



# 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.

## DECEMBER 20

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

12 Noon Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice

## DECEMBER 21

### SAINT PETER CANISIUS

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lk 1:39-45

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary/ Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Carl & Pat Nehring

## DECEMBER 22

198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abed Lk 1:46-56

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Velma Forret

## DECEMBER 23

### SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl

## DECEMBER 24

### VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

13: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

4:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

4:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas Hall-Garry Collins & Kay Bethards

4:00 p.m. Public Mass at Immaculate Conception-

Lambert & Dolly Brommel

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

Marty Gehringer & Lester Gehringer

(Night) 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

10:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Sarg & Bernice Fontanini

## DECEMBER 25

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

(Day) 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

9:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Joe & Angie Chiappine

## DECEMBER 26

### SAINT STEPHEN

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ken Bendon

## DECEMBER 27

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,

39-40 or, in Year B: Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 105:1-6, 8-9

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene DeWall

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Anita Cheshier

12 Noon Public Mass at St. Thomas-Debbie Fontanini Morlan

5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice

## 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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Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

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## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe! We are in our last week of Advent. The hymns, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", "People Look East", "Waiting in Silence," "Patience, People," will soon be "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Joy to the World," etc. etc. When this time of year rolls around, there is excitement, hope, and joy. Yet, we know this year is different due to the virus. Our Cookie Walk, the Tour of Homes, Christmas Parade in the Square, and Christmas parties were cancelled due to COVID-19. We can still be people who celebrate the remembrance of his birth in history and who await his coming in glory in the Second Coming.

The Good News is that we are still planning to have Christmas Masses unless some unforeseen circumstances take place or the Second Coming of Jesus occurs. On Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th, we will have three 4:00 p.m. Masses, two at St. Thomas Aquinas (one in the church, gathering area, and multi-purpose to better social distance, the other in the Hall celebrated by Fr. Hurley, who has been here a number of times to celebrate Mass, and one at Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's celebrated by Fr. Dan Krettek, the former pastor of our parish). We will have a 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys, at 10 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, and 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas on Christmas Day. We will have the necessary sanitization products, ushers/greeters will be on hand to help any of you get situated and make sure the proper protocols are in place, and Eucharistic Ministers will be strategically placed for your safety. I have also decided NOT to be the Innkeeper who gives the bad news, "there is no room at the inn." Nevertheless, I would encourage you to consider attending the later Masses on Christmas Eve and even Christmas Day to ensure safety and social distancing. As always, we ask that everyone wear a mask or face shield. I want to thank you for your patience and cooperation. This has been a tough year. Pray for the end of this pandemic to St. Corona and for a morally ethical vaccine to be here soon. I want to wish you all a Happy 4th Week of Advent and a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Chris



## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass December 26th:**

**Lector:** Kris Gross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & Vivian Winkler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Bill & Kris Gross

### **8:00 a.m. Mass December 27th:**

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Terry & Cathy Krapfl

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

### **10:15 a.m. Mass December 27th:**

**Lector:** Ryan Whitesitt

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Hutton & Cindy Whitesitt

**Ushers:** Bob & Julie Ormsby

**Cleaning Vessels:** Judy Hutton & Cindy Whitesitt

**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 Andreasen, Ed Lelnen, Jean Veasman,  
Loretta Petersen, Aaron Babinski, Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley  
James Rector & 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 Night

The 2nd Grade class celebrated their First Reconciliation this past Wednesday . Great Job! We are so proud of you.



### Gathering Table News

It is time for the Gathering Table Monday Dec. 21st 5:30-6:30. We have been serving around 120 each time. This mission would not be possible if it wasn't for the support of all you wonderful people.

We are now using Sign up Genius. If you have trouble, please let us know what you would like to bring and we will fill it in for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering>

This is again a grab and go meal,

We want to thank you for helping this past year, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Thank you and God Bless

The Gathering Table Committee

### Christmas Mass Times

#### DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. St. Thomas

4:00 p.m. St. Thomas Hall (Msgr. Hurley)

4:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

10:00 p.m. St. Thomas

#### DECEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. St. Thomas



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

Liturgy of the Hours

If you would like send Msgr. Bognanno a Christmas Card his address is below.

Msgr Frank Bognanno

3663 Grand Ave. Unit 207

Des Moines, Iowa 50312

## ADORATION



We currently have several openings for adoration in our chapel. Advent is such a wonderful time to start and make an ongoing commitment to spending an hour a week with our Lord. We need the prayers and graces now more than ever during these trying times. Below are the hours that are currently empty. If you are able/interested in covering one of these hours, please call Anitta 515-344-7850 or send me an email at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com). God Bless you for your consideration.

**Mondays:** 12 Midnight and 1 am

**Tuesdays:** 12 Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 8 am  
and 12 noon

**Wednesdays:** 12 Midnight, 1, 2, and 11 am

**Thursdays:** 12 Noon and 3pm

**Fridays:** 12 Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8,  
9am and 12 noon

### 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!



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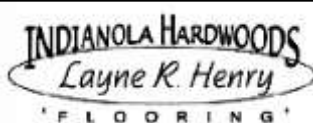
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