



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 20, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

133: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—Emily Pontolilo
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Ketch
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Alice Whitmore
12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Alice Whitmore

SEPTEMBER 21

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

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

SEPTEMBER 22

450: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21
6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Evangeline Mangold

SEPTEMBER 23

SAINTS PIUS OF PIETRELICINA

451: Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

Lk 9:1-6 see 643A: Gal 2:19-20 Mt 16:24-27

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Shirley Brommel

SEPTEMBER 24

452: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Frank Celsi

SEPTEMBER 25

453: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

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

SEPTEMBER 26

SAINT COSMAS AND DAMIAN

454: Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Shirley Brommel

SEPTEMBER 27

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

136: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—

Carl & Pat Nehring

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

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Frank Celsi

12:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Frank Celsi

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.)

Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458 Rectory Phone 962-2063

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

This Thursday September 24, has been declared a day of fasting and prayer for our nation. I would encourage all of us to participate in this day of fasting and prayer. 2020 has been a rather challenging year with the COVID-19 virus and the civil unrest that our nation is experiencing. On top of this, we have a highly contentious election year. Now more than ever, we need to bring all these things to prayer and fasting (as it super-sizes our prayer). Fasting could take the form of refraining from the internet, television, gossiping or swearing or for food (eating only bread and water) for the day. God can do some amazing things with prayer and fasting, if we give it a try. I promise to do my part for the day through prayer and fasting.

I sat through a ZOOM Meeting (I will admit, I am getting zoomed out) this past Tuesday. One of the things that was discussed was the derecho that hit us on Monday August 10. Many of our farmers were adversely affected. It is my understanding that corn is going for \$3.91 a bushel and soybeans at \$10 a bushel. Grain can be donated to the parishes and used as a reduction in income. It can be used as an income reduction gift. I have the necessary papers available for this.

Last, but not least, next week, we have the Christ our Life Conference at the Wells Fargo arena starting Saturday morning and ending Sunday noon. I would encourage all of us to participate in this event either in person with all the necessary protocols in place for masks and social distancing or by livestream here at St. Thomas Aquinas in the multi-purpose room. Various speakers such as Bishop William Joesen, Fr. Don Calloway, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Sister Miriam James, Mirjana Soldo by livestream, Steve Angrisano, Jon Leonetti, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow by livestream. This can be a real spiritual shot in the arm for a rather difficult year.

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris

Gathering Table

Monday September 21, 2020 from 5:60-6:30

ONCE AGAIN IT WILL BE "GRAB AND GO"

Gathering Table Extension

COVID-19 has impacted the economics of families in our area and due to an increased demand, the Gathering Table will be adding a second meal each month. STARS has offered to lead this effort. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Church website to designate your participation. Our first meal will be **Oct. 5**. In addition to food, we will need 6-8 servers from 5-6:30 p.m. Meals are delivered to the car while wearing masks (and gloves if desired).

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass September 26th:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Todd & Johna Clancy
& Josie Schettler

Ushers: Derry Butler & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Todd & Johna Clancy
& Josie Schettler

8:00 a.m. Mass September 27th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Brian & Anne Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass September 27th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Judy Hutton
& Tristan Grover

Ushers:

Cleaning Vessels: Dave & Judy Hutton
& Tristan Grover

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 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.

Religious Education is back!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Parish has obtained the Program **FORMED** for the use of every parishioner. Formed is...

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Enjoy!

During this time where we are not all back to Church yet, we want you to still feel a part of our parish family, so please enjoy this from St Thomas Aquinas, and tell a friend. God bless

Sacred Pilgrimages for 2021:

Better times are coming in 2021, so plan to enjoy them on a spiritual pilgrimage. Three trips are offered. First is **"Alpine Europe"** from April 12-22, visiting the breathtaking beauty of Southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria, also known as the land of "The Sound of Music."



The second is a pilgrimage to **"Poland & Eastern Europe"** July 26- August 6th, visiting the birthplace of Saint John Paul II, the Shrine of Divine Mercy, the Nazi death camp Auschwitz and so much more.

The third trip will take us to **"Ireland"**, from November 8-18, 2021. Enjoy hearty Irish laughter with their song and dance, ancient stone walls, flowering hedgerows and thatched-roofed cottages!

Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. For a brochure, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

KC Bake Sale

Sunday, September 20 after the masses
Cinnamon Rolls, Donuts, Muffins Free-will donations All proceeds will be donated to InnerVisions Health Care Clinics



Iowa Catholic Radio Care-a-Thon will be held **September 28 - October 2** and St. Thomas Aquinas has a team! Our team will be on the air from 5 - 6 PM, Tuesday, September 29. Team members are Johna and Todd Clancy. Please consider making a donation to the station during that week, and especially call in when we are on the air! If you cannot give during our time slot, please let them know to give St. Thomas Aquinas team credit for the pledge. You can also donate online and check the box for St. Thomas Aquinas. If our team wins, we win a free dinner for Fr. Chris and 30 days of free advertising for our church! Can you volunteer your time to answer the phones at the radio station during the week? Please call Jackie if you'd like to confirm a time that works for you! Download the Iowa Catholic Radio App for convenient listening! If you have any questions or would like to give a donation directly to one of the team members, please contact Jackie Ward @ 515.250.7385 or jackie@kwky.com. If making a donation is not possible at this time, please pray for the station as they work to Connect Listeners with Christ. May God bless you for supporting this ministry that supports the Churches and Schools in the Diocese.



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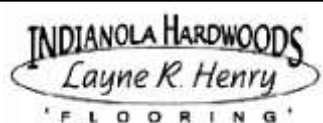
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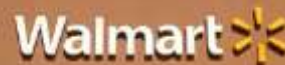
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