



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.

JANUARY 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Andy Burris

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Claire Wiedmaier

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Albert Basler

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald & Delphine Schneider

No 5:00pm Simpson Mass

JANUARY 3

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

212: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

JANUARY 4

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44 or see 737-742, esp. Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 10:38-42

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Jim & Velma Forret

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

JANUARY 5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52 see 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 (722.4) Jn 10:11-16 (724.10) or 719-724

8:00 Mass at St Thomas-Sonnie Brommel

JANUARY 6

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

215: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

JANUARY 7

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Linda Schmitt

JANUARY 8

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas-Sheila Goode

JANUARY 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Bud Wattonville

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald O'Meara

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Debbie Morlan

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Angie Chiappine

No 5:00pm Simpson Mass

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:

I want to thank you for all the gifts, cards, and goodies that you gave me over the Christmas Holiday Season! They are certainly most appreciated!

I also want to thank all of our Art and Environment, Liturgy, and decorating committees at both parishes for the wonderful job in beautifying our churches for the Christmas Holiday Season! Your time, efforts, and talent are most appreciated!

This week, we have two wonderful feasts during this Christmas Season. First, we have the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Second, we have the Feast of Epiphany this weekend. The first Feast, Mary, the Mother of God, can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. The 'Mother of God' is a western derivation from the Greek, 'Theotokos' which means God-bearer. Nestorius, Archbishop of Constantinople and Christian theologian, made the point that Mary was only the Mother of Christ's human nature, not his divine nature. The church refuted this heresy through the Council of Ephesus. We are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of salvation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God, the Father, prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the dwelling place or the Ark of the Covenant where His Son and His Holy Spirit could dwell among us. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, sanctioning God's plan with her words, 'Be it done to me according to thy word.' Calling Mary, the Mother of God, is the highest honor we can give to her.

By the 7th Century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th Century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary. It was in 1751, after some influence from Portugal that an official feast celebrating Mary's divine maternity ought to be in place. Pope Benedict XIV allowed the churches in Portugal to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be celebrated on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year. (source: Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, California Bill Chapman).

Last, we have the Feast of the Epiphany meaning, 'manifestation.' The Feast of the Epiphany is an ancient feast dating back to the early church. Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent of Christ on January 6 by commemorating Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ, and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the 4th century, Christmas and Epiphany became two separate feasts. At the Council of Tours in 567 A.D. The Church set both Christmas Day and Epiphany as feast days on December 25 and January 6, thus naming the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season. Over time, the Western Christian Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations. Various countries hold various traditions in regards to the Feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children on Epiphany. Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain and even Puerto Rico celebrate 'Three Kings Day' and receive presents. In Ireland, Catholics celebrate 'Women's Christmas' where women take a break from housework and cleaning and celebrate with a special meal. In Poland, Epiphany is marked by taking chalk along with gold, incense, and amber and it is blessed at Mass. (source: Catholic News Agency, January 6, 2019, Adelaide Mena).

I would like to take this time to wish you all a Happy, Healthy 2022, Happy Feasts of the Solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God and Epiphany!
Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, January 8th:

Lector: Kris Gross
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross
Ushers: Deery Butler & Teri Cooper
Cleaning Vessels: Bill & Kris Gross

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 9th

Lector: Mark Kollasch
Eucharistic Ministers: Marcia & Martin Konrad
Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker
Cleaning Vessels: Marcia & Martin Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 9th:

Lector: Alyssa Brown
Eucharistic Ministers: Alyssa Brown & Tristan Grover
Ushers: Tony & Anitta Spenner Anitta & Tony Spenner
Cleaning Vessels: Alyssa Brown & Tristan Grover

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 A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,
Mike Metz, Patrick S handley,
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.**



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.

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



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



DIocese of DES MOINES

The Bishop wants to hear from us

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or click on the QR code (print the QR code image next to this note). En espanol: <https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXj6> (print the Spanish QR code image next to this link). The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday January 9, 2022

Serving from
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
in the Multi-Purpose Room



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contert

Congratulations go out to Lena Smothers (K-2), Evelyn Bierman (3-5), and Leah Hartford (6-8) who created the winning submissions for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for 2021! The posters are on display in the gathering space during the Christmas season and each winner will receive a \$25 prize from the Knights of Columbus. The twelve total submissions are the most participation in the contest so far. Thanks to these students for their creative work!

Man-Up West, January 2022: Join Us for Our 2022 Kickoff!

Our January meeting will be a two-part meeting. First, Matt Willkom, Iowa Catholic Radio's Executive Director, will join us to launch our 4th year of ManUp West Power Lunch. A discussion of Lenten activities will follow.

Our Agenda includes-

- An update on Iowa Catholic Radio's Plans for 2022
- A description of the "Eucharistic Miracles Display" and the stories behind it as well as an explanation of the process to schedule it for your parish
- An update on "Exodus 90", which begins January 17th
- Updates on other "Men's Small Group" offerings in the Des Moines Area
- A preview of some of the presentations scheduled for the Power Lunch in 2022.

Friday, January 14th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines

A lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering.

Program: High Noon, December 10th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Register for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>

Start the New Year with

Spiritual Enrichment offered by Deacon Dave

- Woman's Bible study every Monday at 9 AM at St Thomas Aquinas
- Men's Faith Sharing Prayer Group meets every Saturday, at 8 AM at St Thomas Aquinas, in the multi-purpose room

STAT will resume Wednesday, January 5th



Religious Ed will start again
Wednesday, January 12th

Enjoy your Christmas Break!

Policy on Cancellation

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

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