



# 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. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

**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.

## JANUARY 31

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

71: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28  
**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Paul Kockler**  
**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart**  
**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert**  
**5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice**

## FEBRUARY 1

### WEEKDAY

323: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

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

**4:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

## FEBRUARY 2

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

**6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Bob & Muriel Slinker**

## FEBRUARY 3

### WEEKDAY

325: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

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

## FEBRUARY 4

### WEEKDAY

326: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson**

## FEBRUARY 5

### SAINT AGATHA

327: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c Mk 6:14-29 see 527:  
1 Cor 1:26-31 Lk 9:23-26

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen**

## FEBRUARY 6

### SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

328: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34 see 528:  
Gal 2:19-20 Mt 28:16-20

**3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas**

**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen**

## FEBRUARY 7

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Jim Jauron**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas- John Swatta**

**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Bill Thomas**

**5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.- 1 p.m.)

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## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners;

I would like to call your attention to a few significant things happening this month. First, this coming Tuesday, we recognize the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. This feast is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. It is known as the Purification of Mary or Candlemas. Originally in the first half of the fourth century, this feast was celebrated on February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day now), the 40th day after Epiphany, January 6, because Christmas was not celebrated as its own feast, and so, the Nativity, the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (the Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ's miracle in Cana were all celebrated in one day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25 (Pagan feast of the Unconquerable Sun-Sol Invictus now the Unconquerable Son of God), so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days later. Candlemas got its origin through Simeon's prophecy of Jesus being "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles." By the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles would be lit and then a procession took place in a darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimitis) was sung. Candlemas is an important feast in most European countries. Second, we recognize Black History Month. We go back to 1915, (which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery in the United States) when Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History which is now called the Study of African American Life and History. This organization was dedicated to the researching and promoting achievements by Black American and other peoples of African descent. Eleven years later, the ASALH sponsored a National Negro History Week, which sponsored schools and communities to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In years that followed, mayors of cities across our country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960's due largely to civil rights movement growing awareness of black history, Negro History Week became Black History Month across many college campuses in the United States of America. It was President Gerald Ford who officially recognized Black History Month in 1976 as the nation celebrated its Bicentennial. President Ford called the public to "seize the opportunity to honor too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans every endeavors throughout our history." Every president since President Ford has celebrated Black History Month. The Theme for this year's Black History Month is: Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity Explained. (source: [www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)).

Finally, we have the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr. According to the legend Blasius was a physician at Sebaste before he was raised to the episcopal see. At the time of the persecution under Licinius he was taken prisoner at the command of the governor, Agricolaus. The hunters of the governor found him in the wilderness in a cave to which he had retired and while in prison he performed a wonderful cure of a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. After suffering various forms of torture St. Blasius was beheaded. (sources: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and [www.mycatholic.life/saints/saints\\_of\\_the\\_liturgical\\_year/](http://www.mycatholic.life/saints/saints_of_the_liturgical_year/) February 2-feast of the presentation of the lord-feast).

We will offer the blessing of throats at each of the Masses next weekend.

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 January 30th:**

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & Teri Cooper

**Cleaning Vessels:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

### **8:00 a.m. Mass January 31st:**

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

### **10:15 a.m. Mass January 31st:**

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**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.**

**Linens:** Judy Kirby

**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 A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,

A aron Babinski , Mike Metz, Patrick S handley

James Rector, Dianne Funk & for the S ouls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackle Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com) or 515-250-7385,

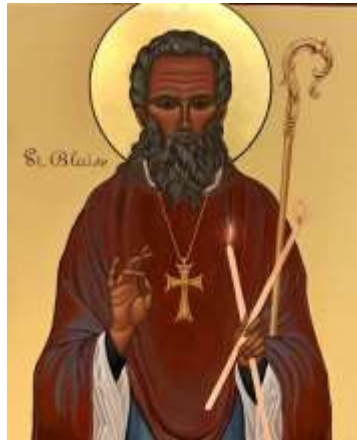
Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029 to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest of the group to start immediate prayers for you or your loved one in need.

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



The Blessing of throats for the Feast of St Blaise will take place on the weekend of February 6th & 7th at all the Masses



### Gathering Table Extension

Monday, February 1, is Gathering Table Extension night. COVID-19 has impacted the economics of families in our area and due to an increased demand, the Gathering Table has added a second meal each month. STARS have offered to lead this effort the first Monday of the month. In addition to food, **we need 6-8 servers from 5-6:30 p.m. Meals are delivered to the car** while wearing masks (and gloves if desired). The third Monday of the month is still Gathering table and food and servers are needed as well. Thank you to everyone that has already signed-up.

Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, let us go visit Him on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. While traveling during your vacations, go to a local Catholic Church to thank him. He will return many graces to us through his Word and Sacrament to sustain us and nourish us.

God bless! Fr. Chris

### Register Today for the Watch Retreat

Come be filled by the Holy Spirit. Surrender your spirit to God and have Him fill you with peace, comfort and love.

Make 2021 a transformative Lent – after a rough year, you deserve it! And it's free. No masks required.

On **Sunday evenings from 7 pm to 8:15 pm, for 5 weeks Feb. 17-March 21**, experience:

\*Inspiring speakers

**Joe Stopulous**  
**Cindy Benes**  
**Fr. Trevor Chicoine**  
**Deacon Dave O'Brien**  
**Sr. Marie Hesel**

You won't want to miss this virtual retreat designed and hosted by our parish!

Register now by emailing Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com)

Name  
 Email address  
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### MISSION TRIP Possibilities for 2021

Calling all high school students, college students, adult leaders and parents of participants from both St Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception Parishes.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the summer Mission Trips being offered in 2021, please contact JoAnn Sayre at [jsayredre@gmail.com](mailto:jsayredre@gmail.com). Here are two Mission trip options and dates.

- ⇒ **STAT Mission Trip- July 25th-30th location Flint, Michigan (under the guidance of Darrell Pottebaum) See [forgeflint.org](http://forgeflint.org) for work opportunities and more details.**
- ⇒ **Mission 2.1– August 2nd-7th location Cedar Rapids, IA (under the guidance of Ellen Miller) Clean up from Derecho along with other possibilities.**

**Both trips offer moments of work, prayer, fellowship and fun. Both are occasions to serve and give back. So, please consider "Mission 2021".**



### Indianola KC Lenten Fish Fries

7 Big Nights Serving from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Drive-up Carry-out Service only \$10 per meal

The 1st dinner will be on Friday, February 12 and will be a Pre-Lent type dinner. We will be serving Fried Fish & Chicken Tenders along with French Fries, Coleslaw and a dinner roll.

The next 6 dinners will be the traditional KC Fish Fry: Fried Fish along with French Fries, Coleslaw and a dinner roll.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

### FEATURED THIS WEEK ON

# FORMED



Can hearts really be changed on the issue of abortion?

This film tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launch pad of the bold new pro-life effort – 40 Days for Life.

*A special thanks to Fr. Peters for talking about this very important issue last weekend, and we pray for all life, born and unborn.*

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