



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.

September 6, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

127: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Frank Kubik
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-Carol Van Aernam

SEPTEMBER 7

437: 1Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

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

NO 7:00p.m. Mass at IC

SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

636: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

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

SEPTEMBER 9

SAINT PETER CLAVER

439: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

See 636: Is 58:6-11 Mt 25:31-40

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

SEPTEMBER 10

440: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38

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

SEPTEMBER 11

441: 1Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 12 Lk 6:39-42

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

SEPTEMBER 12

MOST HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

442: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

SEPTEMBER 13

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

130: Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Shirley Brommel
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Carol Van Aernam
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-For all our deceased K of C
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-

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:

This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate only three births as they all were born without original sin: Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist (cleansed in the womb of original sin). It is as early as the sixth century that the church in the East celebrated her birth, while the west (Roman, Latin Rite), it was celebrated in the seventh century. There are no scriptures alluding to her birth. However, the Protoevangelium of James, an apocryphal work written in about the year 150 A.D., speaks of the infertility of Ann and Joachim until an angel appeared to Ann, telling her she would conceive and bear a child. The Gospel of the Nativity of St. Mary speaks about this in more detailed fashion. This feast is not a solemnity because of its closeness to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (which we celebrated August 15). Of course, we know the Immaculate Conception is December 8th, so naturally, nine months later, her birth would follow. St. Augustine (a fifth century bishop of Hippo and doctor of the church), connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He states: "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first-parent changed."

(sources: www.learnreligions.com/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary and www.franciscanmedia.org/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary).

Speaking of the Birth of the Blessed Mother, we begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Process this Tuesday September 8, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room. I would encourage anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Christian faith or attending these sessions. We have some excellent and enthusiastic instructors who love Scriptures and the faith with Marguerite O'Meara and Deacon Dave O'Brien. Please call the office if you are interested.

Next week, the Diocese has asked us to take up a second collection for the seminarians. As you know, we have one right now who is being formed at the University of St. Thomas with Connor Lynch. He credits the Mission trips under Ellen Miller with the Eucharistic Adoration for his call to the seminary discernment (testing of spirits) process. We are blessed to also have Fr. Ray Higgins, Fr. Ross Parker, who are from St. Thomas Aquinas and Fr. Trevor Chicoine from Immaculate Conception, St. Marys as our native sons. It was your prayers and support that brought about these vocations to the priesthood. The cost for each seminarian to be trained each year can run from \$25,000-\$50,000 a year, I might be on the low side since I was vocations director over 11 years ago. The only exception would be for Loras College as an endowment has been set up so the diocese only pays for room and board. With 19 seminarians, the cost can add up. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the seminarian fund.

Also, the Diocese of Des Moines has some online giving for the latest Derecho on August 10 which destroyed many of our farmer's crops around the diocese, the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon which killed over 200 people from ammonium nitrate, and the poverty, wars, and unrest in Africa. You can go to www.dmdiocese.org/giving, if you wish to give to any of these worthy causes online. Blessings and peace to all of you!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass September 12th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic: Bill & Kris Gross & John Shandley

Ushers: Deery Butler & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross & John Shandley

8:00 a.m. Mass September 13th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass September 13th:

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool
Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Tony & Anitta Spenner

Cleaning Vessels: Larry & Darla Vanderpool
Elizabeth Williams

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.

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 Andraesen, 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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Has expressed an 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 frrockyf@gmail.com or Marguerite O'Meara at mkeating677@gmail.com for further information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

IMPORTANT

Teachers are still needed for in class learning.
Please Contact JoAnn 961-6326

Congratulations to those that received the Sacrament of Confirmation



CHRIST OUR LIFE

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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.

September 20

Bake sale
after both Sunday masses.



Proceeds will be donated to **InnerVisions** Health Care clinics

The Weekend of September 12 & 13.

We will be honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Indianola KC Council



Recognition and blessing will be given after all weekend masses at St. Thomas Aquinas



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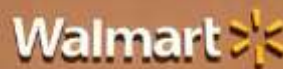
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