

## Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianol a, 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: Saturday 3:45 pm-4:30 pm or by appointment.

Lenten Schedule: Saturdays 3:30 pm-4:15 pm February 29th-April 4th of 2020.

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

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

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@vahoo.com

March 22, 2020

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading-Cycle A March 22, 2020-March 29, 2020

#### MARCH 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 31:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 NO 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Frank Kubik NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Dr. Joe Brennan NO 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas– Lester Metz NO 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson Smith Chapel NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Simpson Smith Chapel

PLEASE NOTE: MASS WAS CANCELLED THIS WEEKEND MARCH 21ST & 22ND DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

## MARCH 23 SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

244: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary, Exposition & Benediction aImmaculate Conception 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception 7:00 Reposition at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Mary Kahler

MARCH 24 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas 6:00p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Darrel Konrad 6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

245: Is 7:10-14;8-10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

MARCH 26

247: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 **7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas** 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Therese Crawford

MARCH 27

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Puetz

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas

MARCH 28 249: Jer 11:18-20; s 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Weeks

MARCH 29
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
34: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Brian Croat 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Willie Bintner

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Willie Bintner NO 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson Smith Chapel NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Simpson Smith Chapel

All Masses & Activities have been cancelled due to the COVID -19 Virus.

Updates will be on the Website & Facebook Post Times: Daily Mass 11am; Weekend Mass Saturday 4pm on 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 Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

#### PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners: We are in a very challenging time in our country and church right now. Who have had guessed a month ago that we would have to cancel masses, meeting, events, etc. due to the Corona Virus-19 pandemic. I apologize for the mixed and confusing messages from last Tuesday. We were trying to follow the directives given by the Bishop and the governor's office which had changed in the last 48 hours, particularly with numbers of people allowed in a given space. As the situation was being closely monitored, there is the desire to be pro-active and take pre-cautions for the safety of all. Here are the directives given by the Bishop that come through much prayer and consultation.

Here are a few directives given by Bishop Joensen:

Sunday weekend Masses and daily Masses are NOT to be celebrated in parish churches until further notice. An exception is granted for broadcast Mass to an electronic audience. We will have that available every Sunday. I am working on

daily Mass right now through Facebook.

Parish churches may remain open at the discretion of the pastor for visits and individual devotional prayer. Adoration has been moved temporarily to the church to allow for spacing. NO MORE THAN 10 INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLOWED! Immaculate Conception parishioners may go to the church, if you have a key to the church! Please exercise caution with the protection of the Blessed Sacrament. Funeral Masses may be celebrated with less than 10 persons present. Nuptial or Wedding Masses already scheduled may be celebrated with a 10 person limit. Ideally, these should be scheduled until after government leaders give the 'all clear notice. Any and all other public ceremonies should be rescheduled. There will be NO HEALING MASS THIS TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020 AT 6 PM. Distribution of Communion in parishes or health care institutions is strictly subject to the directives and policies of authorities charged with oversight of those institutions, and may well be prohibited. In danger of death, Viaticum (Holy Communion and meaning food to take with you on the journey to heaven) may be distributed by a health care professional as well as a member of the clergy or recognized Eucharistic Minister in accord with the institutional policies. Please call the office if you would like a hospital visit by myself. I believe Mercy Hospitals (West and Downtown) are the only ones allowing for clergy visits.

Other Sacraments may not be celebrated in common, (Baptism in cases of serious illness or other pastoral need, Confession/Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick) but only individually at the priest's discretion with serious pastoral necessity. With regard to confession, standard health norms (ie. Screen or confessional space where appropriate physical distance of six feet will be observed and with hygienic cleaning after each penitent; other protective measures for anointing of

persons who are obviously sick).

Parish meetings or events (ie. fish fry dinners, feast day gatherings, confirmation, religious faith formation) where parishioners gather physically are to be CAN-CELLED unless an electronic means of engagement is available.

The Scrutinies for Catechumens/Elect in accord with provision n. 20 of the Christian Initiation Ritual are hereby dispensed. So, Second and Third Scrutinies will NOT be celebrated. My hope is that we will be receiving something from the Worship and Evangelization and Catechesis offices for optional ways to celebrate the

The Chrism Mass, originally scheduled for Friday April 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. will instead be celebrated in simpler form on a date to be determined.

Please stay tuned for Holy Week Festivities, including the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday), as well as celebrations of First Communions and Confirmations during the Easter Season. It is highly likely that Triduum liturgies will be restricted only to assisting ministers with the option of broadcasting; Initiation Sacraments for catechumens/elect (those who have not been baptized) and candidates (those who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). All parish First Communion and Confirmation Masses should be considered postponed until further notice; more information will be forthcoming from Pastoral Center Offices in the days and weeks

ahead. (Bishop William Joensen, March 17, 2020-Feast of St. Patrick) I will be working on distributing printed (for those without computer access) material to through the bulletins available at the churches and electronic means to maintain communications with you on a weekly basis. I will admit, I am not the most tech savvy person, but am open to learning more.

We are asking you to please your remember to pay your tithes. Utility (lights, heat/ AC, etc.), ongoing maintenance and personnel expenses will continue during this time. ACH forms and baskets will be placed on the table near the reception desk at St. Thomas Aquinas and in the rectory porch at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys.

