



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.

JANUARY 3 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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-Cathy, John & Kathy Malloy

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene DeWall

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Carol VanAernam

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

JANUARY 4 SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

212: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

see 737-742, esp. Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 or

1 Cor 13:4-13 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 10:38-42

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

4:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

JANUARY 5 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

see 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 (722.4)

Jn 10:11-16 (724.10) or 719-724

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Sonnie Brommel

JANUARY 6 SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-For the intentions of the Stoffel Family

JANUARY 7 SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

215: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart

JANUARY 8 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

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

JANUARY 9 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-For the intentions of Doug & Mary Phillips

JANUARY 10 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11 or, in Year B: Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

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-For the intentions of Mike & Kerri O'Meara & Family

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Alice Whitmore

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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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Christmas carols continue as we are still in the Christmas Season. One of the famous carols is, "We Three Kings of Orient Are." This speaks of the wise men or Magi traveling from afar from the East following the star to greet the infant Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gift of gold was considered worthy of a king, both the secular and biblical kings. Gold was highly prized. We see King Solomon's drinking vessels were made of gold (2 Chronicles 9:20) and King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold (Daniel 3:1). Frankincense came from tree resins and was greatly valued from the Middle East, Rome, and India. It was used in biblical times to make incense (Exodus 30:34), as an ingredient in sacrifices (Leviticus 2:1-2), and an ingredient in perfume (Song of Solomon 3:6, 4:14). Frankincense speaks of the worship of God-sending our prayers to heaven.

Myrrh is extruded from the gum of the Commiphora myrrh plant. It is less expensive than frankincense, yet still highly valued. It is mentioned 17 times in the Scriptures. In Genesis 37:25, it was being carried by camels in a caravan, for perfume in Song of Solomon in 1:13, 3:6, 4:6, 14, 5:1, 5, 13), as an anesthetic, for Jesus' burial embalming in John 19:39, as an ingredient for anointing oil in Exodus 30:23-25 and to deodorize clothes. In Esther 2:12, it was used as a cosmetic for women. Myrrh is primarily associated with death.

(Source: www.neverthirsty.org).

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the Christian feasts. It means 'to reveal' or 'to manifest' as the Christ child was manifested before the Kings, Shepherds. This Feast began in the East and is celebrated as the Theophany and almost universally celebrated on January 6. It is on January 6 in Italy where gifts are exchanged and given by La Befana.

This year in the Latin Rite, we celebrate on January 3, following the Feast of the Holy Family, which is generally celebrated on a Sunday.

Epiphany ends the twelve days of Christmas-tide, yet the season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Have a Happy Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass January 9th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Carol Proctor & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass January 10th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic: Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

10:15 a.m. Mass January 10th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Logan Hageman

& Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Logan Hageman
& Elizabeth Williams

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,

Aron Babinski, Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley

James Rector, Dianne Funk & 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.

Pope Francis Proclaims
2021 as the
"Year of Saint Joseph".
May St. Joseph guide,
guard, and protect all of
us this coming year.



From all of us at St Thomas, we wish you and your families a healthy, blessed and happy New Year!

Father Chris

Deacon Dave

Leasa

JoAnn



Our deepest condolences go out to the Petersen and Jauron families, for the death of their loved ones Loretta Petersen and Jim Jauron who were buried this week. They will be greatly missed by our Parish family. Please remember them, as well as the families in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon them.

Local Help For Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international ministry with a local council in Des Moines that is supported by the Des Moines Diocese. Parishes in the diocese form conferences of volunteers that work to help the society achieve its goal of serving those in material or spiritual need.

St. Patrick's-Irish Settlement Parish in rural Cumming has formed a conference to help those in our local communities. Volunteers from St. Patrick's are available to assist people in accessing services available thru SVDP and to help those in emergent need of basic necessities. **If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the SVDP/St. Patrick's volunteers at # 515-204-8047. All contacts are kept confidential.**

Through two locations in Des Moines, SVDP offers food, clothing & household items; emergency assistance with rent/utilities; job prep, tutoring, language & computer training and much more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. More information can be obtained at www.svdpsm.org.

Gathering Table News

We wish to thank all those that contributed food or helped in any way with the Gathering Table on Monday, December 21st. It was a great success.

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

The Gathering Table committee

Gathering Table News

It is time for the Gathering Table Monday Jan. 18th 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

The best gift you can give to the Lord
is the gift of your presence.

Consider going to Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament.

He longs to see you.



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. God Bless you for your consideration.

Mondays: 12 Midnight and 1 am

Tuesdays: 12 Midnight, 1, 2, 3 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

Mark your Calendar:



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The WATCH Retreat will be virtual and will begin Sunday evening March 21 at 7 PM - 8:15 PM and on the following four Sunday evenings. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

If you have questions, please contact Jackie at jjward71@gmail.com or 515.250.7385.

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