



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 22

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

122: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

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—Paul Kockler

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Bererly Krier

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas—Sharon Dohemann

AUGUST 23

WEEKDAY

425: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mt 23:13-22

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

AUGUST 24

SAINT BARTOLOMEW

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145: 10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

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

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

AUGUST 25

WEEKDAY

427: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—For the intentions of the Strable Family

AUGUST 26

WEEKDAY

428: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—John Ford

AUGUST 27

SAINT MONICA

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13 see

632: Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 Lk 7:11-17

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Bob & Muriel Slinker

AUGUST 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE

430: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25: 14-30

see 633:1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 23:8-12

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Courtney Bonner

AUGUST 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

125: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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—Gary & Vivian Elbert

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 Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Summer Hours: Friday 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Thanks to all of our donors and all who made the Steve Angrisano possible! Thanks to Steve for providing us with inspirational music for an evening! A special thanks to Ellen Miller, who has a great network of connections around the ministry world, in arranging for Steve's arrival and schedule over the next week. Also, to our staff, Leasa, JoAnn, Steve, Jack, and all of our volunteers who helped set up the outdoor tents to provide shade. Also, to our Knights of Columbus who have prepared the pulled pork and all the fixings and drinks! Another great thanks to Greg Brangers for the use of his golf cart to transport those with special needs from the parking lot to the tents. Your help in making this a spiritual success was most appreciated!

We come to the last in the series from the Bread of Life Discourses from John 6. The crowds are still murmuring at Jesus call to eat his flesh and drink his blood. They have had enough of him. Who does he think he is for us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. Then, in John 6:66 (complete imperfection or as some might say, the mark of the beast), they leave and refuse to follow Jesus anymore. He lost a number of disciples that day. Was he discouraged or was he tempted to scale back or sugar coat or water down his message so that they would not leave? I am sure he was, but thankfully, he did not. He let them go their own way. Some might say, 'boy, this Jesus is real rigid!' Jesus was not going to back down the teaching of HIS REAL PRESENCE. Neither should we. In the previous passage, he used the word, 'sarx' or 'trog' which meant to 'munch' or 'gnaw.' He literally calls us to eat His body and blood. This was what got the early Christians in hot water with the emperors or the worldly authorities in the first three centuries of the Church. Christians were sent to the lions, used as human torches, or crucified or suffered others forms of torture to preserve the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus. We might be very called to do that in today's world as some still find this teaching disgusting or too much and readily leave his fold. Jesus invites us to stay with him or gives us the freedom to leave him. Like, St. Peter, we are invited to fidelity, even though we might not fully comprehend this teaching by stating, Lord, where shall we go, you have the words of everlasting life." Let's continually ask for the grace to follow Jesus, even when when science and reason make no sense to, yet faith does.

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass August 28th:

Lector: David DeGroote

Eucharistic Ministers: Marv & Sandy Sauser

Ushers: David DeGroote & Don Bendon

Cleaning Vessels: Marv & Sandy Sauser

8:00 a.m. Mass August 29th:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Schenfield & Cathy Krapfl

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Terry Schenfield & Cathy Krapfl

10:15 a.m. Mass August 29th:

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Schneider & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Joe & Dorothy Gezel

Cleaning Vessels: Alan Schneider & Cindy Whitesitt

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 B abinski , 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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Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$62,681.00
Raised to Date: \$53,595.00

Amount Still to be Raised: \$9,086.00

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

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



Almost there!!

Gathering Table

The next time for The Gathering Table is
Monday August 30 5:30-6:30. This will continue to
be a grab and go meal. Last time we served 150
meals, we always run out of side dishes. We have
slots to sign up for 15 but we could always use more.
Thanks for all your help.

Religious Education

**Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and
Religious Education** is underway. If you have not
received anything via email or you have changed your
email address please let us know. **Mark your calendars**

- Wednesday, **September 1**, 6:00pm parent meeting
for First Holy Communion.
- Wednesday, **September 8**, Open house from 6:30
to 7:30pm (come find your classroom & meet your
teacher)
- Wednesday, **September 15**, CGS & RE begins

RE/ STAT kick off & Concert Night

Thanks to all those that helped make this night so
successful, Fr. Chris, Leasa & Steve Garrett, Jack &
Kathy Slinker, Claire Patin and the Knights.



Money Counters

We are still in need of money
counters to help on either
Sunday immediately follow-
ing the 10:15 Mass or Mon-



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