



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.

MAY 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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-Eldon Johnson

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

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Robert Ibanda & Family

MAY 3

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

MAY 4

EASTER WEEKDAY

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Lori Frueh

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

MAY 5

EASTER WEEKDAY

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

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

MAY 6

EASTER WEEKDAY

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

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

MAY 7

EASTER WEEKDAY

289: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Shiela Goode

MAY 8

EASTER WEEKDAY

290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

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

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

MAY 9

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

56: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4

1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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 the Strable Family

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Joe 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
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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Congratulations to graduating seniors from both parishes: They are: Bailey Alberts, Paige Bily, Blaine Birmingham, Andrew Brittingham, Toby Catron, Cael Cassidy, Joseph DeWall, Macey Garrison, Madeline Garrison, Erin Gehringer, Logan Grover, Logan Hageman, Carson Hinds, Gunner Hutton, Ryan Jensen, Alex Lynch, Dagan Martin, Alley May, John McGinnis, Caleb Minor, Tearani Peters, Sophia Reeves, Callie Robbins, Bobby Shepherd, Sam Vonnahme, Wes Weatherall, Noah Zwanziger, and Eliana Zwanziger. May the Lord God be with you always as you strive to live out His plans for your life!

Saturday May 1st marks the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In response to the May Day celebrations for workers sponsored by the Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted this feast in 1955. The Book of Genesis speaks of the dignity of human work as a participation in the creative work of God. Humanity fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Genesis 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father Jesus is but one example of holiness of human labor. Jesus was a carpenter before he became an itinerant preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help guide social changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." St. Joseph is held up as an example of work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "the Spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work." (source: Franciscan Media-www.franciscanmedia.org-May 1, 2021) Last, but not least, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Jesus, the vine, invites us (the branches) to totally rely on Him. As a branch can do nothing without a vine, we can do nothing apart from Jesus. This means we need to remain in Him, to stay close to Him, to not take our sight or focus off of him. It reminds me of the time in Scripture when St. Peter is invited to go join Jesus on the sea to walk on the water. When the storms came up, he lost sight of Jesus and began to sink, but when he called out for Jesus, he was drawn up and was able to stay afloat. We need Jesus to sustain us in our families, our businesses, our extracurricular activities, our finances, our communication, our family planning, our relations with extended family, and every facet of our life. When we remain in Him and go to Him in all these matters, we can be sure to be at peace and at one with life, even through the storms, trials, and challenges that come before us. Let us continue to fix our sights and hearts on Jesus during this Easter Season and beyond. Blessings and peace!

Happy Fifth Sunday of Easter!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass May 8th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass May 9th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass May 9th:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Logan Grover &
Logan Hageman

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Logan Grover & 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,
Aron Babinski, Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley
James Rector, Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

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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.

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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

Congratulations



To the second grader class that received Jesus
for the first time last week.

May Jesus bless you always!

St. Thomas Social Concerns

During the month of May, St. Thomas will be collecting items for the **Necessity Pantry**. This organization serves young families in Warren Co.

Parents may earn points by attending parenting classes, and by taking children to well child exams, preventive dental and vision screenings. Earned points are exchanged for items in the pantry.

Items Needed: Pump hand soap, detergent, shampoo, conditioner, and diapers (Sizes 3 and up). Please place items in the designated container in the Gathering Space.

Sponsored by St. Thomas Social Concerns

Gathering Table News

*We are in need of your delicious dishes.
Thanks for considering.
Kassi, Kate, and Joyce*



Date: Monday, May 3rd
Check the Church website to see what is still needed!

Mark Your Calendar



Rosary by the Lake

Where: The Lodge at Lake Ahquabi

When: May 19th

@ 7:00PM

Bring a lawn chair

And your Rosary



Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$62,681.00
Raised to Date: \$37,375.00

Amount Still to be Raised: \$25,306.00

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St Thomas Aquinas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



It will soon be time for planting and watering at St. Thomas and we welcome helpers. We will be planting early to mid May and especially need helpers to water the gardens. If you'd like to sign up for a weekly shift one or two days a week contact : Jackie or Bob Pool at: [515.360.0546](tel:515.360.0546).



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