



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

St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

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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 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

JANUARY 10

WEEKDAY / WEEK ONE OF ORDINARY TIME

305:1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

JANUARY 11

WEEKDAY

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Patrick Bliss

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

JANUARY 12

WEEKDAY

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39

8:00 Mass at St Thomas-Beverly Krier

JANUARY 13

WEEKDAY

308: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas-Nancy Slick

JANUARY 14

WEEKDAY

309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

JANUARY 15

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

310: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas-Carol VanAernam

JANUARY 16

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

66: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Andy Burris

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Linda Schmitt

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

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.)

Parish Office: 961-3026

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Please welcome Fr. Greg Schmitt, a Redemptorist and native of Milwaukee. He has served as pastor in Kansas City, Seattle, and New Orleans, worked in retreat houses in Fargo, North Dakota, and Oakland, California and preached parish missions in Chicago, Brazil, and Nigeria. His work has not only included assisting with clothing and food banks but also administering funds to people in need after Hurricane Katrina. Father Schmitt enjoys golf, walking, and woodworking. He will be here with us this Saturday evening and Sunday morning to discuss his work with Unbound Ministries.

The Baptism of the Lord has historically been associated with the celebration of Epiphany. Even today, the Eastern Christian feast of Theophany, celebrated on January 6 as a counterpart to the Western feast of Epiphany, focuses primarily on the Baptism of the Lord as the revelation of God to man.

After the Nativity of Christ (Christmas) was separated from Epiphany, the Church in the West continued the process and dedicated a celebration to each of the major epiphanies (revelations) or theophanies (the revelation of God to man). There was the Birth of Christ at Christmas, which revealed Christ to Israel; the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany; the Baptism of the Lord, which revealed the Trinity; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, which revealed Christ's transformation of the world. (For more on the four theophanies, see the article on Christmas)

Thus, the Baptism of the Lord began to be celebrated on the octave (eighth day) of Epiphany, with the miracle at Cana celebrated on the Sunday after that. In the current liturgical calendar, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and, a week later, on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. (source: www.learnreligions.org)

Thank you to both the Art and Environment and Liturgy Committees for their time, talent, and efforts in making our churches beautiful! It is all most appreciated!

I will be gone from Sunday afternoon, January 9 to Tuesday January 11. Please contact the office for any emergencies.

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!
Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, January 15th:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: John Shandley & Lanny Ward

Ushers: David DeGroote & Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: John Shandley & Lanny Ward

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 16th

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry & Mike Schenfeld

Ushers: Cathy & Terry Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Terry & Mike Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 16th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Williams & Alan Schneider

Ushers: Dorothy & Joe Gezel

Cleaning Vessels: Elizabeth Williams & Alan Schneider

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.**

REV. GREG SCHMITT, C.S.S.R.



Father Schmitt will be at St Thomas and Immaculate Conception, January 8th and 9th. Please give him a warm welcome!



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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday January 9, 2022

Serving from

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

in the Multi-Purpose Room



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

I worked with the Diocese Catholic Charities office for 10 years. It is important that we take the survey the diocese is circulating as mentioned in Father's Bulletin Letter this past week. The diocesan officials need to know what we think, as they are pretty much office bound in Des Moines. Kenan Bresnan



**Join us for wine and cheese
Saturday,
January 15th after**

Novena for Life



The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Novena for Life again this year from January 19-27. We will come together in person each day at times and locations to be determined on the near future. Each prayer service will be streamed live on Facebook for those who would like to follow along at home. Join us as a parish family to reinforce a culture of life at St. Thomas Aquinas!



Free Throw Shooting Contest

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the annual free throw shooting championship, council level for 2022. The contest will take place on Sunday, February 6, at 1PM at the Street Gymnasium. Awards will be given to first and second place finishers in age brackets from ages 9-14 for both boys and girls. Age bracket winners will qualify for the district competition the following Sunday in Martinsdale. Sign ups can take place prior to competition or contact Adam Naughton for an entry form at 515-401-2672.

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

**Religious Ed
will start again
Wednesday,
January 12th**



Policy on Cancellation



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

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