Please know that you may make appointments with me to hear your confessions. During this time, I will be in the confessional on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. for those who wish to receive the graces of the Sacrament at St. Thomas Aquinas and 12-1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys.

These are unprecedent times for us, yet, not for the Church which endured the Black Death in Europe during the 14th century and the Spanish Flu in the 20th century. We have come through times like these before and we can again. Pray, not panic, help, not hoard!

I have a prayer I found this morning. Her name is ironically St. Corona, who lived in the 2nd century and was martyred under Marcus Aurelius. She is patron saint

against the plague and epidemics. Her feast day is May 14th.

"Almighty God, who forgive the sins of your people and heal all their faults, you who call the Lord our healer and sent your beloved Son to bear our sickness, look upon those who stand humbly before you. We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember your love and kindness that You have shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Just as You graciously looked upon Aaron's atonement and stopped the plague that broke out, just as You accepted David's sacrifice and commanded the destroying angel to withdraw his hand, accept also today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep this disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness, and do not let the plague spread any further. Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us! Saint Corona, pray for us! Saint Sebastian, pray for us! aint Roch, pray for us! Amen! Fr. Chris

#### Ministry Schedule

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

## 4:30 p.m. Mass March 28th: Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton &

Lanny Ward

Ushers: Derry Butler, Vivian Winkler, Dave Slick &

Teri Cooper

Cleaning Vessels: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

#### 8:00 a.m. Mass March 29th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Minister: Todd Clancy Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker Cleaning Vessels: Todd Clancy

#### 10:15 a.m. Mass March 29th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Gover, Dianne Funk &

Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool & Ed & Connie Tormey Cleaning Vessels: Dianne Funk & Elizabeth Williams

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

## Everything is subject to change !!! Updates will be located on the Website & Facebook

Money Counters: March 22nd: Bill & Kella Wadle

Vicky Vorwald CANCELLED

March 29th: Dave & Joyce DeGroote

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke, Judy Kirby & Terry Schenfeld

#### March 15th

**Building Fund:** \$ 650.00 Sunday Tithe: \$ 1,758.00 Plate: \$ 306.53 Capital Campaign: \$ 450.00

## LET'S PRAY NOT PANIC

#### 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 box located on the table by the Receptions Desk or you may mail them in as there will continue to be expenses coming in. Bulletins and ACH Forms will be on the table as well.

Thank you, Staff

#### Cantata

On April 5<sup>th,</sup> a collection of vocalists and instrumentalists will gather to present the Easter story in song. The group of approximately 50 musicians primarily from the Madison/Warren county area have been rehearsing since the beginning of the year and look forward to sharing this story with you.

The event is sponsored by the Warren/Madison County Ecumenical Association and will be presented at the new performance auditorium at Interstate 35 School in Truro on April 5th at 6:00 pm. The cantata will last 35 minutes, and refreshments will follow in the commons. No admission is charged, but a free will offering is appreciated. All donations will assist the I-35 and M-st-M children at risk

As of March 16th: Still nothing confirmed on continuing with April 5th

#### Passion of Our Lord

Consistent with the directives of the Des Moines Diocese and governmental recommendations, the musical presentation of the *Passion of Our Lord*, scheduled for March 27th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Des Moines, is being cancelled due to the ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

Thank you!

Dodie Bauman, Secretary

Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians

#### Knights of Columbus Indianola

Upcoming Indianola KC Events

Fish Fries every Friday during Lent. March 27 and April 3. Serving from  $5:30\ to\ 7:00\ PM$ 

All Lenten Fish Frys have been cancelled until further notice and NO carry outs per Bishop Joesen!

#### Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to

www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com or contact Martin Konrad at 961-0329. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by **April 15, 2020.** 

#### STARS Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS) is awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Indianola) to help further his/her education. Recipients are to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a degree, license, or certification in a college the semester immediately following high school graduation.

Applications for this scholarship must be turned into the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office no later than 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 2020, to be considered.

#### Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

April 16th: Girls Night Out

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

# Sept.

### St. Thomas Aguinas Catholic Church

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Easter Sunday Masses Sunday, April 12<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

Msgr. Frank Bognanno – 8 AM Mass Fr. Chris Fontanini – 10:15 AM Mass

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#### Just a friendly reminder

Sign up sheets for Holy Week are located at the Receptions Desk.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday 8 am and 10:15 am Masses.

Please prayerfully consider signing up if you are attending any of the above.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER!!!!!

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner



NO Good Shepherd, RE or STAT until further notice.

God bless, JoAnn



#### **Perpetual Adoration**

We will continue to hold Eucharistic Adoration from 4pm on Sundays through 4pm on Thursdays, however for the time being it will be in the Church instead of the chapel and the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed. Thanks to all of you who have signed up for and faithfully attend a holy hour with our Lord as well as all who generously substitute when needed. There is hand sanitizer in the church by the sign up sheet. Visitors may still come to adore during hours that the church is open (7am-8pm). Please be sure to spread out in the church if there are multiple adorers and visitors if there are 10 persons in the church already, please come at an alternate time.

Please remember to pray for an end to the virus and it's spread and for all who are sick with the virus.

If you have any questions please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com.

Anitta Spenner

#### Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Aaron Babinski & Len Miller.



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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