



# 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.

**October 11, 2020**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 11**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

142: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—Patricia Nehring**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Dr Joe Brennan**  
**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Carol VanAernam**  
**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Theresa Crawford**  
**5:00p.m. Mass at Simpson College**

**OCTOBER 12**

467: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7  
Lk 11:29-32

**NO 8:00 a. m. Mass at St. Thomas**  
**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

**OCTOBER 13**

468: Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41  
**6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Paul McLendon**  
**6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas**

**OCTOBER 14**

**SAINT CALLISTUS**

469: Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:42-46  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Joe & Angie Chiappine**

**OCTOBER 15**

**SAINT TERESA OF JESUS**

470: Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54  
See 657: Rom 8:22-27 Jn 15:1-8  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Bob VanAernam**

**OCTOBER 16**

**SAINT HEDWIG &**

**SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE**

471: Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert**

**OCTOBER 17**

**SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH**

472: Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:24-26  
See 660: Phil 3:17—4:1 Jn 12:24-26

**3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas**  
**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—John Felice**

**OCTOBER 18**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

145: Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 Thes 1:1-5b  
Mt 22:15-21 or, for Mission Sunday

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception—Chuck Long**  
**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Ketch**  
**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier**  
**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Frank Celsi**  
**5:00p.m. Mass at Simpson College**

**Livestream Masses**

**Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:15am at St. Thomas &  
Sundays at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday–Friday (12 p.m.– 1 p.m.)  
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## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

So much has changed in our daily lives. We may find ourselves frustrated during this beautiful fall season when we can't do things we normally do. But the one constant in our life is God. God is always there. He is always with us and he is always waiting for us.

What better time when life seems to be on hold than to look for God's peace, comfort and joy?

The "Formed.org" website, which our church has purchased access for one year, can bring God directly to your house. There are movies, audible books, music, scripture studies, and videos for children. If you're looking for a good family movie, we recommend "Clare and Francis".

For October, the month of our Lady of the Rosary, you might watch a video on the Rosary. For spiritual enrichment, there are many fascinating series, such as "Into the Breach" that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. And, "Beloved"—a beautifully entertaining series on understanding the mystery and meaning on the sacrament of marriage.

And, if you find a particularly interesting video, book or movie, please email JoAnn at [jsayredre@gmail.com](mailto:jsayredre@gmail.com) and we will share that with others.

Here's how to access Formed.org

Type in any browser **Formed.org**

You will see a blue screen with a button that says **Sign up** click on that. Next you will see 3 choices click on the bottom one **I belong to a Parish or Organization**

Now put the zip code for St Thomas **50125**

St Thomas Aquinas should come right up click on **St Thomas Aquinas** then click **next**. Then create an account by putting in your **name** and **email address** and click **Sign up** you now have access to hundreds of wonderful Catholic programs. Enjoy!



## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass October 17th:**

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Shandley, Judy Kirby & Tim Gauger

**Ushers:** Teri Cooper & Grace Armstrong

**Cleaning Vessels:** John Shandley, Judy Kirby & Tim Gauger

### **8:00 a.m. Mass October 18th:**

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic:** Kathy Slinker & Nathan Thomason

**Ushers:** Kathy & Jack Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Kathy Slinker & Nathan Thomason

### **10:15 a.m. Mass October 18th:**

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ben Brackney Dianne Funk & Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Ben Brackney & Dorothy Gelez

**Cleaning Vessels:** Ben Brackney Dianne Funk & 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 Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,  
Loretta Petersen, Aaron Babinski, Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley  
& 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.

## Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign October 2020

*InnerVisions HealthCare, now with 2 locations in West & South DSM, serves women with unplanned pregnancies with free, compassionate, and truthful medical care, before, during, and after her positive and unexpected pregnancy test. To support their free medical clinic, our church is doing a virtual baby bottle campaign during the month of October, which is Respect Life Month.*

**Donation Bottle in the back of the Church**



## RE News

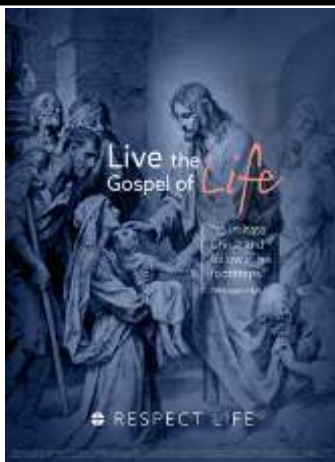
***Please remember to pick up your "take home packets".***

*Our deepest condolences go out to the Pool family, for the death of Bob's brother Richard Pool and the uncle of Jeff Smith. Also, condolences to the Cross family on the death of Kim's father Robert Bell. Please remember them as well as the families in your prayers.*

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



## ***October is Respect Life Month***



### 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

### Knights of Columbus

#### Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners

6 Big Nights Oct 16, 23 & 30 Nov 6, 13 & 20  
The Indianola council is planning to host our annual Fall Fish & Chicken dinners starting on Friday, Oct 16. All meals will be served as a drive-up carryout offering. The price per meal is \$10. Serving hours are 5:30 to 7:00 PM.



12:00 noon Masses will continue at St Thomas until the end of October. Masses at Simpson College will begin again October 11th at 5:00p.m. (35 person limit)

## 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 the first Monday of the month. Please sign-up. 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). The third Monday of the month is still Gathering table and food and servers are needed as well. Thank you to everyone that has already signed-up.



**The ADA Kick-off  
is on October 10-11!**

## Operation Christmas

"Operation Christmas" is a group of lay people from several Indianola churches who have come together for the past 35 years to distribute food & gift vouchers to qualified people in Warren County in need at Christmas. This year we are anticipating the number of families signing up for support from Operation Christmas could be at an all-time high. Last year we were able to help 500 children have a happy Christmas. We are expecting possibly double this amount! Just a few weeks ago, over 600 free meals were served in 31 minutes on Monday night in the Dollar General parking lot for people in need. This is why I am reaching out to you now. You'll be pleased to know that 100% of your donation goes directly to only families in Warren County. Because of COVID, we cannot "pass the baskets" at church. If you can donate money, for the next 4 weeks, we will be accepting donations. Please place the funds in an envelope and mark Operation Christmas on the outside of the envelope. You can drop off your check (made out to THE HELPING HAND with Operation Christmas in the memo section), in the safety box in the church, put it in the collection basket or mail it in (St. Thomas Aquinas, 1210 R63 Hwy, Indianola, Iowa 50125). I want to Thank you for your careful consideration of supporting Operation Christmas and directly helping local families. If questions please contact Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029.





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