



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 intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

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 18, 2020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

OCTOBER 19

SAINTS JOHN de BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES

473: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21
See 662: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 28:16-20

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

OCTOBER 20

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS

474: Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85: 9-14 Lk 12:35-38
6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—In Thanksgiving
for the Frueh sisters
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

OCTOBER 21

475: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6 Lk 12:39-48
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Aaron Babinski

OCTOBER 22

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

476: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Lk 12:49-53 see 663A: is 52:7-10 Jn 21:15-17
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier

OCTOBER 23

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

477: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

OCTOBER 24

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET

478: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Aaron Babinski

OCTOBER 25

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

148: Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40
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—Dr. Joe Brennan
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg
12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas—Carol VanAernam
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:

We celebrate World Mission Sunday this week-end. The work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is achieved in over 1000 dioceses scattered throughout the globe. The theme for 2020 is, "Here I am, send me." This theme gives credence to the many missionaries who carry out the work among the poor and vulnerable around the world. They take the message of the Good News of Salvation in word and in deed to bring hope to many, including the most vulnerable, through their gifts and talents in ways of spiritual and corporal care. We share in that theme in a different way than the missionaries through our prayers and support of the collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift so that our brothers and sisters in Christ may discover that same hope in Jesus Christ, our Savior and begin to see in us that image and likeness of our caring, compassionate, and loving God.

As the election season approaches, I would hope that all of us would consider viewing, "Faithful Citizenship," the Catholic guide in forming our consciences on a variety of issues that the Catholic Church upholds as revealed by Jesus Christ, our founder, who in turn, handed down his message to his early followers, the apostles, predecessors to our Bishops who are called to teach, sanctify, and govern. I think you will find the document informative and concise. Please look to our parish websites for this guide provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and prayerfully reflect on it.

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 October 24th:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger & Lanny Ward

Ushers: Derry Butler & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger & Lanny Ward

8:00 a.m. Mass October 25th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Kathy Slinker & Kathryn Pierson

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass October 25th:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Whitesitt, Logan Hageman & Darla Vanderpool

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Cindy Whitesitt, Logan Hageman & 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 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 Andreason, 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 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.

STAT Night

Guest Speakers: Laurie Abernathy, from Heal House and Sue Wilson from Helping Hand.



Feed the Hungry--Helping Hand Collection

Helping Hand Food Pantry has seen demand for assistance triple since March when COVID hit Iowa. To support this important community resource and the families in need in our county, the Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a "Feed the Hungry" collection in October to support Helping Hand. This is a time of unprecedented need in our community and county.

There are three ways to donate since we know many of you are social distancing:

- Put your donation in an envelope marked "Helping Hand" and drop in the collection basket
- Mail your donation to St. Thomas (210 R 63 Hwy, Indianola 50125)-be sure to indicate it is for "Helping Hand"
- Place in black secured box on the wall by the office sign--mark it "Helping Hand" Please make checks out to **St. Thomas Aquinas** and write "Helping Hand" in the memo.

Thank you for considering a donation and this chance to help.

P.S. Thank you for your generous support of Backpacks 4 Hunger collection in August. St. Thomas generously donated \$3,368.00 which will supply 673 backpacks of weekend meals.

P.S.S. Social Concerns will sponsor a Medicare Part D Check-Up in November. The process will be modified to assure everyone's safety during this time of COVID. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Perpetual Adoration

We are continuing to have adoration in our Chapel and the response of assigned and visiting adorers has been wonderful. Thank you for your continued prayers and time spent with our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. That said, we do have several hours that are open and in need of an adorers. If you can commit to one hour per week (or more!) for one of the hours below, please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or on email at spennani1976@outlook.com Thanks & God Bless.

Mondays - 8 pm

Tuesdays - 12, 1, 2, 3, 8 am and 12 noon

Wednesdays - 1, 2

Thursdays - 5 am

Fridays -all hours from 12 am until 4pm except 8, 10, 11 am and 1 pm.

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 are only for students, Faculty and staff.

No Cookie Walk this December. Cookie walk will be postponed until 2021

**For more
information check
the STARS website**



Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign October 2020

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



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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