



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 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

JANUARY 31

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

323: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20 see 523:
 Phil 4:4-9 Mt 18:1-5

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

FEBRUARY 1

WEEKDAY

324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

FEBRUARY 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:00 Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier

FEBRUARY 3

WEEKDAY

326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12 Mk 6:7-13

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten

FEBRUARY 4

WEEKDAY

327: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the intentions of
 Mary & Don Menke**

FEBRUARY 5

SAINT AGATHA

328: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34 see 527:
 1 Cor 1:26-31 Lk 9:23-26

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Carla Warner

FEBRUARY 6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

75: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or
 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Lisa Burris Zey

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carol VanAernam

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten

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

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Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

St. Thomas Aquinas has begun a Core Creation Committee. They have studied the encyclical, 'Laudato Si' (Praise be to You) from Pope Francis I. The document is on the care for creation and the environment. This initiative comes from St. Francis of Assisi who wrote the Canticle of the Sun praising all of God's creation. I encourage you to read their article on the next page of the bulletin and prayerfully consider joining the group.

This Wednesday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. According to Jewish Law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to 'buy him back' on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons (Luke 2:24) in the temple (thus the presentation of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the purification). The Blessed Mother, Mary and her spouse, Joseph kept this law, even though she remained a virgin after the birth of Christ. However, she would not have to go through ritual purification. Mary and Joseph would have presented Jesus to the prophet Simeon who had waited all of his life for the Messiah. He embraced the child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimitis). "Now you may dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared before the face of all people; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

(source: www.learnreligions.com).

Happy Feast of the Presentation of our Lord! Fr. Chris

Masses at Simpson College 5:00pm, Smith Chapel until the end of the semester

- January 30th
- February 13th
- February 20th
- February 27th
- March 6th
- March 27th
- April 3rd
- April 10th
- April 24th



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.

"Creation Care Team"

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his encyclical, *Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home*. This year, Pope Francis invited Catholics to join a seven-year journey to widen the reach of his encyclical on the environment in a time of global climate change.

The initiative invited dioceses, parishes and individuals to build a global effort to protect creation for future generations. The Vatican's plan is meant to help those who want to increase their commitment to bringing the encyclical to life by committing through 2028 to carry out a set of actions based on local needs.

I am pleased that, in answer to this challenge, several people in our parish have established a "Creation Care Team." Using the Pope's *Laudato Si'* Action Plan as our guide, we hope to help our St. Thomas community to be, in Pope Francis's words, "protectors of God's gifts." Our goal is to make a difference through education, creating more sustainable practices, and advocating for faith-informed climate policies, leaving the world a better place for our children and grandchildren.

The members of the Creation Care Team are: Ken Bresnan, Rita Bresnan, Deb Marriott, Mike May, Renee Staudacher, Kris Gross, Elizabeth Williams, Dawn Goodale, Kathryn Pierson, Mary Hurley Mace and Mary Bonnett. Look for upcoming bulletin announcements to find out more about this team and their activities. Everyone interested in joining is welcome. Contact Rita Bresnan at ritabresnan@gmail.com for more information.

Rita Bresnan



*Design based on the "Canticle of the Sun"
By Saint Francis of Assisi*

Man-Up West, February 2022:

Join Us for Our 2022 Kickoff!

Matt Willkom, Iowa Catholic Radio's Executive Director will join us to launch our 4th year of Man Up West Power Lunch.

Our Agenda includes-

Update on Iowa Catholic Radio's Plans for 2022.

View some of the "Eucharistic Miracles Display" and the stories behind it as well as how you can schedule it for your parish.

An update on "Exodus 90" which began January 17th.

Updates on other "Men's Small Group" offerings in the Des Moines Area.

Discussion on how you can prepare to have your Best Lent Ever.

A preview of some of the presentations scheduled for the Power Lunch in 2022.

Friday, February 11th, 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, February 11th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Weather Cancellation Policy: If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man Up Event will also be cancelled.

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

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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