



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- 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.

## APRIL 11

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

44: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Loretta Petersen**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Eldon Johnson**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-for the intentions of  
Doug & Mary Phillips**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Carol VanAernam**

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

## APRIL 12

### EASTER WEEKDAY

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

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

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

## APRIL 13

### EASTER WEEKDAY

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier**

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas**

## APRIL 14

### EASTER WEEKDAY

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

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

## APRIL 15

### EASTER WEEKDAY

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

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

## APRIL 16

### EASTER WEEKDAY

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Ron Day**

## APRIL 17

### EASTER WEEKDAY

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

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

**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Jim Jauron & Family**

## APRIL 18

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a  
Lk 24:35-48

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-For the intentions of  
Fr. Chris**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Evelyn Wadle**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-For our religious ed teachers**

**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:

Congratulations to twenty one high school students from both parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop William M. Joensen. They are: Ainsley Aherns, Sam Alexander, Nick Bauer, Preston Bily, Kaden Brangers, Bennet Brueck, Johnnie Cassady, Brooklyn Cross, Paige Geiken, Avery Grover, Lily Minor, Emily Naughton, Katie O'Neil, Alizabeth Orey, Kailey Peters, Logan Piper, Shae Sams, Laura Strange, Nate Sturtz, Maggie Vonnahme, and Logan Wearmouth! We have four second graders from Immaculate Conception, St. Marys who will be receiving their First Communion this next weekend on Sunday April 18th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. They are: Quinton DiCesare, Athena Easton, Ellie Henson, Bella Nelson. Please keep them in your prayers.

This Sunday marks the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday. We are reminded of God's constant mercy and fidelity in spite of our own lack of fidelity. He gently guides us back to Him as he did with St. Thomas the Apostle, who was a Johnny come lately. He would not believe Jesus had risen until he probed the nail marks. Jesus does not chastise him or berate him, but offers him the opportunity to examine the nail marks. When St. Thomas the Apostle does, he states, 'My Lord and My God.' Tradition has it that he went to India where he was martyred for the faith by being stabbed with spears. We have the opportunity this weekend to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation by four priests following the noon Mass. Why come on Divine Mercy? Those who go to Mass, pray for the Holy Father's intentions, go to confession, carry out the indulgenced work (that is, public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday itself, receive a plenary indulgence granted by the church. What is a plenary indulgence, we might ask? Was that not done away with Vatican II and the abuses during the Reformation?

First of all, let us define the word, 'indulgence.' An indulgence "is a means of remission of the temporal punishment for sins which have already been forgiven but are due to the Christian in this life and/or in purgatory.." ([www.carm.org/roman-catholicism/what](http://www.carm.org/roman-catholicism/what) are indulgences).

A plenary indulgence frees a person from all punishment due to sin, in medical terms, it would be like a total healing of cancer, with the reversal of all the disease's consequences. In spiritual terms, a person granted a plenary indulgence would immediately enter into God's presence after dying, with all the wounds of sin healed.

(sources: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org), [catholicexchange.com](http://catholicexchange.com)). It is necessary that one be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed (ie. one must be a Catholic, not in schism or excommunicated. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once per day. No, indulgences did not go out with Vatican II and following the abuses of the indulgences from the Reformation.

I hope you will consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. It is a wonderful sacrament, I know I will participate myself with another priest. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass April 17th:**

**Lector:** Kris Gross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim & Kelly Gauger

**Ushers:** Derry Butler & Teri Cooper

**Cleaning Vessels:** Tim & Kelly Gauger

### **8:00 a.m. Mass April 18th:**

**Lector:** Mark Kollasch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

**Ushers:** Todd & Johna Clancy

**Cleaning Vessels:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

### **10:15 a.m. Mass April 18th:**

**Lector:** Ed Tormey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** Ed & Connie Tormey

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**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](mailto: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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on this day.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at Immaculate Conception Sunday, April 11th from 7:15am until 7:45am and at St Thomas Aquinas a communal penance service will start at 1:00 pm.

### Gathering Table

The next Gathering table will be **Monday, April 19th**  
Please sign-up through Sign-up-Genius.

Helping Option #1 - Sign-up to bring a dish to contribute

- Main Dish - Prepare and Deliver Main Dish to serve 12+ (examples include: lasagna, pasta bakes, hamburgers buns, meatballs, etc.)
- Side: Prepare and Deliver Side Dish to serve 12+ (examples include: jello, fruit, lettuce salad, corn casserole, baked beans, etc.)
- Dessert: Prepare and Deliver to serve 12+ (examples include cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc.)

Deliver Options: Drop off in the church kitchen Saturday, Sunday, or Monday and store in the large fridge (west side of the kitchen). Please make sure your dish is clearly labeled: GATHERING TABLE and if there are baking instructions, also include those. If possible, put your dish in a disposable container but if not, we will wash up your dish/crockpot/container and leave them in the kitchen to pick up.

Helping Option #2 – Sign-up to help serve on a Monday night  
We need 8 people to help dish up meals and walk them out to cars on Monday nights from 5:00-6:30. If you can help out on that specific day/time, please sign-up!



### What is National Child Abuse Prevention Month?

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being, and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect. This year, St. Thomas Aquinas is partnering with Short Years Partnership and Warren County Child Abuse Prevention Council to spread awareness and engage community members in these



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