



# 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 a 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.

## FEBRUARY 13

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

78: Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—John & Rosa George**

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

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald O'Meara**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten**

**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

## FEBRUARY 14

### SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

335: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13

see 532: Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-9

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

**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

## FEBRUARY 15

### WEEKDAY

336: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Nancy Horton**

**6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas**

## FEBRUARY 16

### WEEKDAY

337: Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mk 8:22-26

**8:00 Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier**

## FEBRUARY 17

### WEEKDAY

338: Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

**8:00 Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten**

## FEBRUARY 18

### WEEKDAY

339: Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34—9:1

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the intentions of**

**Deery Butler**

## FEBRUARY 19

### WEEKDAY

340: Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13

**4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert**

## FEBRUARY 20

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

81:1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville**

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

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Nancy Horton**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten**

**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](http://stthomasindianola.com)

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

This Monday, February 14, our culture celebrates St. Valentine's Day. Although this saint was taken off of the General Roman Calendar in 1969 due to a lack of reliable information, he is still considered a saint. His name is St. Valentine. According to some accounts, St. Valentine was a priest and physician who gave his life for the Catholic Christian faith on February 14, 270 as a martyr under the Emperor Claudius II.

Another account named him as Bishop of Terni, Italy. According to a legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he befriended and healed her from her blindness. He was also noted as one who secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war, which defied the emperor's orders. He was tortured and beheaded.

In many ways, this day has taken on some pagan elements with Cupid and his arrow, yet, nevertheless, we see a model of one who gave his life in sacrificial love for God and neighbor following in the footsteps of Jesus, "Love one another as I have loved you." Also, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers, epilepsy, the plague, travelers, fainting, engaged couples and happy marriages. (John 15).

(sources: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com) Encyclopedia Britannica, Fr. William Saunders-History of St. Valentine). I wish you all a Happy St. Valentine's Day this week!

Many blessings and peace!  
Fr. Chris

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

- 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, February 19th:**

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

**Ushers:** Deery Butler & Teri Cooper

**Cleaning Vessels:** Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

#### **8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, February 20th:**

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Slinker & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Kathy & Jack Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Kathy Slinker & Terry Schenfeld

#### **10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, February 20th:**

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**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

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Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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.**

## St. John the Apostle, Norwalk

### CHICKEN DINNER

St. John the Apostle is hosting a Fried Chicken Feast in our parish hall on Sunday, February 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, pie, coffee and tea. Adults \$10.00. Ages 6-12 \$5.00 and kids under 5 eat free! Auction items including a lawn mower, hand made quilt, designer cheesecake and more will be auctioned off during the event. For more information you can contact Gary and Mary Haselton at (515)321-3873 or the parish office at (515)981-4855.



### Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to [www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com](http://www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com).

Applications are to be emailed to [vandy.omeara@gmail.com](mailto:vandy.omeara@gmail.com) or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 2, 2022.

The Knights of Columbus are holding an exemplification for catholic men interested in joining our council. Current council members can become a third degree Knight through this ceremony as well. The ceremony will take place at the church on February 20 at 1:00. Member families and the general public are invited to attend!



Our deepest condolences go out to the Coenen family, for the death of their loved one Matthew who's memorial we celebrated this past week. He will be greatly missed by our Parish family. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.

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



## Virtual Lenten Retreat

coming **Sundays March 6, 20, 27**

"Turning to Simplicity" virtual Lenten Retreat (led by St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners). 7 pm to 8:15 pm for three Sundays in Lent. No charge.

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**Come for all or stay for some! All-weekend pass: still \$25 Adult \$15 Student/Youth**  
For more information, go to [ChristOurLifeIowa.com](http://ChristOurLifeIowa.com)

## *Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!*

Join us as we celebrate over a decade of Mary's Meals presence in the Midwest and learn how we can grow this effort and feed more kids, both of which we cannot do without YOU!

**Christ the King Church - March 26 - 9 am- 10:30 am**

### Save the Date

Join us for a  
**Heartland Family Gathering**  
to celebrate over a decade of  
Mary's Meals in the Heartland

March 25 - Cedar Rapids  
St. John XXIII Church  
6:30PM - 8:00PM\*

Or

March 26 - Des Moines  
Christ the King Church  
9:00AM - 10:30AM

Contact Ellen Miller or Marilyn Lane with any questions  
\*Light refreshments will be served

### Mary's Meals + Heartland for Kids





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