



# 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

## 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.

## FEBRUARY 27

### EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

84: Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Dick Krapfl & Rich Peterson**

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Slinker**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas**

**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

## FEBRUARY 28

### WEEKDAY

347: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27

**No 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas**

**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

## MARCH 1

### WEEKDAY

348: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen**

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

## MARCH 2

### ASH WEDNESDAY

219: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**7:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Barb VanHatttem**

**7:00 pm Mass at Immaculate—Jim Brommel**

**7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-**

## MARCH 3

### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatttem**

## MARCH 4

### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier**

## MARCH 5

### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas-For the sick of the parish**

## MARCH 6

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

24: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

**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—Bill Thomas**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Barb Van Hatttem**

**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

As Lent approaches -- this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday -- our thoughts turn to what can we do to change our lives to improve our relationship with God, our heavenly Father, who yearns for a closer relationship with us.

It's tough to change our lives, even for 40 days of Lent. As this Sunday's Gospel reading points out, it's a lot easier to suggest to others how they can make their life better. But pointing out the splinter in someone else's eye, even with good intentions, is not what God wants us to do. We need to work on getting the wooden beam out of our eye. That takes a good amount of self-examination.

So, what can we do to draw closer to God and reinforce the tight bond He wants with us? The Church gives us three extraordinary, sacrificial ways to do this in Lent: Pray, Fast and Give alms (alms are defined as money, food or goods given to the poor).

Looking at that another way: What can you do to love God and feel His love for you more deeply? What would you do for anyone whom you are in love with? Talk and listen to Him (pray); sacrifice something in your life for Him (fast), give to others to share His love and providence (almsgiving). Lent is all about building an intimate, loving relationship between you and God.

However, as the Gospel on Ash Wednesday tells us, don't "toot your own horn". Don't announce to everyone how much you are doing during Lent. In fact, God wants us to be humble.... Humble in our praying; humble in our fasting; humble in our giving to the poor. Only in our humility can we have the right relationship with God that God has planned for us all along. That's when great things can happen! And then, Easter will be the most beautiful, sensational, marvelous, life-enriching, love-affirming Holy Day you'll ever experience.

We're not going to tell you how to live your Lent (although see the bulletin for lots of ideas), because the wooden beam in our eyes is blocking our view of the splinter in your eye, and we intend on spending some time at the feet of Jesus planning our own life changes for Lent. Good luck to us all! Here's to making sacrifices in Lent that will lead to a glorious Easter.

God bless,

JoAnn and Elizabeth

(Father Chris is on vacation)

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 5th:**

**Lector:** Kris Gross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross

**Ushers:** Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Bill & Kris Gross

### **8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 6th:**

**Lector:** Alan Harder

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne & Brian Brennan

**Ushers:** Anne & Brian Brennan

**Cleaning Vessels:** Anne & Brian Brennan

### **10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 6th:**

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Hutton &

Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Cleaning Vessels:** Judy Hutton &

Elizabeth Williams

**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 Jackle 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.**

## **February Money counters Schedule**

Feb 28th: Debbie & Susan Nutgrass

### **Man-Up West, March 2022:**

#### **Out of Africa-and Into Central Iowa**

Fr. John Brobbey will be joined by other African priests who will share their stories about their transitions from Africa to central Iowa! They will also talk about the state of the Catholic Church in Africa. Come and join us.

**Friday, March 11th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines**

Meatless Pizza will be available for a free-will offering. (During Lent our lunch offering will be meatless.) Program: High Noon, March 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>



The Annual Diocesan Appeal or A-D-A will be conducted next weekend in our parish. The ADA provides more than \$4.5 million essential support and 64% of ministry and operational needs on an annual basis. Please prayerfully consider what you, as an individual and a family, can pledge to help our Diocese encounter Christ, shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith like our own, and assist the needy.

Our parish goal here at **St. Thomas** is \$66,596. With 100% participation, we can do it. Soon you will be receiving a letter in the mail asking to give a gift to the ADA. I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving generously to this year's Appeal.

### **FREE COVID-19 PCR Testing**

The JoinCareTeam presents "Spring Health Fair" powered by CErTintell Telehealth.

FREE COVID-19 testing will be available at the Catholic Pastoral Center (Sixth and Grand in Des Moines) on Sunday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In addition to testing, free health screenings and vaccine education information will also be available. Medical interpreters for 200+ languages will be present.

All are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.

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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!***

### **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 [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.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 STARS Scholarship 2022 may be found on the Church website.



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