



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 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

NOVEMBER 15

WEEKDAY

497: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150,
155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 16

WEEKDAY

498: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—For the intentions of

Doug & Mary Phillips

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 17

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-

28 see 678: 1 Jn 3:14-18 Lk 6:27-38

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the intentions of

The Mike Miller Family

NOVEMBER 18

WEEKDAY

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44 or, for

the Dedication: see 679: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Mt 14:22-3

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

NOVEMBER 19

WEEKDAY

501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12 Lk 19:45-48

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Albert Basler

NOVEMBER 20

WEEKDAY

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—For the Sayre Family

NOVEMBER 21

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

161: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Chuck Long

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Zac Easter

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Zac Easter

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Jack & Dennis Gray

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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Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We have heard the familiar saying, 'All good things have to come to an end.' For some of us, it could be the end of the summer vacation and into the Fall; for others, the last day on a trip abroad to Europe or the Holy Land; still others, the end of the working career and onto retirement; still others, a project that was long, difficult, but rewarding culminated in an event or presentation (ie, the day after the 150 plus 1 Anniversary, the day of or the day after Christmas, the day of or after the Cookie Walk each year, etc.). There is a certain type of grieving or mourning we go through.

We are in the final two weeks of the liturgical year. Jesus speaks of 'heavens' as passing. What compromises the heavens? The sun, moon, and stars. These will all pass and make way for the Second Coming of Christ at an unknown time and day, that even Jesus does not know and for those who have been faithful under trial, will be ushered into the Kingdom of God, the heavenly Jerusalem. We are called to be ready and to prepare for His Second Coming, through prayer, fasting, works of charity, participation in the Sacraments. It will all happen like a thief in the night as did 9/11, as did the pandemic of 2020. Who of us here could have foreseen these events? How am I ready for these end times? What is God inviting me to do to prepare right now so I am not caught off guard or blindsided? Who of us likes to be blindsided? We all desire warnings. Jesus is giving this to us today, so we have no excuse that we were not told.

These next several days will be exciting ones. We have the Madison Warren County Ecumenical Association Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday November 17, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys.

On Saturday, November 20, we (Immaculate Conception) will have Mass on Saturday at 4 p.m. instead of Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for our Annual Turkey Bingo (well, we didn't have it in 2020 due to the pandemic).

This next Sunday, November 21, 7:00 p.m., the Indiana Ministerial Association will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at the First Baptist Church. Each church is asked to bring 2 pies for this event. We encourage you all to come out and participate in these wonderful events! Happy Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time!

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 November 20th:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Derry Butler & Teri Cooper

Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass November 21st:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin & Marcia Konrad

Ushers: Brian & Anne Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass November 21st:

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Grover & Jana Lynch

Ushers: Dave & Judy Hutton

Cleaning Vessels: Tristan Grover & Jana Lynch

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.

A Rosary will be said for Alex Lynch

Sunday, November 14

at 6:15PM in the Church

Everyone is welcome



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 Lerseth at 515-450-6058 or Kassi Hoxmeier at 308-991-7927.

Your St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS)



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

Indianola Knights of Columbus breakfast

Sunday, November 21 from 9am to noon

Location: Multi-purpose room

Adults \$6 Children \$3

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its annual Coats for Kids campaign from November 20-30. Through your generosity last year we were able to raise \$1800 and provided over 70 quality coats for local children in need during the winter months. We will be collecting funds after masses during these weekends and through our Paypal account. More details to come in next week's bulletin and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$62,681.00
Raised to Date: \$60,100.00

Amount Still to be Raised: \$2,581.00

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

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



Save the Date

The MJM7 band will be coming again on December 5

There will be a children's Christmas program on December 22

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

If you know of someone that has recently died please write their name in the book in the gathering space so they can be remembered.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Dr. Mike and Pat O'Meara families for the death of their father, Jerry. May he rest in the loving embrace of God. Please remember him, as well as his wife and the entire O'Meara family in your prayers.



Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord,
And let perpetual lights shine upon Him.
May he rest in peace. May his soul and the
souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen

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-Kellie Soper, mom of Ted
LIMITLESS UNPLUGGED ADVENTURE AWAITS AT OUR ACTIVITIES ZONE!

Gathering Table

Monday, November 15th at 5:30pm

Main dishes and serving help are

Always needed. Thank you.



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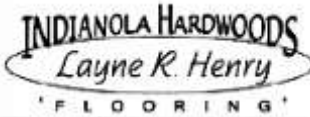

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