



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 22, 2020

THIRTY-FOURTH OR LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Chesher

5:00p.m. Mass at Simpson College

NOVEMBER 23

SAINTS CLEMENT I

503: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 24

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC

504: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11

see 683B: Wis 3:1-9 Mt 10:17-22

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

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

NOVEMBER 25

SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

505: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19

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

NOVEMBER 26

(THANKSGIVING DAY)

506: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 21:20-28

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

NOVEMBER 27

507: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33

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

NOVEMBER 28

508: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

NOVEMBER 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Carl & Pat Nehring

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

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Angie Chiappine

5:00p.m. No 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.)
Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458 Rectory Phone 962-2063 Website: stthomasindianola.com
Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I want to thank Steve McGinniss and Claire Patin for their over 20 years of service on the Finance Council. They have been a big help for me with their wisdom, advice, and support on many pertinent matters relating to the parish. Their service is most appreciated! We welcome Beth McGinniss, Steve's wife and an accountant, and Terry Krapfl, a lawyer for Patin, Strong, and Krapfl law firm here in town.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, this Thursday November 26 is Thanksgiving Day. Much of what we expect this year will be subdued because of the virus. My hope is that we can take time this year to focus on what really matters. First of all, we need to thank God for the gift of faith that we have and the freedom to worship him in this country. We can never take this gift for granted! It is so important we tell our Lord thanks for the gift of faith and the freedom to express it without fear or repercussions as some experience in other parts of the world. Then, we need to continue to pray, pray for our country at this time that the freedom to worship him inside and outside of Mass will continue. Second, we need to give God thanks for our families and friends. We know that many of us will not get to see them in person this year due to the virus. We will need to find creative ways to reach out to family and friends from afar who cannot join us either through phone, cards, FaceTime, Zoom, texts, e-mails with a message of love! From the original Thanksgiving in 1620 when a small ship carrying 102 passengers gathered to give thanks to God for their new home in which they could worship freely to the first official one in November 1621 when the first corn harvest proved successful when Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast with the pilgrims and Native American Wampanoag chief Massasoit, a festival that lasted three days (source: history.com) to most recently, which football games and Macy's parade in New York City, have been the tradition to today (?), let us not forget our God, source of all blessings! He is here with us in spite of the challenges with the virus.

Last, but not least, The Indianola Ministerial Association is hosting a live Virtual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on Sunday November 22, 7:00 pm. with Virtual Pumpkin Pie (No, not really, no calories on this one). This is the link I was given: <https://storm.simpson.edu/canit/a.php?i=c9c4c78d2eeefcca1af63e3f5741ac738a04ed06>.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! 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 28th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Vivian Winkler & Derry Butler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass November 29th:

Lector: Penny Miller

Eucharistic: Joseph DeWall & Carol Proctor

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Joseph DeWall & Carol Proctor

10:15 a.m. Mass November 29th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan & Logan Grover

Ushers: Bob & Julie Ormsby

Cleaning Vessels: Tristan & Logan 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.

Linens: Judy Kirby

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 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.

RE Movie Night
Movie- "The Last Straw"



A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.
Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon.
Amen

Gathering Table News

We wish to thank all those that contributed food or helped in any way with the Gathering Table on Monday, November 16th. It was a great success.

May God bless all of you and reward you for your kindness.

The Gathering Table committee

ADA

St. Thomas has an **ADA** Goal of **\$65,894** we have paid **\$43,173**. As of 11-13-2020, **\$22,721** remains. If this amount is not met St. Thomas will have to pay the shortfall amount back to the Diocese of Des Moines.

There are ADA cards in the back of the church where you pick up your bulletins.

Please prayerfully consider giving whatever you can afford. Thank you!

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



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

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.

Happy Thanksgiving



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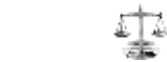
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