



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.

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

NOVEMBER 8

WEEKDAY

491: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 9

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17 Jn 2:13-22

6:00 pm Public Mass at St. Thomas-Bill & Rosie Babcock

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 10

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

493: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

see 672: Sir 39:6-10 Mt 16:13-19

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

NOVEMBER 11

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

494: Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175

Lk 17:20-25 see 673: Is 61:1-3a Mt 25:31-40

8:00 am Public Mass at St. Thomas-For the Hoffman Family

NOVEMBER 12

SAINT JOSEPHAT

495: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37

see 674: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Jn 17:20-26

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

NOVEMBER 13

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

496: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

Lk 18:1-8 see 731-736 or 737-742

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

4:30 pm Public Mass at St. Thomas-Bess Basler

NOVEMBER 14

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

158: Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Thomas

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Ibanda & Family

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.)

Parish Office: 961-3026

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I want to address what may seem a sensitive subject for us. It centers on hatch, match, and dispatch. I want to encourage you as part of our call to evangelize others to help those who feel alienated or are inactive to open themselves to receiving the sacrament of baptism, particularly if they have a child that has not been baptized. Encourage them or their children or grandchildren to receive the light of faith. Baptism removes all sin. What a grace that is!

Then, as part of the match, encourage those we know to have their marriages in the church (yes, we are restricted to one man and one woman only) or have them go through the marriage process if they wish to be married in another faith tradition through a dispensation from canonical form. (For instance, a Catholic getting married in the Lutheran or Episcopal Church all the while going through the marriage process in the Catholic Church.) Or if in second or subsequent marriages, that is, divorced and remarriage outside the church, to begin the annulment process which is free and can take from 1-12 months to complete, depending upon if one is baptized as a Catholic and married in another church without permission.

Last, as far as dispatch, encourage the individual to highly consider being buried in the Catholic Church, whether they have or have not been to Mass for some time, even years. I would want to make available to them, the anointing of the sick, viaticum (food to take with you on the journey such as a drop of the precious blood), and the Apostolic Pardon. These are graces that are available to all Catholics and I would hate for them to be deprived of this during their last days on earth.

Pope Francis has encouraged us priests and yes, the priesthood of the baptized, to accompany people who may not be in the most ideal situations or have felt alienated or have been inactive, within the parameters of being faithful to Church teaching. If you have any questions in regards to any of these situations, please contact the parish office.

Blessings and peace to you all!

Fr. Chris



Don't forget the **Friday**
fish and chicken fry
from **5:30 pm to 7pm.**

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass November 13th:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger

Ushers: Don Bendon & Teri Cooper

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass November 14th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Slinker & Nate Thomason

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Slinker & Nate Thomason

10:15 a.m. Mass November 14th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Brackney & Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Ben Brackney & Elizabeth Williams

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

Linens: Judy Kirby

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls 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. They 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.

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
you indicate otherwise.

**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.**

Cookie Walk Donation & Drop-Off

St. Thomas Aquinas Members,
The 2021 **St. Thomas Aquinas Cookie Walk & Craft Fair** is set for **Saturday, Dec. 4** from 9 a.m. to Noon (12 p.m.). To help make this event a success for our parish, we are asking each St. Thomas Aquinas family to donate 8-dozen homemade, festively decorated holiday cookies or candy.

Please drop off your cookies in the Parish Hall between Wednesday, Dec. 1 and Friday, Dec. 3.

For those planning to make a financial contribution instead of baking, we are welcoming a \$60 donation to help offset event expenses. Donations may be delivered during cookie drop-off or in the weekly collection marked "Cookie Walk Donation."

We greatly appreciate your support of this wonderful parish event and hope to see you there! If you are on Facebook, please share the event to help us spread the word this holiday classic is back.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Larseth at 515-450-6058 or Kassi Hoxmeier at 308-991-7927.

STARS



Are you (or someone you know) interested in learning more about a vocation to the priesthood? Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner on Monday, Nov. 22. The Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a Holy Hour at St. Albert School followed by a simple dinner. For more information, contact your parish priest, visit vocationsonline.org, or contact the Vocations Office at vocations@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5014.

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."**

Volunteers Needed

Heal House could use more volunteers to act as receptionists. It involves a 3 hour shift: either 9-12 or 1-4 pm Monday through Friday. The volunteer is there to answer the phone and/or door to take messages and then refer the message to Laurie.

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

Our deepest condolences go out to the Babinski family, for the death of their loved one Aaron who died this pasted week. He will be greatly missed by our Parish family. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.



Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Him.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Woosley family, for the death of their loved one Mark who was buried this pasted week. He will be greatly missed by our Parish family. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.



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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.

Early Bird Sign-Up

Registration for Catholic Youth Camp opens Friday, Nov. 12 at noon. Gift a child, grandchild or young friend with a week of faith and fun at CYC next year. Get an early bird discount and peace of mind knowing your child's dream for a week at camp is secured!

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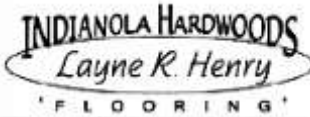

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