



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am, & Noon 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 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

JANUARY 24

SAINT FRANCIS de SALES

317: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89: 21-22, 25-26

Mk 3:22-30 see 518: Eph 3:8-12 Jn 15:9-17

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

JANUARY 25

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

519: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

JANUARY 26

SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS

520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 319: Mk 4:1-20

see 520: Lk 10:1-9

8:00 Mass at St Thomas—Charles Hastie

JANUARY 27

WEEKDAY

320: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 Mk 4:21-25

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

JANUARY 28

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

321: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

see 522: Wis 7:7-10, 15-16 Mt 23:8-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Lorie Frueh

JANUARY 29

WEEKDAY

322: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Darcy Moeller

JANUARY 30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

72: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or
13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Slinker

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Mary Joslyn

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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Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

The Church has some significant things that she remembers this week. We have Christian Unity Week. Jesus reminds his followers before he is about to embark into Jerusalem for his final days on earth to embrace his cross that they would all be One.

Now, we have to remind ourselves that He has a divine nature and could see history with the church going through many trials through several centuries. He knew there would be false teachings such as Arianism (that claimed Jesus was NOT God), Docetism (Jesus was NOT human), Monophysitism (Christ had only one nature), Donatism (Sacramental validity by the priest was contingent upon the priest's holiness), Nestorianism (Mary was the Mother of Christ, not God). Church Councils came into play to denounce these false teachings. These errors divided Christianity in the first several centuries. Then, came the big split in 1054 A.D. with the Greek Orthodox and Catholic Church over the Filioque in the Creed (Greeks would state that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father), we would say that the Holy proceeded from the Father and the Son. Then, King Henry VIII broke from the Church in the 16th Century (1527) as he wanted a divorce from Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn. Catherine was too old to bear a child and Henry VIII, wanting a male heir, decided he needed a new wife. We see the beginnings of the Episcopal or Anglican Church. It was also about this time that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses and broke away as an Augustinian priest, married a religious sister, and started Lutheranism (somewhere between 1517-1535) From this point, there were many denominations that came about. There are thousands of denominations today.

Jesus did not intend for this to happen. We have to wonder if this was on his mind when he decided to give his life for all of us on the cross. Was he not tempted by the devil to not follow through and stay up there on the cross and believe his suffering would be in vain? I am sure he did, yet, thankfully, he followed His Father's mission to redeem humanity from their sins. Our prayer today is that we work together as many different bodies of Christian denominations, find our common points, and pray that we may become one again. I would encourage you to read the Document on Ecumenism from the Second Vatican Council Documents about the role we are to play in presenting and sharing the truths of our faith while at the same time, being respectful and charitable toward those of varying faith traditions.

Last, but not least, as I mentioned last week, we remember 49 years ago, when Roe V. Wade legalized abortion in our country. It is a sad fact that 4,000 lives have been snuffed out each day, 60 million lives (ten times greater than Hitler's Nazi Germany of 6 million Jews) since 1973. Think of all the doctors, nurses, religious sisters and brothers, priests, fathers, mothers, single people who were not given a chance at life to make a difference in the world, to come up with the cures to the common cold, cancer, or other life threatening illnesses. Let us pray and fast that this holocaust may end soon. This cannot be in the plan of God.

Blessings and peace to you! Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, January 29th:

Lector: David DeGroote

Eucharistic Ministers: Kelly & Tim Gauger

Ushers: David DeGroote & Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: Kelly & Tim Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 30th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Anne & Brian Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 30th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Brackney & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Ben Brackney & Dave Hutton

Cleaning Vessels: Ben Brackney & Cindy Whitesitt

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.

Simpson College Masses
resume this Sunday at 5pm
In Smith Chapel



Krakow Poland/ Birthplace of Pope John Paul II

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com



February Money counters Schedule

Feb 7th: Carol Proctor & Susan Nutgrass
Feb 14th: Terry & Bev Elbert & Debbie
Feb 21st: Cathy Krapfl & Jan Gunnarson
Feb 28th: Debbie & Susan Nutgrass

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! Here is the Novena schedule for January 19-27. Weather permitting, we will meet at the church to pray the rosary each night. For those unable to attend, we plan to stream the rosary on Facebook for those who want to pray remotely:

January 19	Church at 7 pm
January 20	Church at 7 pm
January 21	Church at 7 pm
January 22	Church at 2 pm
January 23	Church at 2 pm
January 24	Church at 7 pm
January 25	Church at 6:30 pm (after mass)
January 26	Church at 7 pm with STAT
January 27	Church at 7 pm



Coffee with Jesus

**Let's escape the burrow like
Punxsutawney Phil!**

To: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas
What: Faith – Fellowship - Fun
When: Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room
Bring a friend.
Coffee, Juice, Muffins, and Rolls provided.
Please bring your rosary, bible, and fun filled spirit! See you there,
Kim Delay, Angie Elliott, Carol Bailey, Susan Pottebaum

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