



# 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.

## DECEMBER 5

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

6: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Frank Robison, Jr  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Bill & Rosie Babcock  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier  
12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Ibanda & Family  
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

## DECEMBER 6

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

181: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26  
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas  
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation/Rosary at Immaculate Conception  
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Rosa George

## DECEMBER 7

### SAINT AMBROSE

182: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14 see 688:  
Eph 3:8-12 Jn 10:11-16  
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas-Bill & Rosie Babcock  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## DECEMBER 8

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

689: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
7:00 am Mass at St Thomas-Richard Gudenkauf  
7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas-For the intentions of Virginia Bassler  
7:00pm at Immaculate conception-Bud Wattonville

## DECEMBER 9

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

184: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

## DECEMBER 10

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

185: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

## DECEMBER 11

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
3:00 pm-4:15 pm Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Thomas

## DECEMBER 12

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Bob & Muriel Slinker  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Bill & Rosie Babcock  
12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Richard Gudenkauf  
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:

Welcome to the MJM7 Band who are here at the Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas and will be inspiring us with Sacred Christmas Music this Sunday evening at 7p.m. in the worship space of the church. We are grateful for them being here with us this weekend.

This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The doctrine was formally defined as dogma in the Constitution "Ineffabilis Deus" of December 8, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin" (Denzinger).

This took place shortly after St. Bernardette had a vision of Our Blessed Mother who stated, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'

We will be offering three masses for the Feast Day. We will have a 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas and a 7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's. I have asked Msgr. Frank Bognanno to assist me with the Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Last, some of you have been asking about the Christmas Schedule of Masses along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation one half hour before all weekday Masses. In addition, on Saturdays during Advent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 3 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. On Sunday, I will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys.

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Schedule are as follows:

December 24-4 p.m. Mass St. Thomas Aquinas-myself  
December 24-4 p.m. Mass, Immaculate Conception-Fr. Dan Krettek

December 24-7 p.m. Mass, Immaculate Conception-myself

December 24-10 p.m. Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas-myself

December 25-9 a.m. Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas-myself

December 31-4 p.m.-Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas-Fr. Reed Flood

December 31-4 p.m. Mass-Immaculate Conception-myself

I have a wedding at St. Thomas Aquinas at 6 p.m.

January 1-9 a.m.-St. Thomas Aquinas

NOTE: There will be NO 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday December 25th due to the Christmas holiday celebrations. My brother priests are also following this schedule of NO MASS on Christmas Day on the Eve of the Feast of the Holy Family. However, we will have our regularly scheduled Masses at 8:00 a.m. Masses at both parishes, 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas and Noon at St. Thomas Aquinas. We do not get twofers on this. We DO NEED to attend both Christmas and Holy Family feasts as they are both HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION. Have a blessed Second Sunday of Advent! Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass December 11th:**

**Lector:** David DeGroote

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

**Ushers:** Teri Cooper & David DeGroote

**Cleaning Vessels:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

### **8:00 a.m. Mass December 12th:**

**Lector:** Penny Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

**Ushers:** Terry & Cathy Krapfl

**Cleaning Vessels:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

### **10:15 a.m. Mass December 12th:**

**Lector:** Alyssa Brown

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Alyssa Brown & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Cleaning Vessels:** Alyssa Brown & Judy Hutton

**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.

The Garrett Family, Doug Andreassen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

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Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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

**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.**

you indicate otherwise.



Mark your calendar  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 our  
RE students will put on a  
Christmas play called,  
O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel.

All are welcome!

## MJM7 Band



The Mette Family Band, MJM7 is back for a  
Christmas Concert. They will be performing at  
our parish on Sunday, December 5th at 7pm.  
All are welcome!

We would like to thank everyone for all the  
prayers, well wishes and support that you have  
given to our family as Alex continues his journey  
to fight his cancer. His surgery at Mayo was  
successful and they were able to remove the  
tumor. Alex will finish a few more rounds of  
chemo at least over the next couple of  
months. We are blessed to be part of such a  
beautiful church family and the support has  
meant so much to us to help us get through it  
all.

Many Blessings! Alex, Jeremy, Jana, Connor  
Lynch

All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must  
be in no later than

**December 20th**

**Suggested donation \$25.00**

Thank you



## Helping Hand Advent Angels

*This Advent the Social Concerns Committee is asking you  
to support Helping Hand in a new way. Rather than food  
donations, we are asking for children's socks and under-  
wear. Helping Hand has identified this as a special need  
they have. We will be handing out Advent Angels at Mass  
the weekend of November 27-28 or you can pick an angel  
off the tree anytime between November 28 and December  
19. We ask that all donations be put in the box in the  
Gathering Space by December 19. Thank you for helping  
Warren County families during this special season.*



Thank you to all those that  
supported

This years

Cookie Walk!



## National Night of Prayer for Life

**Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
with the Feast of St. Juan Diego  
9 PM Dec. 8th (Wednesday)  
to 1 AM Dec. 9th (Thursday)**

The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts. All  
nations of the world are invited to participate, as we ask Our  
Blessed Mother to protect Life and the Family; to renew the  
Church, establish Peace, and inspire Courage in the soul  
of our nation.

During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12 Midnight  
to 1AM EST., we will be united in churches  
across the country and the world in prayer to  
end abortion, and restore God's blessings.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take  
place in the Adoration Chapel on the north  
side of the building.

All are welcome.



*A special thank you  
to the "Guardian Angel", who  
cleaned our baptismal font. It  
looks amazing! If you can please  
inform the office of the product  
you used on the black granite,  
we would be very grateful!*



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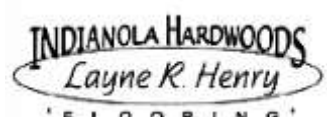
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