



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.

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 Hattem
5:00pm Simpson Mass

MARCH 7

LENTEN WEEKDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
No 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas
Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction at Immaculate at 4:30
6:30 pm Rosary & Confessions at Immaculate
7:00 pm Reposition followed by Mass—Jim Brommel

MARCH 8

LENTEN WEEKDAY

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
5:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Linda Schmitt
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

MARCH 9

LENTEN WEEKDAY

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier

MARCH 10

LENTEN WEEKDAY

227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

MARCH 11

LENTEN WEEKDAY

228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Kierstan Pickens

MARCH 12

LENTEN WEEKDAY

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Carla Warner

MARCH 13

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Loretta Petersen
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the Parish
12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb Van Hattem
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

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Welcome to the First Sunday of Lent! We begin with many things. I think first of all, we need to offer our prayers and fasting for the people in the Eastern European areas of the Ukraine and Russia. There have been global protests of this conflict, even in Russia, where many citizens have been arrested for voicing their displeasure at this conflict. The Ukrainians have been forced to flee out of their homelands into neighboring areas. The Church has tried to respond with humanitarian aid with the Ash Wednesday Collections. You can still give by going online to: www.dmdiocese.org/giving/special-collection-giving.

I would encourage you to pray the rosary for peace. The rosary has been a powerful spiritual weapon in stopping conflicts, particularly in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, in which Pope Pius V encouraged the praying of the rosary in the European naval battle against the Ottoman Turks. The Holy Father attributed the victory of the European navy over the Turks through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Second, we begin the kick-off for the Annual Diocesan Appeal this weekend. Immaculate Conception, St. Marys goal is \$22,583, while St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola goal is \$66,596. If each household would prayerfully consider giving \$400, I believe we could meet our goal. Some of you may not be able to do this amount, some could give more. Any amount would be appreciated! The monies used will fund priest health insurance and pension fund, seminarian education, communications office which sends out the Catholic Mirror, the diocesan newspaper each month, education office which provides guidance to Catholic Schools and faith formation, the marriage office which offers resources for engaged couples and those seeking annulments, the finance office which offers resources for the financial stability of parishes, Bishop Joensen's salary, Hispanic and refugee ministry, etc. Thank you for your generous participation in the past and present! It has been and is most appreciated!

Third, I would invite you to pray for our baptized candidates who are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church. They will be welcomed by Bishop Joensen in the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Francis of Assisi this Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. They are: Stephanie Felice, Tom Lowe, Kristina Quijano, and Jill Zegers.

Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate Logan Grover who will be receiving his Eagle Scout this Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room!

Happy First Sunday of Lent!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 12th:

Lector: David DeGroote

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger

Ushers: David DeGroote & Derry Butler

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 13th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Mike & Terry Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 13th:

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan Schneider & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Alan Schneider & 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 Jackle 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.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Elbert family, for the death of their loved one Becky, who's Funeral was celebrated this pasted week. She will be greatly missed. Please remember her, as well as her family in your prayers.

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



KC Fish Frys

Mark your



calendar!

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out
Adults: \$12.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$5.00
Children 5yrs & under: Free

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 at Mary's Lane with any questions
A special celebration will be held

Mary's Meals + Heartland for Kids

LENTEN RETREAT – Still time to sign up!



First night – March 6, 7:00-8:15 pm

Theme: "Keep it Simple, Sweetheart"

Just send your email to Creationcornersta@gmail.com;

We'll send you a Zoom link. Or, just show up at church in the Multipurpose Room and participate in person.

Two other nights: March 20 and 27 from 7-8:15 pm.

Themes: "Less is More" and "Healing".

CHRIST OUR LIFE CORNER

Join us for the 7th biennial Catholic conference in Des Moines as world class speakers again inform and inspire in-person and live stream attendees!



Keith Nester

Possessing a great love of Jesus, Keith served as a pastor and youth pastor for over 20 years in several protestant churches. In 2017 Keith boldly followed the path to which Christ called him, resigning his position as pastor to become Catholic. Now as Executive Director of Down To Earth Ministries, Keith relates the challenges and joys of his beloved Catholic faith.

Come for all or stay for some! All-weekend pass: still \$25 Adult \$15 Student/Youth
For more information, go to 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.

Applications are to be emailed to 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.



Join us every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 7:40am to pray the rosary before Mass.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

St. Padre Pio

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