



# 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 19

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

3: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Mike Boyd**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter**

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Richard Gudenkauf**

**No 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College**

## DECEMBER 20

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

**No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas**

**6:00 pm Reconciliation , 6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

**7:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception- Rosa George**

## DECEMBER 21

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

**5:00 Confession 6:00 pm Mass —Beverly Krier**

**6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas**

## DECEMBER 22

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

198:1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56

**7:30am Confession 8:00 Mass —Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl**

## DECEMBER 23

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

**7:30am Confession, 8:00 Mass at St. Thomas—Linda Schmitt**

## DECEMBER 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

(Night) 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

**No 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas**

**4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter**

**4:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception-Bud Wattonville**

**7:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception-Ron Brommel**

**10:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas-Intentions of the Parker Family**

## DECEMBER 25

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Day) 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**9:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Claire Wiedmaier**

**No 4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas**

## DECEMBER 26

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41

-52 or, in Year C: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn

3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel**

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

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Jack Gray & Family**

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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Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate the Visitation of Mary with Elizabeth in this Gospel reading, the Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Mary, a young teenage girl, is traveling some ninety miles from her home from Nazareth to the Village of Ain Karim by foot, which would have taken several days and supposedly alone yet having the Holy Spirit accompany her on this dangerous journey. These cousins share the Good News, one being very young, Mary, and the other Elizabeth, being quite old, past the child-bearing age. St. John the Baptist, left in the womb for joy, thus being cleansed of original sin in Elizabeth's womb. It is a time of joyful expectations while they await the births of the Precursor to the Messiah and the Savior, the Messiah, Jesus himself. The pregnancy of Mary would be without the labor pains as she was free of original sin and the birth would be like a light going through glass, according to the Church Fathers, particularly St. Augustine. Unlike Mary, Elizabeth would undergo the typical labor pains.

This is also a time of joyful expectation for us as we await the Savior in our midst. How might we prepare for his coming next Saturday? How might we prepare for the Second Coming, which could happen at any moment or time?

We still have time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday at Immaculate Conception, there will be confessions from 6-7 p.m. This Tuesday, Confessions will be from 5-6 at St. Thomas Aquinas, 1/2 hour before Masses on Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment, if none of these times work.

We will have NO Mass on Christmas Eve Morning, Friday December 24th nor on Saturday December 25th in the EVENING at 4:30 p.m. to give you all time to celebrate the Christmas holiday with your family. The usual Sunday Schedule will be in place. I would suggest that if you are one of the Saturday evening Mass attendees, please come to one of the three Masses on Sunday.

Due to the Christmas break, there will be NO Simpson Masses until Sunday January 23rd. If you happen to miss out on these times, I would suggest a 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Theresa's, 5:00 p.m. Latin Mass at St. Anthony's, or one of the afternoon Spanish Masses at Christ the King.

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent and to those traveling, please be safe through the intercession of St. Christopher, St. Joseph Cupertino, and the Blessed Mother, and have a Merry, Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 18th:**

**Lector:** Kris Gross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross

**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Carol Proctor

**Cleaning Vessels:** Bill & Kris Gross

### **8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, December : 19th**

**Lector:** Mark Kollasch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian & Anne Brennan

**Ushers:** Brian & Anne Brennan

**Cleaning Vessels:** Brian & Anne Brennan

### **10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, December 19th:**

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Alan Schneider &

Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Joe & Dorothy Gezel

**Cleaning Vessels:** Alan Schneider &  
Elizabeth Williams

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

**Linens:** Judy Kirby

**Please sign up for the  
Christmas Liturgies  
The sign up sheets are on the  
Receptionist desk. Thank you**

## Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,

Mike Metz, Patrick S handley,

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  
you indicate otherwise.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Thomas' Social Concerns group will be sponsoring a TRIVIA NIGHT at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the St. Thomas Pastoral Center. Proceeds will benefit Heal House of Iowa.

All are welcome to come out for a lasagna supper and a fun evening of fellowship. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Gather your team today! \$120 per table of 4-6 people.



DIocese of DES MOINES

In light of our increasing number of hospitalizations and COVID cases, and the upcoming celebration of Christmas, this is a friendly reminder that the Diocese continues to strongly encourage masks at all indoor liturgies and other events, especially for those who are unvaccinated and without natural immunity, as a small sacrifice that can assist our health care professionals and help all members of our community feel comfortable worshipping together.

### Policy on Cancellation



When Indianola schools are closed, CGS, RE and STAT WILL NOT have classes.



**Assumption Shrine in Churchville, Iowa** will be having midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Fr. Dan Kirby will be celebrating the Mass.

### Gathering Table

Monday, December 20th

Gathering Table from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meals, Servers, and Main Dishes needed

**Thank you to everyone that helped us reach our ADA goal.**



Friday December 24

Christmas EVE Schedule

NO 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass or Adoration,  
Offices Close at NOON

Mass times are as follows:

4 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas

4 p.m. Immaculate Conception

7 p.m. Immaculate Conception

10 p.m. - St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day Schedule

NO MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP AT 8:00 A.M.

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas

NO Confessions or 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday December 26

8:00 a.m. St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

10:15 a.m. St. Thomas Aquinas

NOON - St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday December 27

Offices will be closed.

All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must be in no later than

December 20th

Suggested donation \$25.00

Thank You



Wednesday, December 22, is our Children's Christmas program at 6 pm in the church. We hope many will attend. What a beautiful way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas day!



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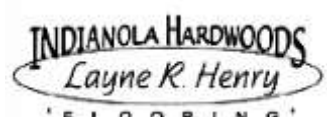
  
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