

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianol a, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am 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 9:30am

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Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett	

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.

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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Liturgies Scripture Reading–Cycle C December 30, 2018–January 6, 2019

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1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -**Kay Bethards Mother of Leasa Garrett** 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ruth Dale NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019

<u>DECEMBER 31</u> SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

4:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Mary Cunningham 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour

JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER

18:Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Albert Basler 10:30 a.m. Mass at Good Samaritan NO 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas

JANUARY 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

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

JANUARY 3 206: 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

JANUARY 4 SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

207: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg <u>JANUARY 5</u> <u>SAINT JOHN NEUMANN</u>

208: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mona Bowdem

<u>JANUARY 6</u> <u>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u>

20: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Ruth Bauer McKim

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm or by 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

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-Friday 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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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

I want to thank all of you who were involved in one way or another with the Christmas liturgies. Your time, talent, and resources are most appreciated! I do want to thank all of you for the cards, the gifts, the goodies, etc. this Christmas Season! They are most appreciated! Mr. Tom Shipman has agreed to be the Director of Music for St. Thomas Aquinas beginning January 1, 2019. Tom has much experience and expertise in the field of music while Professor at Simpson and during his time here at St. Thomas Aquinas. He has been directing the Men's Choir over the past several months.

I want to thank Jeanne Wells for being the Interim Director of Music since last June. She has done an excellent job in coordinating the music and beginning the Men's Choir. Her time and efforts are most appreciated by the parish!

On this Feast of the Holy Family, I would like to wish you and your families a very blessed and Happy New Year!

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris



JUST A REMINDER THAT THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON DECEMBER 31ST AND REOPEN NORMAL HOURS ON JAN 2ND!



Local Help For Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international ministry with a local council in Des Moines that is supported by the Des Moines Diocese. Parishes in the diocese form conferences of volunteers that work to help the society achieve its goal of serving those in material or spiritual need.

St. Patrick's-Irish Settlement Parish in rural Cumming has formed a conference to help those in our local communities. Volunteers from St. Patrick's are available to assist people in accessing services available thru SVDP and to help those in emergent need of basic necessities. If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the SVDP/St. Patrick's volunteers at #515-204-8047. All contacts are kept confidential. Through two locations in Des Moines, SVDP offers food, clothing & household items; emergency assistance with rent/utilities; job prep, tutoring, language & computer training and much more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. More information can be obtained at www.svdpdsm.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12 -14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email iiiwwme08@gmail.com



Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, lets go visit Him on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings while traveling during your Holiday 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.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass January 5th

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kling, William Seuferer, Jean Park, Carol Proctor, Kathy Slinker & Carol VanAernam

Ushers: Brennans & DeGrootes

10:15 a.m. Mass January 6th

Lector: Joe Brommel

Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne Funk, Conner Lynch, Steph Bintner, Joe Gezel, Ed Hallin, Zach Hallin &

Nathan Thomasom

Ushers: Huttons & Ormsbys

Money Counters: Jack & Kathy Slinker & Carol White

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

Collection 22/23

Building Fund: \$ 895.00 Sunday Tithe: \$ 3,194.00 Plate: \$ 431.35 Capital Campaign: \$ 1,035.56

> Christmas Collection \$ 8,544.53

Additional Christmas Flower Offering

Don & Geraldine McQuillen Terry McQuillen



SAVE THE DATE!!!!!

Trivia Night for the Hope Foundation--February 2, 2019! Location is at St. Thomas in the St. Thomas Hall.





Please have any Mass Announcements in to the office NO LATER than NOON on Tuesdays.

If it is received after NOON on Tuesdays it might not make the Mass Announcements .

Thank you, The Staff

The Respect Life Committee at St. Thomas Aquinas would like to extend a huge thank you for your participation in the InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign! The final tally is in and we raised over \$1,725! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by the compassionate medical staff at InnerVisions HealthCare on a daily basis. If you have any additional bottles, please deliver them directly to InnerVisions in West Des Moines. God bless you for your generosity!

VOTIVE CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER STAND

St. Thomas has been blessed with an additional Votive Candle lighting Prayer Stand. Just a reminder that these candles are purchased with the money that is left in the collection box.

Please note: 7 day Votive Candles\$ 3.00 each Large Candles 2 hour Votive Candles.....\$ 1.00 each Small Candles

Please make sure you are placing your money in the collection box every time you light a candle. **Thank You– The Staff**

GATHERING TABLE

THANK YOU SOOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!

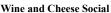
To all who came and helped at our last meal of 2018 and those who have supported, served, fed, all our guests who come out for hot meals and friendship throughout the year!!

Also a HUGE thank you to those who provided Christmas gifts for the families, they are always so grateful!!! :)

May you all have a blessed, faith filled Christmas and peace and love for a wonderful 2019!!

I thank my partner in crime, Dorothy, who always goes along with my crazy ideas!!! It's been a blessing to build friendships in the community with her-I am truly blessed! Also, Kathy Slinker and Jan Gunnerson who ALWAYS faithfully show up and go along with the CRAZY!! Love you ALL

Peace Angie



There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, January 12th following 4:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space.
ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!



FREEZER MINISTRY

We are beginning a new ministry at St Thomas Aquinas and would love to have YOUR SUPPORT!!! ALL it takes is some ingredients, love, and friendship!!! We will be preparing freezer meals once a month in the Pastoral kitchen. These meals will be stored in the freezer and whoever needs one can go grab it and go, signing up on the posted sign. This can be your family, a family in need, anyone who needs a hot meal!! If you have a favorite family dish/casserole that freezes well, please let me know- all are welcome to partici-

We will have a SIGN UP to donate ingredients at the back of the church or you can message me at 515-710-6140!

it is in giving we receive"

Blessings, Angie Elliott

Meals are frozen and ready for use in the kitchen freezer-no questions asked, but to use as needed :)

Indianola Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Events

Sunday January 6 Country Style Breakfast Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

Thursday January 10 Monthly Meeting

2019 Religious Calendars are available compliments of the Indianola Knights of Columbus. May you have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

RE Corner

"Those who walked in darkness have seen a great Light." Isaiah 9:2 Waiting is never easy, but that's what the season of Advent is all about. And what we are preparing for (Christ to dwell in our hearts) is so worth it. He comes anew each year so that we may be re-created in his Light and Love. Please reinforce this lesson at home.

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will have break between Dec. 21 and January 5.

We'd like to thank all the parents who diligently get their children to religious education every week. We would also like to thank our teachers who work tirelessly to help your children grow in faith. As an expression of our gratitude to our catechists, we are having an "RE Teaching – Work of Heart" get-together on Wednesday, January 2 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the multi-purpose room at church. There is no class that evening. But we hope to encourage and support our teachers with good food, good friends and good conversation.

May your Christmas be meaningful and filled with joy and love and peace.

Blessings, JoAnn

January



2018-2019-STAT

December 26th: NO STAT- CHRISTMAS BREAK January 2nd:

7:00-8:30 p.m. Dodgeball at Wilder Elementary-Are you game?

January 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come & Chill with Jesus....see what Our Lord has in store for you.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion at Host Home



16th:

Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aguinas Church Indianola. This will also have the updated cancelations for Masses and RE!!!

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of StThomas A quinas Church Only. Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller & Bryan Bradley



Please contact Jackie Ward at jjward71@q.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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