



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.

November 1, 2020

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

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-John & Donna Sereg

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Alice Whitmore

5:00p.m. Mass at Simpson College

NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS' DAY

5:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Fritz Engelbart

7:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-Phyllis Brichacek

668: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 3

486: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26b-32 Lk 14:15-24

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-In Thanksgiving for the

Frueh sisters

6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROME0

487: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33

See 670: Rom 12:3-13 Jn 10:11-16

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Irene Jones

NOVEMBER 5

488: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas- Gary Bliss &

The Souls' in Purgatory

NOVEMBER 6

489: Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-6

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

NOVEMBER 7

490: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Mark & Don Gross

NOVEMBER 8

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

154: Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13

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-Joseph Giglio

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Mark Gross

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Anita Chesher

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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Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We have the blue Book of the Dead in the gathering area. You may write in the name of a loved one or friend who has gone before us marked with the sign of faith during this month of November. I would highly encourage you to pray and offer Masses for their intention. The Mass is the best prayer we can offer for a deceased loved one or friend.

Tuesday November 3 is Election Day. I will reiterate this again and again, I CANNOT and WILL NOT tell you how to vote. That is not my responsibility. My responsibility is to inform your conscience to make the best possible decision as you go in the voting booth. There are a variety of social and moral issues that we all need to be informed on where the church stands. First and foremost, we look to the beginning of life, which is the foundation for other issues. A life must be born in order for us to be concerned about affordable and accessible healthcare, the immigrant or stranger in our midst (Deacon Dave beautifully talked about the immigrant in the womb in one of his homilies and the Book of Exodus from last Sunday's reading, the poor who go without the basic necessities of food, shelter, or proper clothing, the environment and the call to be good stewards of it, racism which has been our most of our minds for the last several months-that call to love our neighbor because we love God first, the sanctity of Marriage and the church's vision of this as being one man and one woman only according to the natural law, Sacred Scriptures, and 2000 years of Church teaching, Religious Freedoms and Liberties which are under attack today, etc. If you have not picked up a copy of 'Faithful Citizenship' by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I would encourage you to do so. It gives a list of issues and short explanations.

Please pray, pray, and pray! Bring Jesus (yes, he is our only hope) with you into the voting booth. Let your informed conscience based on Scripture and Church teaching be your guide. Last, but not least, Happy Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day! Blessings and peace!
Fr. Chris

November is the month that commemorates the deceased, please remember in your prayers all those that have died this year. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual lights shine upon them.***

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass November 7th:

Lector: Adam Naughton
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger
Ushers: Teri Cooper & Grace Armstrong
Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass November 8th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch
Eucharistic: Martin & Marcia Konrad
Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl
Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass November 8th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne Funk & Ben Brackney
Ushers: Dave & Judy Hutton
Cleaning Vessels: Dianne Funk & Ben Brackney

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, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,
Loretta Petersen, A aron Babinski , Mike Metz, Patrick S handley
& for the S ouls 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



This past Wednesday evening our STAT group hosted a COC/Genesis drive-through Halloween party. Thanks guys for making their night special!



Religious Ed

"Take home work" seems to be a success! Pictured are three 3rd graders working on making their rosaries. Great job girls!!!



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.

STARS

Please sign-up now to serve or bring food for the next Gathering Table which STARS is leading on Nov. 2. The team is serving an average of 90 meals – please volunteer to help deliver this corporal work of mercy to our Indianola community. We need 15 main dishes, sides and deserts. Please sign up on the STARS FaceBook Page.

Medicare Part D Check-up



The Social Concerns Committee is once again offering a Part D Check-up to review and compare Medicare Part D plans for 2021. Due to COVID, the process will be different this year. If you would like to have a comparison done for yourself or a family member, please pick up a packet at the receptionist's desk which explains the process and includes the information that is needed. We are asking that the information requested be returned by Wednesday, November 4.

The Medicare Part D open enrollment runs from October 15-December 7. Last year we were able to help parishioners save almost \$35,000 on their annual drug costs. It is important to do a comparison every year. You don't have to change plans if you don't want to, but the plans can change premiums, deductibles, co-pays, the drugs they cover and the pharmacies they work with every year. If you don't stay on top of these changes you could end up paying more than you need to for your drugs in 2021.

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.



There will be **NO Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** this year. Yet, we will have donations of money, canned goods and food supplies for the food pantries at Martensdale/St. Marys and I-35 Schools and Jesus' Right Hand. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday, November 15, and members of the Madison Warren Ecumenical Association (MWEA) will facilitate their distribution. Please make any checks out to MWEA. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus

Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners

6 Big Nights Oct 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.



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