



# 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.

## AUGUST 1

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

113: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54

Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

**7:30 a.m. No Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. No Public Mass Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert**

**10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Puetz**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Bill Thomas**

## AUGUST 2

### WEEKDAY

407: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

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

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

## AUGUST 3

### WEEKDAY

408: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36

or 15:1-2, 10-14

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

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

## AUGUST 4

### SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

409: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7b,

13-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-28 see 612: Ez 3:17-21 Mt 9:35-10:1

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Peggy Venteicher & Family**

## AUGUST 5

### WEEKDAY

410: Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Mt 16:13-23

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Clyde Slick**

## AUGUST 6

### TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

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

## AUGUST 7

### WEEKDAY

412: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 17:14-20

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

**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Carla Warner**

## AUGUST 8

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

116: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51

**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. Mass at St. Thomas-For the intentions of The Phillips Family**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-For Frank & Jane Ellen Colella**

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](http://stthomasindianola.com)  
Summer Hours: Friday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Since Father Chris is on vacation, I was asked to write his column this week. Fortunately, this weekend's Gospel ties in with the theme of our recently completed Vacation Bible School, "The Mass Comes Alive".

Beginning last week and for the next few weeks, the Sunday readings present Jesus as the Bread of Life. If you were in church last week, you heard Father Chris talk about the miracle of the loaves and fish as a precursor to our Mass. Jesus had his followers sit on the ground as he took the bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his followers. The miracle of Jesus transforming five loaves into feeding thousands and thousands of people and having more leftover was astonishing.

In the Mass, that miracle of Jesus taking bread, giving thanks, breaking it and giving it to us today as His body, blood, soul and divinity is even more powerful and astonishing in reality, although we don't see the dramatics.

Even in Jesus's time, people doubted Jesus was the Bread of Life. In next week's Gospel they question how could Jesus come from heaven. "Is he not the son of Mary and Joseph of Nazareth?" We also may wonder, "How can a tiny host be Jesus' flesh and blood that can transform our entire being?" We need to believe as children do with a pure and trusting heart.

Which leads to a story experienced at our Mission for Mini's Mass at a parishioner's home. Three of the young altar servers, without any instruction at the raising of the host, became the living bells, chanting, "ring, ring, ring... ring, ring, ring... ring, ring, ring" during the consecration -- giving praise with their whole being. They knew a miracle had occurred.

We are called to this sincere faith. Does the Eucharist change us? Do we act as if we have received the Bread of Life? May the Mass come alive in this way for all of us.

God bless you,  
JoAnn



## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass August 7th:**

**Lector:** Lanny Ward

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Shandley & Lanny Ward

**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Teri Cooper

**Cleaning Vessels:** John Shandley & Lanny Ward

### **8:00 a.m. Mass August 8th:**

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

### **10:15 a.m. Mass August 8th:**

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Alyssa Brown

& Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Ben Brackney & Joe Gezel

**Cleaning Vessels:** Alyssa Brown  
& Elizabeth Williams

**Please remember: at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after Mass to help clean the Sacred Vessels.**

**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 A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,  
A aron Babinski , Mike Metz, Patrick S handley  
James Rector, Dianne Funk & for the S ouls 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. T hey 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.

T he 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

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## Gathering Table Help Needed

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, August 2, 2021. We have lots of openings for the upcoming Gathering Table event. Please consider sharing a meaty main dish, a super side, and/or a delicious dessert as it will be appreciated by those members of our community that look forward to having a meal to eat.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to one of us. Please click on the link above to sign up.

Thanks again!

Warmly,  
Kassi, Kate, and Joyce



Remember to check  
Sign up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering>

## Cock-a-doodle-do!

St. Marys Annual  
Chicken Dinner  
Is today!!

Sunday, August 1,  
**Serving Hours**  
**12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**



Please remember in your prayers, the young people of our parish on Mission trip this week in Cedar Rapids.

MISSION TRIP 2.1

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