



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 a 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.

OCTOBER 31

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

152: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Mike Boyd

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Bill & Rosie Babcock

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Alice Whitmore

No 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

6:30 pm Rosary-7:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS

668: Sugg: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40 or 10:11-10:16 (Lectionary, vol, IV)

6:00 pm Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kierstan Pickens

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 3

WEEKDAY

487: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

8:00 am Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kierstan Pickens

NOVEMBER 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

488: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

see 670: Rom 12:3-13 Jn 10:11-16

8:00 am Public Mass at St. Thomas-Kevin & Ellen Miller

NOVEMBER 5

WEEKDAY

489: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

NOVEMBER 6

WEEKDAY

490: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

3:30 pm-4:15 pm Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 pm Public Mass at St. Thomas-Charles &

Dorothy Hastie

NOVEMBER 7

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

155: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

or 12:41-44

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Jim Boyd

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Jim Jauron & Family

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Ibanda & Family

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Joseph Chiappine

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

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:

We have two significant days in the church's calendar this week. First, there is All Saints and second, All Souls Day! It is believed that All Saints Feast Day arose after the legalization of Christianity under Emperor Constantine in 313 A.D. Many had died as martyrs under the Emperor Diocletian (284-305 A.D.). There was a call to honor them as there were more martyrs or those who would be recognized as saints then there were days in the year.

Various times were celebrated to honor the saints in the East, particularly during the Easter Season and shortly thereafter. In the West, it was usually the first Sunday after Pentecost (which is now, Holy Trinity Sunday). Pope Gregory III (731-741 A.D.) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all the saints on November 1. According to an early church historian, John Beleth (1165 A.D.), it was Pope Gregory IV (827-844 A.D.) who officially declared November 1 as the Feast of All Saints, transferring it from May 13. (source: Catholic Exchange, Fr. William Saunders, The Origins of Halloween and All Saints Day, October 31, 2018).

We know there are a variety of saints with a variety of personalities. We have St. Phillip Neri, who laughed and was quite light-hearted to the serious St. Jerome, who translated the scriptures from Greek and Hebrew into the Latin Vulgate. We have intellectuals such as St. Thomas Aquinas (our patron saint) to St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests who labored hard in the French town of Ars as a confessor and barely made it through the seminary. We have St. Vincent de Paul who worked hard for the poor in the city, while St. Anthony found holiness in the desert. We have St. Joan of Arc, who led armies into war and St. Francis of Assisi, who worked for peace. Then, there are you and I who have a variety and diversity of gifts and are called to holiness in life in a variety of ways.

It is a time to honor the Church Triumphant who cheer and encourage us as fans on the sidelines while we are on the playing field (Church Militant), fighting the spiritual battles with the Sword of the Holy Spirit armored in Scripture, the Sacraments, and prayer. Let us honor them in a special way this Monday, November 1 by attending Mass either at 7:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas or at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception.

Second, All Souls Day is a day for commemoration of all the faithful departed. It is believed to be for those baptized Christians in purgatory. They would have died with venial sins (The First Letter of John speaks of 'not so deadly' sins before one died), yet are in need of purification as Revelation 21:27 states, 'nothing unclean shall enter heaven.' Requiem Masses are commonly held and people visit the graves of the loved ones on this Spiritual Memorial Day. The institution for this day was due to St. Odilo of Cluny (Abbot of Cluny who died in 1048 AD). The date of November 2 was chosen to follow All Saints Day. (source: dailyrosaryfamily.com, October 23, 2018 by Vincent).

PASTORS REPORT cont.

Prayers for the Dead were a part of the Orthodox Jewish tradition. The Talmud states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. There is also the Mourner's Kaddish in which prayers are recited for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he or she may be purified. Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it to the early Church -- "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers," is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of Roman Catacombs. The early church included 'Prayers for the Dead.' The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice as well. Tertullian (160-240 A.D.) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. The synods of Nicaea, Florence, and Trent encouraged the offerings of prayers for the dead. In the Old Testament, Judas Maccabees, the military commander, took up a collection from all his men, totaling about four pounds of silver and sent it to Jerusalem for a sin offering for those who died in battle wearing amulets sacred to idols that the sin would be blotted out (2 Maccabees 12:43). St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians speaks about being 'saved as through fire.' (I Cor 3:11-15). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1032) recommends prayers for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. (Fr. Tony Kadavil, All Souls).

Last, this coming Sunday, November 7, we will remember in a special way, those who have died with the Candle Lighting Service at 8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception and 10:15 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please call the office if you would like your loved one remembered. Happy Feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day!
Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass November 6th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

Ushers: Carol Proctor & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

8:00 a.m. Mass November 7th:

Lector: Penny Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Brian & Anne Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass November 7th:

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.

Linens: Judy Kirby



Another gardening year has come to a close. This year we were able to finish the planting of the courtyard, add some shrubs around the large statue of Mary at the east entrance, add a Marin garden on the south east side of the church, outside of the Confessional window, and although it wasn't part of the original plan, we began planting on the south side of the church facing Highway 92. Next year we hope to finish that planting and add to the Marin garden.

To accomplish this we had lots of help from our team: Kris Gross, Alan, David, Karen Harder, Kristie Hartford, Martin Konrad, Gloria Schlettler, Anitta Spenner, Tony Spenner, Dave Trenkamp and our guest helper, Deacon Dave. In addition to this group, we add our thanks to the Mowers, who show up every week to keep the grounds in order. The mowing team includes: Jerry Dowell, Steve Garrett, Marvin Sauser, Jack Slinker, Dave Trenkamp and Denny Whalen. Finally, we thank the Finance Committee and the Knights of Columbus for their financial support, and to each of you for your kind words in support of what we've done.

2022 March for Life



Iowans for Life will again coordinate a bus trip to Washington DC so we can participate in the 2022 March for Life. The Indianola Knights of Columbus have set aside funds to pay for 2 St Thomas Aquinas parishioners can participate in this event. Information about the march has been posted on the KC bulletin board in the gathering area. You can also call David Trenkamp, 961-7499, for more information. The deadline to secure a seat on the bus is **November 1, 2021**

"Operation Christmas"

We need a few people to help each of the following dates to work with Operation Christmas. I need a couple people on each of these dates for a couple hours each date....December 1, 4 and 5. You would be putting packets together with gift and food vouchers, handing out food vouchers at Helping Hand or working at Wal-Mart to check in families to shop for their Christmas gifts. Call Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029 if you're interested in helping.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: Nov 7-13, 2021

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood, and for all vocations to the consecrated life.

"Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen."

November is the month that commemorates the deceased, please remember in your prayers all those that have died this year.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual lights shine upon them.

Medicare Part D Check-Up

The Social Concerns Committee is once again offering a Part D Check-up to review and compare Medicare Part D plans for 2022. In-person comparisons will be offered Thursday, November 11 and November 18. Sign up for comparisons will be available after Masses this weekend and November 7-8. If you would prefer not meeting in-person for a comparison please call Kris Gross at 515-210-0169 and accommodations will be made.

The Medicare Part D open enrollment runs from October 15-December 7. It is important to do a comparison every year. You don't have to change plans if you don't want to, but plans can change premiums, deductibles, co-payments, the drugs they cover and the pharmacies they work with every year. If you don't stay on top of these changes you could end up paying more than you need to for your drugs in 2022.



Gathering Table—Nov. 1st
5:30-6:30 p.m.
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