



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 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23

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121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Pam Gavin

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kayden Sherlock

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Dr. Joe Brennan

AUGUST 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

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

7:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-Alice Whitmore

AUGUST 25

SAINT LOUIS

426: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 22:23-26

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

AUGUST 26

427: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

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

AUGUST 27

SAINTS MONICA

428: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51

See 632: Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 Lk 7:11-17

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

AUGUST 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE

429: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

See 633: 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 23:8-12

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Courtney Bonner

AUGUST 29

PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

430: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mk 6:17-29

See 634: Jer 1:17-19 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John Felice

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-Patricia Nehring

AUGUST 30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

124: Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63: 2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-David Holcomb

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Dr. Joe Brennan

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

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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Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear parishioners:

Congratulations to our six students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday August 23, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. They are; Maya Chamberlain, Collin Garrett, Kael Kolarik, Sydney McCasland, Jackson Palacios, and Josephine Wearmouth.

Please keep in your prayers those candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday August 30, 10:15 a.m. Mass. They are; Jackson Becker, Ali Birminghamd, Blaine Birmingham, Cody Boyle, Michaela Bradley, Alice Borgmeyer, Sam Catron, Angelina Furness, Maya Gabel, Carson Graham, Hawkins Jacobsen, Mallory Kanne, James Naughton, Wil Phippen, Will Teasdale, Walker Whalen, and Anna Young. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Process will be starting on Tuesday September 8, (Feast of the Birth of St. Mary) 7 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room. If you or if you know someone who has been praying about the call to become Catholic, please call the office for more information. We will have several weeks of the inquiry stage in which one can test the spirits to see if Jesus is calling them to become Catholic Christians at St. Thomas Aquinas, Immaculate Conception, or Simpson College.

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris

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

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass August 29th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger

Ushers:

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass August 30th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic: Martin & Marcia Konrad

Ushers: Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass August 30th:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Williams & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool &

Bob & Julie Ormsby

Cleaning Vessels: Ann Williams & Cindy Whitesitt

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 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.

Dear St. Thomas Parishioners:

This month, with school starting, the Social Concerns Committee is asking for your support for Backpacks 4 Hunger. This program sends food home every Friday for weekend meals with students who have been identified by school counselors of needing some assistance. The cost to support one child for a single weekend is \$5. Please consider a donation to support one or more children for one or more weekends in this program. You can drop off your check (made out to St. Thomas Aquinas), drop it in the safety box, put it in the collection basket or mail it in (St. Thomas Aquinas, 1210 R63 Hwy, Indianola, Iowa 50125). Please be sure to enter on the check description line and on the envelope that the donation is for Backpacks 4 Hunger.

Thank you for your generosity. This is a tough time for families and supporting the Backpacks program is a beautiful way to live the Beatitudes.

The Social Concerns Committee

P.S. Thank you for your generous donations for our school supplies/needs drive. We collected \$2,190, which was distributed to the four elementary schools in Indianola last week.

Also, please spread the word about the Grow Solar Warren County webinar St. Thomas is hosting August 26 at 7 p.m. Details at: <https://www.growsolar.org/solar-warren-co/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Register Now

- **For the in class /at home program**
- **Or for the totally at home program**

God bless you,



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.

CHRIST OUR LIFE

CATHOLIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE



What You Should Know

The 2020 Christ Our Life Conference will be offered in person and livestreamed for those preferring or unable to attend in person.

Extensive protective measures are being taken to ensure the wellness of in-person attendees.

To find out details and purchase tickets, go to:

ChristOurLifeIowa.com

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

Christ Our Life Conference will follow guidelines to protect attendees from COVID-19. Attendees must protect themselves appropriately, assuming all risks associated with their attendance. Any individual with symptoms, a fever or exposure to COVID-19, is asked to refrain from attending the conference.



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 Zoom 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.



Summer Office Hours May 29-Sept 4

Office Hours: Mon- Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 9 am– 1 pm



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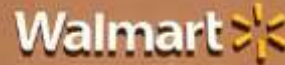
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