



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 17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

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-Mark, Nan, and Carl Bailey

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Gary Bliss &
The Souls in purgatory

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

JANUARY 18

WEEKDAY

311: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

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 19

WEEKDAY

312: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart

JANUARY 20

SAINT FABIAN & SAINT SEBASTIAN

313: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

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

JANUARY 21

SAINT AGNES

314: Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12 see 516:

1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 13:44-46

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

JANUARY 22

WEEKDAY

315: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-14 Mk 3:13-19

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-For the Intentions of the
Mike Miller Family

JANUARY 23

SAINT VINCENT & SAINT MARIANNE COPE

316: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3:20-21

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart

JANUARY 24

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

68: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

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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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From the Desk of the Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas Aquinas

Here we are again in Ordinary Time in the church's liturgical year. But for the Lord, nothing is "ordinary." The priest wears green vestments to represent new spiritual growth after the Christmas season. Jesus opens this new season with the Call of the Disciples to follow Him.

In this weekend's Gospel, the disciples are interested in getting to know more about Jesus and where he stays. Jesus turns to them and invites them to follow him. The invitation to follow Jesus was not simply given to a group of men 2000 years ago. The Scripture is alive today and Jesus asks each one of us to follow Him.

Jesus's invitation to the disciples to follow him was so momentous to them that the Gospel writer notes the exact time of day that they heard Jesus say, "Come." They remember the minute their life changed.

What might Jesus be calling you to do at this time in your life? Even in a pandemic, there are things you can do to strengthen your relationship with God and follow Jesus more closely.

You could join our parish prayer chain and offer up prayers for people who need our support.

Other prayer opportunities: Monday evenings – Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Immaculate Conception. Tuesday evenings – Mass, followed by the Rosary at St. Thomas Aquinas.

We also have times available for one-hour Adoration in our perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Twice a month on the first and third Mondays, our church sponsors The Gathering Table, a free evening meal (take-out only at this time). And we need people to sign up to provide food and to prepare the take-out packages.

On the first five Sundays in Lent from 7 pm-8:15 pm, beginning Feb. 17, we will offer a WATCH retreat from the comfort of your own home with guest speakers, prayers and insights into saints' lives.

There are also other liturgical opportunities – ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians.

This is a new year, Christ is inviting us to encounter Him. Pray about how you can offer your gifts to God and like Samuel in Sunday's first reading, we can say, "Here I am, Lord."

From the desk of Leasa Garrett

The end of year statements are in the back of the Church for you to take.

I would ask that you check your statement carefully as the Diocesan program, "Parish Soft" was experiencing some problems. If you find any mistakes please contact Leasa in the office 961-3026

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass January 23rd:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: John Shandley & Lanny Ward

Ushers: Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: John Shandley & Lanny Ward

8:00 a.m. Mass January 24th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic: Mark & Marcia Konrad

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Mark & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass January 24th:

Lector: Ryan Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Alex & Jana Lynch

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Alex & Jana 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.

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 Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Aaron 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



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Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to the Holy Land Discovery with Jordan - (Israel and Jordan) on this 11 day experience. October 14th, 2021 - October 25th, 2021

Your included destinations while on this Journey: TEL AVIV, ISRAEL – JAFFA- CAESAREA- MEGIDDO- NAZARETH – BET SHE'AN – MAGDALA – SEA OF GALILEE – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES – CANA – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM – MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA–PETRA, JORDAN–AMMAN-EXCURSION TO JERASH, AJLOUN & ANJARA.

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Call and ask for Eileen, your Faith Based Journey Specialist

Many new SAFETY procedures are in place due to the Corona Virus pandemic.

We now limit our groups to only 24 passengers.



Would you like a boost to recharge your spirit after a year of dealing with the pandemic?

Important Reminder: Gathering Table this Monday Jan. 18th 5:30-6:30

First of all we would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Gathering Table. This mission would not be possible if it was not for the support of all you wonderful people. God Bless each and every one of you.
This is again a grab and go meal.

Last month on the 3rd Monday we served 142.. We would like for each dish to serve 15-20 people if possible.

Thank you and God Bless
The Gathering Table Board

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Free Throw Shooting Championship on Sunday, January 17, at 3 PM. The event will be held in the Chris Street Memorial Gymnasium. Prizes will be given for first and second place. This will be the only free throw competition of the season--due to COVID restrictions, winners will not advance to higher levels of competition this year. To promote CDC guidelines, masks are required to attend. Ages 9-11 will compete first. Ages 12-14 will compete when the younger ages are finished. Sign up can be done at the door with a parent/guardian signature. Contact: Adam Naughton (401-2672)



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A huge shout out to our STAT group which were 44 strong and packaged 34,992 meals on Wednesday night for Meals from the Heartland. Great job!!!!

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