



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.

SEPTEMBER 5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

128: Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate—John Brommel

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Mike & Maryanne Carmody

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the Parish

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas—Peggy Venteicher & Family

SEPTEMBER 6

WEEKDAY

437: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

SEPTEMBER 7

WEEKDAY

438: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

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

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

SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

636: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Ibanda & Family

SEPTEMBER 9

SAINT PETER CLAVER

440: Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38

see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, #636A: Is 58:6-11

Mt 25:31-40

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Rosie Babcock

SEPTEMBER 10

WEEKDAY

441:1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Dick Krapfl

& Rich Peterson

SEPTEMBER 11

WEEKDAY

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-7 Lk 6:43-49

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

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in remembrance of the
20 anniversary of 9-11-2001**

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas—Charles & Dorothy Hastie

SEPTEMBER 12

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

131: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate—Chuck Long

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Eldon Johnson

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas—Wilma Hill

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas—Dohemann & Rogerson Families

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:

It is hard to believe! We are remembering the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 when four planes were hijacked by Islamic terrorists on September 11, 2011. Two planes hit the twin towers in New York City, one hit the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and another most likely intended for the U.S. Capitol landed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania as passengers fought back (Flight 93). Most of us who are 25 years of age or older can remember what we were doing at that time. At that time, I was in St. Patrick's, Audubon and Holy Trinity, Exira and getting ready to put missiles from the porch to the church when my Office Manager, Lois Kauffmann, informed me that a plane had hit one of the twin towers in New York City. Within minutes, another plane hit the other tower. We figured it was not good. Over 3000 lives were lost that day. For myself, that day seemed like yesterday. It was a day that I will never forget as we gathered in prayer to pray for our country. As a way to remember those who have lost their lives, I am going to have a Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. I would invite our parishioners to attend to remember all the heroes who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, freedom that hangs on a thread even today, with the suppression of free speech and censorship by the media. That is the truth folks! We all need to wake up and see how vulnerable our freedoms are and never take them for granted, including the freedom to worship God inside and outside of our church structure.

On another note, Monday September 6 is Labor Day. We are indebted to those who bore the brunt of violent actions toward them for standing up for oppressive working conditions and can celebrate this as a day off. It was common in the late 19th century that the Industrial Revolution made working life miserable for people around the world. In sweatshops, mines, factories, railroads, mills, children and adults were subjected to 12 hour days, six days a week under unsafe and unhealthy working conditions. Organized strikes and rallies began in the 1860s and 1870s, as the labor movement fought for shorter work days and safer conditions. Oregon became the first state to designate a Labor Day holiday, followed by Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York. On May 1, 1886, workers flooded the streets to demand an eight-hour work day, known as the Haymarket Riot. Demonstrations lasted for days. Seven police officers and eight civilians were killed. In 1889, an international gathering of socialists in Paris officially declared May Day a holiday honoring workers' rights. President Grover Cleveland pressed state legislators to

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass September 11th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass September 12th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Kathryn Pierson & Jack Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass September 12th:

Lector: Alyssa Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Alyssa Brown & Alan Schneider

Ushers: Dave & Judy Hutton

Cleaning Vessels: Alyssa Brown & Alan Schneider

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

Linens: Judy Kirby

select September instead. By 1894, U.S. states had adopted Labor Day. Yet, it would take another clash before Labor Day was declared an Official holiday. On May 11, 1894, workers at Pullman Palace Car Company, a railroad car manufacturer near Chicago, went on strike to protest their low wages and 16 hour workdays. Then, on June 22, members of the powerful American Railway Union joined their struggle by refusing to move Pullman's cars from one train to another, thus stalling and wounding rail traffic across the country. Politicians sought to placate the labor movement by introducing legislation to designate Labor Day as a public holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law on June 28, 1894. Yet, it would take another 44 years to set a minimum wage, mandate a shorter work week, and limit child labor with the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor once stated in the New York Times in 1910, "Labor Day marks a new epoch in the annals of human history, among all the festive days of the year...there is not one which stands so conspicuously for social advancement of the common people as the first Monday in September." (source: National Geographic, Labor Day's surprisingly radical origins by Amy McKeever, September 4, 2020). Blessings and Peace!

Happy Labor Day!
Fr. Chris

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We will be having a going out of business sale Sunday, Sept 19th at Noon. All Proceeds will be donated to the Great Grandchildren who have San filippo, an incurable genetic disorder.

Come and support a good cause.

Gathering Table

Thank you for considering helping to serve or bring food for the upcoming Gathering Table on Monday, Sept 6th. Your contribution of either in serving or preparing a food item is most appreciated. If you have any questions please reach out to Kassi, Kate, or Joyce. Below is the link to sign up. Thank you so much!

Happy Labor Day Weekend!!

Kassi, Kate, and Joyce

Following the Gathering Table meal we will have the **STARS kick-off** and Bunco. Meeting and games in the multi-purpose room.



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 8**, Open house from **6:30 to 7:30pm** (come find your classroom & meet your teacher)
- Wednesday, **September 15**, **CGS & RE begins**

RCIA

Begins Tuesday, **September 7th** at 7:00 PM
(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room)



Remembering those that lost their lives on 9-11-2001, and for all those, who for the past 20 years have fought to keep our nation safe.

We will never Forget

Happy Labor Day



Monday, September 6th

Reminder: the Church offices will be closed that day!

STAT

Our first STAT night is
September 8th, 7:00 to 8:30PM

In the host homes.

Wine and Cheese

Wine and cheese nights are back.
Every **3rd Saturday** of each month from September through May immediately following the 4:30pm Mass. **Come join us!**



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