



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 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

157: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30
Or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate Conception-Linda Croat
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter
12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Anita Cheshier
5:00p.m. Mass at Simpson College

NOVEMBER 16

SAINTS MARGARET OF SCOTLAND & GERTRUDE

497: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43

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

NOVEMBER 17

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

498: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10
see 678: 1Jn 3:14-18 Lk 6:27-38

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Carol VanAernam
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 18

DEDICATION OF BASILICAS - STS. PETER & PAUL SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

499: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

For Dedication, see 679: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Mt 14:22-23
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

NOVEMBER 19

500: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Albert Bassler

NOVEMBER 20

501: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Lk 19:45-48
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

NOVEMBER 21

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

502: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

See 680: Zec 2:14-17 Mt 12:46-50

3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson

NOVEMBER 22

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Francis & Helen Gavin
8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene DeWall
10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier
12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Anita Cheshier
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:

I remember in the early days of weightlifting that I was introduced to by a college roommate. I would hear the phrase, Use it or Lose it. In other words, I need to use the muscles given and develop them or I would grow lethargic or lazy and could easily lose the muscle tone. How significant that is for us today with the Gospel from Matthew. Jesus speaks about the first servant who has been given five talents by his master, does so, invests the five talents, and doubles his investment and returns 10 talents to his master. The second servant is given two talents and doubles the investment and returns four talents to his master. The third servant is given one talent, buries it, and returns back the one talent. He is chastised by his master for not investing his talent. What does this mean? We cannot get complacent with our gifts and talents that God has given us by putting them under a bushel basket for reasons of fear, greed, or some other reason. We are invited to put them to full use by using them. We can be lulled today into spiritual lethargy or sloth, particularly now, when the requirement of Mass attendance is dispensed. Now, I am not speaking to those with underlying health conditions, those who are sick, or have some extenuating circumstance for not attending. For those of us who can come yet, choose not to, we miss out on the graces of the sacraments. Fear can grip us all, lead us into isolation, and can affect our mental, physical, psychological, and spiritual health. That comes from the evil one, not God. How am I using the talents and gifts God has given me for the purpose of sharing my faith? Am I like the first two servants who shared them, put them out, even when rejected, or do I bury the talent, like the last servant. There are eternal consequences to our choices. This comes from Jesus himself, not Fr. Chris Fontanini. Let us make the choice to share our talents and let that investment grow for the kingdom of God.

On another subject, one way to share our talents is by plugging into Formed.org. Our high students will be hand at all Masses next weekend to help us get into the sacramental and catechetical training, Formed.org offers. Please bring your laptops to church with you next weekend. It is a great way to get renewed and strengthened in our faith! 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 November 21st:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Marv & Sandy Sauser

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Grace Armstrong

Cleaning Vessels: Marv & Sandy Sauser

8:00 a.m. Mass November 22nd:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic: Kathy Slinker & Nathan Thomason

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Slinker & Nathan Thomason

10:15 a.m. Mass November 22nd:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Whitesitt & Alex Lynch

Ushers: Bed Brackney & Tony Spenner

Cleaning Vessels: Cindy Whitesitt & Alex Lynch

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.

Linens: Judy Kirby

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.

The Gathering Table Needs Your Help

It is time for the Gathering Table Monday Nov. 16th, 5:30-6:30. This will be a grab and go meal.

Attached is a google doc. for you to sign up on. If you are unable to sign up, please let us know how you would like to help and we will fill it in.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQjtIIDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=468735883

As many of you know we are now serving the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. The STARS group is in charge of the 1st Monday. Last week we **served 100 meals** and had to turn 9 cars away. We are now asking for 15 main dishes, side dishes, and rolls. We are asking for 10 desserts. We need for 15 people to bring a dozen rolls, the main and side dishes we are asking that they would serve between 15-20.

Thank you to all who have helped in the past and we are asking for you to all please prayerfully consider helping in some way.

Thank you and God Bless
The Gathering Table Committee

AMAZING!! We are so blessed to have such outstanding, amazing families that have went ABOVE & BEYOND to help make our collection from our church for Operation Christmas!! THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support for this program for the children and families of Warren County. THANKS to everyone that were able to contribute a record setting collection of a little over \$4,200!! Truly feeling blessed---Debbie McDaniel



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.



“Laptop Sunday”

When: *Saturday, November 21
Sunday, November 22*

Device: *Laptop, Ipad, Cell phone*

Why: *Our parish has purchased a program called **Formed** and we want all of you to have access to it. **It's Amazing!!!! and free to you.***

How will this work: *After all the weekend Masses on Nov. 21-22 our STAT group will be helping any parishioner who wishes, to set up this program on their device.*

Where: *the multi-purpose room across from the Church*

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Altar Server Training



If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Church so that we can set up a time to train them. Trainings will take place on Sundays and Wednesdays. 515-961-3026

Knights of Columbus
Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners
Still one left, Nov 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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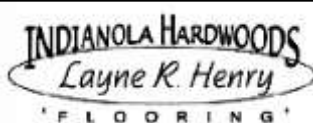
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