krier
Livestreaming ONLY**

JUNE 7

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

164: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**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—Bill Ketch
Livestreaming ONLY at IC**

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas— Robert Cooney
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)

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PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this coming Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The Holy Spirit has come upon the apostles and St. Mary in the upper room and gifts of tongues were given which reversed Babel, where there was dispersion and division of people and languages. It was a time that all could understand each other from Jews to Greeks and others. What a gift that Jesus left for the Church! She would not be on her own or abandoned. The promise of the Spirit also meant that the Jaws of Death would not prevail over the church (it does not mean that it would not be in the church as we have discovered with the sex abuse scandals, the abuse of buying and selling of indulgences, the Crusades which initially were meant to stop infiltration of the church got out of hand and many were killed). Yet, through 2,000 years of history, the church has prevailed. What is it that kept it going in spite of human frailties, including the leadership? The Holy Spirit. The Feast of Pentecost calls to mind the Birthday of the Church. Some have tried to separate Christ from the Church. No, they are inseparable. Christ has founded this Church upon the Rock of Peter (Matthew 16). In the Gospel for the Mass of the Day this weekend, he gives power and authority to the apostles (modern day Bishops) to 'forgive and retain sins.' (John 20:19-23). We are also reminded of the importance of both the written word and oral word (tradition)-2 Thessalonians 2:15. The Church, in spite of its human weakness, has the Holy Spirit to guide as the Advocate, the Comforter, the Defense Attorney to help discern the spirits of good and evil. We are a part of the Sensus Fidelium (the sense of the baptized faithful) who through our gifts can offer guidance to our leaders. We might say, "What are my gifts"? My answer: What are those things that have come naturally to me? What did I ask for at Confirmation? Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. We could also go on and list many other gifts that one has: musical, athletic, intellectual talents, the ability to farm, nurse one back to health, engineering, the gifts we need to become a priest, religious, or deacon, etc. How are we using those for building up of the kingdom of God? Of course, the Fruits of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23 NAB)

We are in the process of moving toward Phase I Re-Opening of the Church. We have no set dates yet. At the same time, we want to be prepared when the greenlight is given from the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. With that being said, Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed. If you are among the vulnerable, at risk, or have been exposed or tested positive to COVID-19, please remain at your homes and continue to watch the Masses as they will be livestreamed. This is an act of charity. There will be a number of things in place: There is a strong encouragement to wear face masks (Pull down to receive communion and then pull back up after reception) and or face shields (If unwilling to wear a mask, we ask that you please sit yourselves in the Multi-purpose room), Social distancing of six feet or more (as pews will be roped off), sanitization and cleaning of pews after each Mass (will need volunteers for this, please call office), there will be no collection but baskets available at the entrance/exits of the Church, Trained Ushers/Greeters (which are in need of) will be happy to welcome you in and out of pews as a way to stagger crowds. Yes, Mass will look much differently than in pre-COVID-19 days, yet, we want to maintain the safety of all parishioners. I ask for your patience when the time comes for us to begin daily Masses. Blessings and peace!
Happy Pentecost Sunday!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

Fr. Chris will be live streaming June 6th Mass at 4 pm.

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.



Come Holy Spirit

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY-MAY 30/31

We are going to put a call out for Ushers/Greeters for both parishes between the ages of 30-50, I would like to have an in-person (9 or less) livestream training at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys on Sunday June 7th at 11:00 a.m. (the first to call to be trained will be in person, others can watch livestream) and Monday June 9th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas (the first to call will be in person-9 or less people) and others can watch livestream.

Wednesday June 3, 6:30 p.m. The Finance Council will meet virtually online.

Thursday June 4, 5:30 p.m. The Pastoral Council will meet virtually online.

Monday June 8, 7:30 p.m., Deacon Randy Kiel and I will host, 'Calming the COVID Chaos' livestreamed with questions sent to us through e-mail and we will offer question that people might have. You can send them to me without naming yourself or hiding your email address to: frockyvf@gmail.com. You can also be a silent participant and observe.

First Communions will be done individually spread out over all the weeks of June. Please keep them in your prayers. When we are able to have a large group First Communion, I will make that known.



Congratulations to the 2 Seniors that we're given the STARS scholarship for Involvement, Dependability and Service to the parish.
Congratulations Nicholas Koenig and Tom Krapf

God bless you!



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 :-)



Summer Office Hours May 29-Sept 4

Office Hours: Mon– Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 9 am– 1 pm

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.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

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



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

Important Facebook Announcement

All though you can see the old Church Facebook page, due to a breach I am no longer able to post to that page. A new page has been created and is up and running. It has a new look so you can find it easier. Please **Like**, and bookmark the new page so you can see all the new posts. The new page is already linked to the Church website.

St Thomas has a new Facebook page it is: **Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA**



This is what you should see the header is black & white



Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA. This will also have any new updates while we our 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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