



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 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

JANUARY 17

SAINT ANTHONY ABBOT

311: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

see 513: Eph 6:10-13, 18 Mt 19:16-26

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

JANUARY 18

WEEKDAY

312: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

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

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

JANUARY 19

WEEKDAY

313: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

8:00 Mass at St Thomas-Beverly Krier

JANUARY 20

WEEKDAY

314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Thomas

JANUARY 21

SAINT AGNES

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19 see

1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 13:44-46

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

JANUARY 22

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas-Regina Park

JANUARY 23

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

69: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Bud Wattonville

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Dr. Joe Brennan

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Sonnie Brommel

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Marguerite Hines & Family

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

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Last month, December 1st, the United States Supreme Court heard the case of Dobbs V. Jackson Women's Health Organization in Mississippi. The United States Supreme Court heard arguments with the constitutionality of a 2018 Mississippi Law that banned abortion procedures in the southern state after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. The case will be decided sometime this year, most likely June 2022.

It could mean the end of Roe V. Wade, which began 49 years ago on this day. Since then, 4000 lives have been and are being taken daily due to abortion. Sixty million lives have been taken since Roe v. Wade was legalized this day 49 years ago.

This is a matter of human rights and consistency with science, as science states that life begins at conception. I would also argue in the words of former President Ronald Reagan, "I have noticed that those who are for abortion have already been born." Each of us has been given a precious life by God, why would we deny the right to life to someone else? The unborn are considered the poorest of the poor who have no voice nor any choice for that matter. As we remember the ruling of Roe v. Wade 49 years ago today, let us remember, pray and fast to end all abortion. In the eyes of God, all lives are sacred from the very moment of conception until death.

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 Saturday, January 22nd:

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

Ushers: Derry Butler & Teri Cooper

Cleaning Vessels: Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 23rd

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne & Brian Brennan

Ushers: Anne & Brian Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Anne & Brian Brennan

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 23rd:

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Judy Hutton

Ushers: Connie & Ed Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Dave & 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.

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.

Trivia Night Canceled



Due to the rise in Covid cases recently, the Social Concerns Committee has decided to cancel the Trivia Night in February. It may be held later in the year if the current situation changes. Thank you.

RE is back in full swing

- 2nd Grade are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- 3rd Grade are learning the Mysteries of the Rosary
- 4th Grade are studying the Miracles of Jesus
- 5th Grade - the Sacraments
- 6th Grade - the Commandments
- 7th Grade - Scripture study
- 8th Grade - "Finding God in the Eucharist"

It was a busy night!

STAT Night

Our STAT students take a break from exams, to sit at the feet of the Teacher and Lord, Jesus.



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 Martensdale. 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



Gathering Table
This Monday,
January 17th.
Help is always
Needed!

Policy on Cancellation



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

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