



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 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

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-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

MARCH 15

LENTEN WEEKDAY

244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

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 16

LENTEN WEEKDAY

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

MARCH 17

LENTEN WEEKDAY

246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-for the intentions of
Doug & Mary Phillips

MARCH 18

LENTEN WEEKDAY

247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson

MARCH 19

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16

-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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

MARCH 20

LENTEN WEEKDAY

249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Puetz

MARCH 21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

35: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-

33 or for Year A (34): Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-

11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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-Eldon Johnson

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Jim Jauron & Family

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Gerald & Delphine Schneidep

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.)
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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners

We have two special days during this week. First of all, we are celebrating Laetare Sunday this weekend. Its counterpart would be Gaudete Sunday, The Third Sunday of Advent. Both, 'Laetare' and 'Gaudete', in Latin, mean to 'Rejoice.' The entrance antiphon reflects the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." (Isaiah 66:10-11). The church sets aside this day to express hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The celebrant wears Roman Rose, a color change, to indicate a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, before we enter the somber times of Holy Week. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar during the Lenten Season. However, on Laetare Sunday, there is a temporary halt to these penitential observances and practices. Some churches adorn the altar with pink roses on that day. At one time, marriages were forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. While marriages are now only forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those who have a desire to be married before Easter. Laetare Sunday is a way the Church gives us a 'shot in the arm' as we approach the sobering days of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. (source: Simply Catholic, by Michael R. Heinlein). This week, we celebrate a great solemnity, on a Friday during Lent. It is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the patriarch of the Church, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary and earthly father of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Because his solemnity falls on a Friday this year, there is a dispensation from abstaining from meat. (see Canon 1251). St Joseph was a devout, righteous man, desiring to please God above all, even before Mary. He decided to divorce her quietly when the angel interrupted him in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife. This meant, he would care for a pregnant woman he was betrothed to which could have gotten both of them in a lot of trouble, yet, he remained silent, not protesting nor proclaiming his innocence (which he was innocent) as the pregnancy happened through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Family went to Bethlehem for the census, where Jesus was born. He was in constant anxiety as he had concern that the child Jesus would be snatched by Herod's soldiers as he went to gather food for the journey to Egypt, would encounter predators-snakes, lions, etc., gentle robbers who were always a threat, hazardous weather conditions, and find carpentry work in a foreign country as a refugee or immigrant for two years. The Holy Family would return home to Israel in Nazareth, where they would train Jesus in the Jewish faith and carpentry work. It is believed St. Joseph died before Jesus' ministry from hard work, stress, etc., leaving Mary as a widow and Jesus to begin his vocation as an itinerant preacher, the first of the New Testament High Priests, and gather a band of followers, who would bring healing to the sick, raise the dead, perform miracles, bring a new teaching from His Father in heaven, and become the Savior of the World by his cross and resurrection. Tradition would state that St. Joseph was there in 'spirit' at Golgotha, where his

Son was murdered on the cross. Enjoy both of these special days! Yes, do support the Fish Fry on Friday night, but go ahead and have a steak or chicken or turkey or ham at breakfast and lunch and thank St. Joseph for all he did for Jesus, Mary, and for us as a Church! Happy Laetare Sunday and Solemnity of St. Joseph! Fr. Chris Fontanini

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass March 20th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Derry Butler

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass March 21st:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass March 21st:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Alex & Jana Lynch

Ushers: Tony & Anitta Spenner

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

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, 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.

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.

WATCH Retreat

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

Please consider using the ACH method of giving!

ACH forms can be mailed to
St. Thomas Aquinas
210 S Wesley Street
Indianola, IA 50125
OR

Place them in the gift basket during collection time and
please make sure you have a voided check
along with the form.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

There are also ACH Forms in the back of the church.

Feed the Hungry--Helping Hand Collection

Helping Hand Food Pantry continues to see increased need for food assistance in our county. To support this important community resource and the families in need, the Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring another "Feed the Hungry" collection in March. You were extremely generous in October when we had our last collection for Helping Hand and ask you to consider donating again at this time.

- There are two ways to donate since we know many of you are social distancing: Put your donation in an envelope marked "Helping Hand" and drop in the collection box in the Gathering Space.
- Mail your donation to St. Thomas (210 South Wesley St., Indianola, IA 50125). Be sure to indicate it is for "Helping Hand."

Please make checks out to **St. Thomas Aquinas** and write "Helping Hand" in the memo.

Thank you for considering a donation and this chance to help.

P.S. Thank you for your generous support of Backpacks 4 Hunger collection in February. St. Thomas generously donated \$2,685.00



2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important.

Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the basket in the back of the Church or drop it in the mail. Pledge cards are located **in the Gathering Space**. Gifts can also be made online dmidiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



Indianola KC Lenten Fish Fries

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

Dates: **March 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.



Indianola KC Bake Sale

After all weekend masses

March 27 & 28

All proceeds along with a match of \$1,000 will be donated to InnerVisions HealthCare Clinics

A great time to get some goodies for Easter.



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