



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 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

MARCH 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

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 23

LENTEN WEEKDAY

252: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

MARCH 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen

MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION

545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

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

MARCH 26

LENTEN WEEKDAY

255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Jim Jauron & Family

MARCH 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY

37: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession) 38: Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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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 Passiontide Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus is warning his followers that his time is about to come to an end. He will make that trip to Calvary, carry his cross some six hundred yards from the place of his arrest, and be nailed to it. We, as followers, are called to walk in his footsteps by denying ourselves and taking up our crosses and we will find life. I don't know about you, when I am walking from station to station each Friday and come upon the 12th station where Jesus dies on the cross, the thought of nails going into my palms, through my feet, and a sword at my side, does not sound very appealing. On top of it, there is no pain killers. Throughout much of the world, particularly in the Middle East and China (even Buddhists, Muslims, or meditation group such as the Falun Gong and those proclaiming to be Christian can expect cruel tortures, whether it be a harvesting of organs while alive or beheading). This is the truth! Most of us, will not experience crosses of those kinds, but we might experience alienation from family, friends, or others for speaking out and living out our faith. Yet, some are being, 'cancelled' today, just for exercising their freedom of speech. Where this will lead, who knows!

This is also the week where the Church gives us the opportunity to veil the sacred images and statues. According to Catholic Culture.org, The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of "fasting of the eyes." According to Adolf Adam's *The Liturgical Year*,

At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this explanation as implied in this Sunday's gospel (from pre-Vatican II), the concluding sentence of which read: "But Jesus hid himself and left the temple" (John 8:59). Prior to Vatican II the editors of the [Schott Missal](#) saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended "to remind us of the Redeemer's humiliation and thus to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts." (Jennifer Gregory Miller, March 18, 2018)

The rubrics in *The Third Edition of the Roman Missal* states,

In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Fifth Sunday of Lent, p. 256).

According to Monsignor Peter J. Elliott:

The custom of veiling crosses and images in these last two weeks of Lent has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption. The episcopal conference decides whether this should be obligatory within its territory, but any pastor may choose to restore or maintain this wise practice in his own parish (*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*). (Catholicculture.org-Jennifer Gregory Miller, March 18, 2018)

I wish you all a Happy Passiontide Sunday and a great week as we prepare for Holy Week!

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris Fontanini

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.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass March 27th:

Lector: David DeGroote
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler
Ushers: Teri Cooper & David DeGroote
Cleaning Vessels: Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

8:00 a.m. Mass March 28th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch
Eucharistic Ministers: Martin & Marcia Konrad
Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker
Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass March 28th:

Lector: Ed Tormey
Eucharistic Ministers: Logan Grover & Cindy Whitesitt
Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey
Cleaning Vessels: Logan Grover & 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

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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.

Please sign up for the liturgical schedules of
Holy Week and Easter.

The sign up sheets are on the receptionist desk.
Thank you!

WATCH Retreat



This is the last Sunday for the Watch Retreat. Special thanks to Jackie Ward, Jeanne Wells, Kay Neumann Thomas and Elizabeth Williams for making this Virtual Retreat such a success. Thanks also to all our wonderful guest speakers: **Joe Stopoulos, Cindy Benes, Fr. Trevor Chicoine, Deacon Dave O'Brien and Sr. Marie Hesel.** Thanks also to Fr. Chris for leading us each week in prayer. May God continue to bless our Parish!

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



Indianola KC Last Fish Fry

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

Date: **March 26**

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

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



Indianola KC Bake Sale

After all weekend masses

March 27 & 28

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