



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley-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.

MARCH 7

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

29: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25 or for Year A (28): Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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-Jim Jauron & Family

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Sonnie Brommel

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Bill Thomas

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

MARCH 8

LENTEN WEEKDAY

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

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

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary & Confession at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel

MARCH 9

LENTEN WEEKDAY

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen

MARCH 10

LENTEN WEEKDAY

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

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

MARCH 11

LENTEN WEEKDAY

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Richard Salosberry

MARCH 12

LENTEN WEEKDAY

241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kayden Daniels

MARCH 13

LENTEN WEEKDAY

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

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 The Garrett Family

MARCH 14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

32: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-

21 or for Year A (31): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-

6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Richard Salosberry

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Len Miller

12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Frank Chiappine

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

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:

One of my homiletic service shares a story of a cab driver who noticed a woman left her purse with a large sum of money in it. He knew he had to do the right thing. He looked inside for identification. He found it, made the call, and when offered a reward, he refused. He did ask for the amount of money from the woman. When she gave it to him, he wrote it down. The cab driver had added that up with all the other similar incidences and tallied up the total amount of money. He knew that this was the total cost for him to be honest and doing the right thing.

This weekend, our readings present us with the witness of Jesus overturning the money changers tables. Those pilgrims who would be traveling from afar to do business could easily have had a Roman Coin with the image of Caesar on it. It would need to be changed for a Jewish shekel which had no image on it. The money changers, back then, became corrupt and would charge exorbitant prices for the exchange, more than they should have in order to line their pockets. Jesus calls them out on the carpet for this-fleeing the pilgrims and becomes righteously angry by overturning the money changers tables. This action, we might say, began to seal his fate for the road to Calvary, the cross. How often do we get called out for injustice? Some act of that is not fair and are called to set things right before God? Could it be an intervention by family members over a drug or alcohol addiction? Or prejudicial words that come from our mouth? behavior that is out of line with our vows? Or a back room deal made with little consultation? or cheating, fraud, or lies that have been uncovered or exposed before the public as we are seeing with some of our politicians right now? It can be painful for anyone of us to watch or to have to experience it ourselves. I can remember in high school where a good friend called me out on a situation where I was working two jobs at a time that I was not being fair to my employers. He was right! I known for some time that I was going to have to make a change, to simplify my life, and to let one of the jobs go. It was rather difficult thing for me to do. I ended up doing it. While I did not like what he was telling me at the time, I knew he was right, and forced me to make a decision that would eventually lead to peace and freedom. Jesus invites us to a path of freedom during this Lenten Season. He wants to set things right with us. Sometimes that involves some difficult choices which require His grace and His assistance. His righteous anger ought to move us in the path of an abundant life in Him, not an avenue for punishment, relentless anger, or condemnation. As he was inviting the money changers to a better way than fleecing the pilgrims (he knew they would not be truly happy and at peace with themselves if they continued this path), but to follow his path of honesty, which would lead to true freedom and peace with God, others, and oneself.

I thought I would add this since I had to make my homily short this weekend due to the Ecclesiastical State of the Union Address. Written copies are available in the back of the church of the Spiritual and Fiscal reports of our parishes. If you have any questions, contact Leasa Garrett or myself at the office. I wish you a Happy Third Sunday of Lent! Remember to Spring Forward next week as Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 14th! Have a blessed week! Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass March 13th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

Ushers: Teri Cooper & David DeGroote

Cleaning Vessels: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

8:00 a.m. Mass March 14th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Slinker & Nat Thomason

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Slinker & Nat Thomason

10:15 a.m. Mass March 14th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Brackney & Logan Hageman

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Ben Brackney & Logan Hageman

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 you indicate otherwise.

Friendly Reminder

St. Thomas Church
mailing address has changed,
it is now:

210 S Wesley Street

Gathering Table

The next Gathering table will be **Monday, March 15**
Please sign-up through Sign-up-Genius.

Religious Ed and Good Shepherd reminder :

If you have not already done so, please pick up your
Child's at home packet at the north side of the
Building. Thank you.

WATCH Retreat

If you signed up for the WATCH retreat please
remember to pick up your packed weekly.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to the Church website at <https://stthomasindianola.com> (under the Knights of Columbus button) or contact Martin Konrad at 961-0329. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 5, 2021.

We currently have need for adorers at the following times. If you are interested in signing up for one of these hours please contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com



Sunday: 6pm
Monday: Midnight and 1 am
Tuesday: Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 9 am and Noon
Wednesday: Midnight, 1, 2, and 11 am
Thursday: 3 pm
Friday: Each hour from Midnight to 6 am, 8, 9 am and at Noon

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



2021 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a Diocesan family and supports the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.



Indianola KC Lenten Fish Fries

Time: Serving from **5:30 to 7:00 PM**

Dates: **March 12, 19, and 26**

Drive-up **Carry-out** Service only
\$10 per meal

We will be serving **Fried Fish with French Fries, Coleslaw and a dinner roll.**

Watch the bulletin for more information.

Backpacks 4 Hunger Collection Continues

Don't forget that we are collecting donations for Backpacks 4 Hunger during the month of February. You can drop off your check in the collection box at church (made out to St. Thomas Aquinas), put it in the collection basket or mail it in (St. Thomas Aquinas, 210 S Wesley St., Indianola, Iowa 50125). Please be sure to enter on the check description line and on the envelope that the donation is for Backpacks 4 Hunger.



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