



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 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

AUGUST 10

SAINT LAWRENCE

618: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

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

7:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception—Gary Bliss & the souls in purgatory

AUGUST 11

SAINT CLARE

414:Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 see 619:Phil 3:8-14 Mt 19:27-29

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Creighton

AUGUST 12

SAINT JANE FRANCES de Chantal

415: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

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

AUGUST 13

SAINTS PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

416: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Alice Whitmore

AUGUST 14

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

417:Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Mt 19: 3-12 see 620A: Wis 3:1-9 or 1 Jn 3:14-18 Jn 15:12-16

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier

AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

622: Rv 11: 19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15: 20-27

Lk 1:39-56

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Eldon Johnson

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception—Gary Bliss

AUGUST 16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

118: Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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—Bill Ketch

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Alice Whitmore

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:

After consultation with our Finance Councils, Leasa Garrett will assume the role of Business Manager for St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception. Leasa had been the Office Manager for Immaculate Conception parish. JoAnn Sayre, our Director of Religious Education, will take on the duties of managing the bulletins and managing the parish website. We are asking that all items for the bulletin be in NO LATER than Wednesdays at NOON. I adhere to this policy myself with my pastor's report and other items. Otherwise, all items will be in the following week. Payroll, taxes, W2's, etc. will be outsourced to one of the local accounting firms, which has NOT been decided as of yet.

I have had some questions in regards to the chalice pall, veil, and burse. First of all, the diocese is highly recommending the use of the pall, veil, and burse during the pandemic. Second of all, on a more practical level, the pall keeps away flies (well most of the time), dust, and decreasing the risk of droplets from the mouth of the presider. Third, on a more theological level, Fr. Jerry Pokorsky explains how the veil, 'reminds us of the curtain setting apart the Holy of Holies, and prompts us to approach the altar aware of our unworthiness to enter into union with God.' Additionally, 'the removal of the chalice veil is one of the first liturgical actions at the Offertory in preparation for the reception of the gifts of bread and wine from the congregation. The removal of the veil following the Liturgy of the Word signifies that the sacred mysteries are about to be revealed. Again, this action is a symbolic echo of the Scripture: 'And Jesus cried again in a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two.'

On top of the veiled vessels is placed the burse (from the Latin word, 'bag' or 'container'). It is a square sack also made in the liturgical color of the season, and may also be embellished with a cross. The burse is the container for the corporal, a square piece of fine white linen that will be placed on the altar underneath the chalice and the paten. The corporal takes its name from the Latin word for body, because of the Body of Christ will rest upon it. (source: Aleteia.Org-"In close up: The Sacred Vessels and linens used at Mass" by Philip Kosloski, September 14, 2017). Hopefully, this explanation clears any misunderstanding or that is purely Fr. Chris's desire to return to bringing back the Pre-Vatican II days of the liturgical celebration.

Last, I have also had some questions in regards to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII confirmed the belief of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." (Munificentissimus Deus-The Most Bountiful God). There will be two Masses offered for this Solemnity, NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION due to this Solemnity falling on a Saturday and also to COVID-19. There will be a 5:30 p.m. Mass on Friday August 14th at St. Thomas Aquinas and 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. We do encourage you to attend! We pray for that our nation may turn its back away from sin toward the Abundant life in God's mercy, love, and forgiveness and be consecrated fully to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during these times of the pandemic and instability. 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 August 8th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Grace Armstrong, Vivian Winkler, Don Bendon & Deery Butler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass August 9th :

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Marcia Konrad

Ushers: Kathy & Jack Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass August 9th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Ushers: Bob & Julie Ormsby

Cleaning Vessels: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

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 mask, 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 Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Loretta Petersen, Aaron Babinski, Mike Metz

& 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.



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 or by call 515-344-7850.

Thank you,
Anitta



Join us every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 7:40am to pray the rosary before Mass.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
St. Padre Pio

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 or Marguerite O'Meara at mkeating677@gmail.com for further information.



St Thomas, in conjunction with the **Social Concerns Committee** invites you to learn about solar power for your home, farm or business. They will co-host a free, virtual **Solar Power Hour** webinar on Aug. 26 at 7:00 p.m. Come learn about the basics of solar, its financial benefits, and how the solar-group-buy program works. After the session, you can schedule a free, no-obligation site assessment if you desire. To register go to www.WarrenCounty.GrowSolar.org. If that time doesn't work for you, there are several webinars to choose from. Questions: Call Rita Bresnan 515-783-0643.

August 8th a memorial service was held for Len Miller
Our deepest condolences go out to the Miller Family.
Len will be greatly missed by our parish communities.
Please remember him as well as the family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon him.





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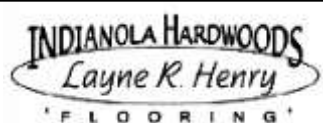
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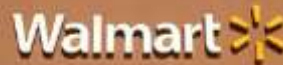
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