



# 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

**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 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.

August 2, 2020

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AUGUST 2

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

112: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Frank Robison Jr  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ruby Lawbaugh Giglio  
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier  
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Pauline Braddock

### AUGUST 3

407: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102  
408: Mt 24: 22-36

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas  
7:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carl & Pat Nehring

### AUGUST 4

#### SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

408: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36  
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

### AUGUST 5

#### DEDICATION OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

409: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Clyde Slick

### AUGUST 6

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION

614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-In thanksgiving for Loretta Peterson

### AUGUST 7

#### SAINT SIXTUS & COMPANIONS

411: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41  
Mt 16:24-28  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

### AUGUST 8

#### SAINT DOMINIC

412: Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20  
see 617: 1 Cor 2:1-10a Lk 9:57-62  
3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John Shean  
6:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-Geneva Halberson

### AUGUST 9

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

115:1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Frank Robison Jr  
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kayden  
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore  
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Cooney

**Livestream Masses**

**Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. 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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**Facebook:** St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception:

We see a picture of Jesus distressed after his cousin, St. John the Baptist, has suffered a cruel and an unjust martyrdom under King Herod. St. John the Baptist calls King Herod and Herodius, his wife on the carpet for their adulterous affair. They were not happy with him. John the Baptist was beheaded at the request of Herodius. So, Jesus gets away and prays for a time. What was he praying about or thinking are questions that come to my mind?

Was he thinking about his own upcoming martyrdom at the hands of the Roman soldiers and his own people? Was he thinking about the memories he shared with his cousin? Who knows. He does not stay there. Being a popular figure, the people track him down, and he sees they are in need. They are hungry. They are like sheep without a shepherd. He inquires about food to his disciples. There are only a few loaves and fish but a huge crowd of five to ten thousand people. It seems humanly impossible to feed the crowds, according to his followers. It is! Yet, with the divine and human nature together in the person of Jesus Christ, it is NOT! In what prefigures the Eucharist, he gathers the loaves, blesses them, breaks them, and distributes to the vast crowds and a miracle occurs. There are even leftovers. He would institute the Eucharist, at the last supper, which legend has occurred at the home of his friend, Lazarus. He would give of himself completely to us and the priest, acting in the person of Jesus Christ, would stand as the sacrificial victim for his people, giving them Jesus body, blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus steps outside of himself to give of himself to the crowds and to us today.

As the disciples and the crowds looked to Jesus to solve a problem, we too, are invited to look to Him, to solve the problems that are placed before us. None of us have to go at this alone. We face the fears that have come with the corona virus spikes and the instability of our nation at this time. We can easily throw up our hands and give up or turn to the one who can do things, who can make things happen, who does miracles-Jesus Christ! Will we allow him or try to go at ourselves?

Let us not forget to call on the nine choirs of angels and all the saints, particularly the Blessed Mother to intercede on behalf of our nation during this time.

As many of you know, we did not have a Mission week this year due to COVID-19 and other circumstances. Some of our students and those of other parishes are participating in Mission 2.0. Ellen Miller, who was youth minister for St. Thomas Aquinas for nearly 20 years has coordinated this Mission week experience. I would ask you to keep them in your prayers this week that they may grow closer to Jesus through prayer and service. God bless you all! Happy Feasts of SS. Alphonsus Ligouri, Eusebius of Vercelli, and the Dedication of the Porziuncola (meaning, 'little portion').

Fr. Chris

## Knights of Columbus

Any male 18 years of age or older that is considering joining the Knights of Columbus is welcome to an Exemplification Ceremony. Which will take place Sunday, August 2nd after the Noon Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. All are invited to attend. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Brian Hoxmeier at [Koc.Indianola@gmail.com](mailto:Koc.Indianola@gmail.com)



Please Join Us!

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass August 1st:**

**Lector:** Debbie Brangers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marv & Sandy Sauser,

**Ushers:** Terri Cooper & Deery Butler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Marv & Sandy Sauser,

### **8:00 a.m. Mass August 2nd :**

**Lector:** Mark Kollasch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Todd & Johna Clancy

**Ushers:** No available ushers

**Cleaning Vessels:** Todd & Johna Clancy

### **10:15 a.m. Mass August 2nd:**

**Lector:** Triatan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** John & Ann Williams

**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 Andreason, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,

Loretta Petersen, Aron Babinski , Mike Metz

& for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie 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 you indicate otherwise.



I have been blessed to be a part of Blessman International which does mission work in South Africa. We have a new program called One Child at a Time. Our ultimate goal is to sponsor approximately 20,000 starving children in Limpopo province. The immediate goal is to sponsor 120 children who come to our campus each day. With your support you will provide a hot meal, education, and allow them to hear the word of our Lord.

Sponsoring a child through Blessman International is a personal way to show God's love to a vulnerable child in Limpopo, South Africa. For \$31/month or (\$365 donation per year), you'll ensure that child has the basic necessities of life, hears the word, and feels love and support at a critical point in their life. Included in your donation you will receive a video profile of your sponsored child with gender, age, year in school, likes and dislikes, and career goals. Also you will receive 4 (letters/e-mails) throughout the year and you will be able to respond back to the child. There will be monthly birthday parties in which you can participate

Sign-up today for our One Child At A Time program: <https://blessmaninternational.org/child-sponsorship/> or call Larry Vanderpool at 515-343-5920 .

#### 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](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) or by call 515-344-7850.  
Thank you,  
Anitta

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord  
And let perpetual lights shine upon her.  
*Our deepest condolences go out to the  
Alice Whitmore Family.  
Alice will be greatly missed by our parish communities.  
Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.*



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



Still working on ways to get you back safely this coming year!

We miss all of you very much!

God bless you,  
JoAnn & Elizabeth



#### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Has expressed and interest in the Catholic Faith?  
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist?

Consider inviting them to RCIA.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is for any adult discerning if they are called to become a member of the Catholic Church. Classes are forming now.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Fr. Chris Fontanini [frockyf@gmail.com](mailto:frockyf@gmail.com) or Marguerite O'Meara at [mkeating677@gmail.com](mailto:mkeating677@gmail.com) for further information.

#### Learn About Grow Solar Warren County Initiatives for Homeowners and Businesses

Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, is a call "to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home (the earth)." The pope goes on to say that "in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy."

For anyone that would like to learn more about sustainable energy, the Grow Solar Warren County program is hosting a webinar which will provide information about how solar energy works and show that it is an accessible technology in our community.

St. Thomas Church, in conjunction with the St. Thomas Social Concerns Committee, is hosting a webinar on Aug.26 from 7-8 p.m. There is no cost and no obligation to you. To learn more and to sign up for the webinar, please go to [www.WarrenCounty.GrowSolar.org](http://www.WarrenCounty.GrowSolar.org). If you would like to attend, but cannot do that particular date, please feel free to choose any other date. Questions? Call Rita Bresnan 515-783-0643



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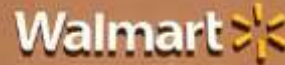
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