



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 inten-

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.

October 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

139: Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—Brian Croat
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Ruby Lawbaugh
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Paul Mc Lendom
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Pauline

OCTOBER 5

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

461: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

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

OCTOBER 6

SAINTS BRUNO

462: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Velma Forret

OCTOBER 7

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

463: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

See 653: Acts 1:12-14 Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Paul McLendom

OCTOBER 8

464: Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Cooney

OCTOBER 9

SAINT DENIS & SAINT JOHN LEONARDI

465: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26

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

OCTOBER 10

466: Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—John Swatta

OCTOBER 11

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

142: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—Patricia Nehring
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Dr Joe Brennan
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Carol VanAernam
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Therese Crawford

Livestream Masses

Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:15am at St. Thomas & Sundays at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday- Thursday (12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

October is Respect Life Month. The church invites us all to protect life from the womb to the tomb. Why, some may ask, is this such an important issue for Catholics? Everything is hinged upon the life being born. Important issues such as health care, end of life issues (ie. euthanasia, artificial reproduction technologies vs. napro technology, war, peace, immigration reform, the environment, etc. are hinged upon a life being born. Pope Francis has denounced a 'false compassion' which justifies abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction technologies such as invitro fertilization vs. napro technology (which is effective, natural, and recognized as an acceptable way to conceive-source: Catholic News Service, November 17, 2014. He has called abortion a 'human problem, injustice against woman, and cruel in reference to the history of the Spartans who would take a deformed baby to the top of the mountain and throw the child down (Aleteia-January 22, 2020). On CBS news, he equates abortion to 'hiring a hit-man'. (May 25, 2019). At the same time, he spoke about priests bringing mercy and forgiveness to the confessional to women who have had abortions. God does forgive them. I have encountered a few of these situations where a woman does regret taking the life of a child in the womb. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Counseling, women and yes, men (who have encouraged it or put pressure on women and some who did not want abortion as well) can come to know the healing power and love of Jesus Christ. The church would also teach us that as life comes to full term outside of the womb, the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, health care, etc. are vital needs that should be addressed. Pope St. John Paul II also addressed the issue of the death penalty-only to be used in extreme, rare cases. Who would not want one to have a chance to turn away from sin and turn to a loving, merciful, and forgiving God before one dies? We might say that this is a consistency of life ethic. Every human person has dignity and deserves a chance at life in the womb and outside of the womb. Let us pray that every life will be sacred from the womb to the tomb.

Thanks to Ellen Miller, JoAnn Sayre, Kathleen Trenkamp who helped set up the livestreaming for the Christ our Life Conference last weekend!

Thanks to all the participants who attended in person and live streamed as well. It was a great spiritual success!

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

Please call someone to replace you if you aren't available to serve

4:30 p.m. Mass October 10th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Jo & Adam Naughton & Kelly Gauger

Ushers: Derry Butler & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Amy Jo & Adam Naughton & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass October 11th:

Lector: Penny Miller

Eucharistic: Martin & Marcia Konrad

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass October 11th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Alex & Jana Lynch & Logan Grover

Ushers: Tony & Anitta Spenner

Cleaning Vessels: Alex & Jana Lynch & Logan Grover

Please remember: at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after Mass to help clean the Sacred Vessels.

Please Note: That you are strongly encouraged to wear a face masks social distance and use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the church.

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, place it in the mail or there will be a basket in the back of the Church for you to place your Offerings in as well.

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen, Aron Babinski, Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley
& for the Souls in Purgatory

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.

STAT night!



RE Packets are ready for pick up



Perpetual Adoration

Adoration has been moved back to the chapel. Scheduled adoration is from 4pm on Sundays through 4pm on Thursdays. Visitors may stop by during hours that the church is open - daily from 8am until 8pm. Please use the main church doors. The Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle and is not exposed at this time because we have several adorers who are not ready to return. We also have a several open hours; Mon. - 3pm, Tues. - 2pm and Wed at 11pm. We hope to open up Thursday and Friday soon and need adorers Thurs - 4, 5, 7 and 10pm and Friday 3, 4 and 5 am. or questions or to sign up contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com or by call 515-344-7850. Thank you, Anitta



Knights of Columbus

The Indianola KC council will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, Oct 4, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. We will be serving pancakes, egg bake, sausages, ham coffee, & juice. The proceeds will be deposited in our scholarship fund.

The council is planning to host our annual Fall Fish & Chicken dinners starting on Friday, Oct 16. All meals will be served as a drive-up carry-out offering. The price per meal will be \$10. Watch the bulletin or our Facebook page for more details.

Gathering Table Extension

COVID-19 has impacted the economics of families in our area and due to an increased demand, the Gathering Table will be adding a second meal each month. STARS has offered to lead this effort. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Church website to designate your participation. Our first meal will be **Oct. 5**. In addition to food, we will need 6-8 servers from 5-6:30 p.m. Meals are delivered to the car while wearing masks (and gloves if desired).



ADA Kick off
October 10th & 11th

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to **Kathy Trenkamp** and all those that attended the Christ Our Life watch party at the Church. Thanks also to those who watched from home. A special thanks to our own **Ellen Miller** for bringing this great spiritual opportunity to the Des Moines Diocese every two years.

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Marilyn
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Sr. Miriam
James

Steve
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Ellen
Miller

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Msgr.
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Marie DeWall & Grace Phillips
Saying the Rosary on stage



Our kids working at the
Mary's Meals booth

Grace

Mia

Marie



Connor Lynch serving Mass



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