



# 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 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**

## MARCH 14

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

**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 15

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

**5:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson**

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

## MARCH 16

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas-John & Donna Sereg**

## MARCH 17

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### SAINT PATRICK

233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Barb VanHattem**

## MARCH 18

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen**

## MARCH 19

### ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas-Jim Jauron & Family**

## MARCH 20

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Roxanne Metz Stockwell**

**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald O'Meara**

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

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Saturday March 19, 2022 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It is a day we can truly celebrate the life of this man who lived an exemplary and holy life. Scriptures do not tell us much about him, other than he was a righteous man unwilling to expose the pregnant Virgin Mary to the law, which she could have been stoned to death. Rather, he was willing to divorce her quietly during that time of betrothal which was a little more than an engagement but not quite a marriage. During the time of betrothal, the future bride would still live with her parents rather than her future husband. Joseph and his pregnant wife, the Blessed Mother Mary, made the long journey to Bethlehem for the census in unpredictable weather. The birth of the child came about with little fanfare as it happened in a cave among animals. We believe the three wisemen or kings came from afar, that is the East, to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After a time, they were told in a dream to leave for Egypt, a long arduous journey that was filled with danger, that is, with Gentile robbers, predators, inclement weather, and little food. The boy child, Jesus, could potentially be snatched by the soldiers as happened to so many young boys when their mothers or fathers were carrying them in their arms. During that time, Joseph would have had to have the Blessed Mother hold in her arms, the child Jesus in the cave for his protection while he was out getting provisions for the family. After two years of experiencing the challenges of new culture in Egypt, they returned back to Nazareth to make their permanent home.

We can surmise that he was an honest carpenter, making his living supporting the Blessed Mother and his Divine Son, Jesus Christ. More than likely, he had scrupulous customers who paid him for a job well done. Yet, there were others who were less than scrupulous who gave him little for the stellar craftsmanship he put into his work. Jesus would have spent hours in Joseph's workshop learning how to make tables, chairs, or other items of the day. He would have been obedient to Joseph, who would kiss the ground Jesus would have walked on.

It can be easy to glamorize or romanticize the life of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was not immune from the crosses and trials of life. Even though tradition would have stated that he died before Jesus' public ministry, it is also believed that he was present in spirit at Golgotha, the place of His Son, Jesus' cross. We honor Joseph for his integrity, his obedience to God, even though he did not have all the details given to him in the dreams, and his life of chastity with the Blessed Mother Mary. I would like to invite you to a Mass this Saturday morning, March 19th, 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church to celebrate the foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph! I hope to see you there!

Have a blessed Transfiguration Sunday!

Fr. Chris

### *Ministry Schedule*

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

#### **4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 19th:**

**Lector:** Lanny Ward

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Josie Schletter & Lanny Ward

**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Carol Proctor

**Cleaning Vessels:** Josie Schletter & Lanny Ward

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

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Krapfl & Kathy Slinker

**Ushers:** Kathy Slinker & Terry Krapfl

**Cleaning Vessels:** Cathy Krapfl & Kathy Slinker

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

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave Hutton & Tristan Grover

**Ushers:** Ben Brackney & Dave Hutton

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave Hutton & Tristan Grover

**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](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.

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.**



Are you thinking about getting a new truck? Have you considered donating/selling it to St. Thomas?

St. Thomas is in need of a reliable F250 or a 2500 truck to be used for snow removal and for the maintenance dept.

Golf Cart:

St. Thomas is looking at getting a Golf Cart with a fold down seat to be used by maintenance and any events that the church may have.

The STARS Scholarship 2022 may be found on the Church website.

Gathering Table is Monday, March 21, 5:30-6:30PM  
Check sign up genius to know what is still needed.

**10 + Years of Mary's Meals in the Midwest.**  
**Join us as we celebrate!**  
**Christ the King Church - March 26 - 9-10:30 am**



### Lenten Food Drive

The **Helping Hand** is in need of food donations as supplies of food on hand have decreased in recent weeks. We will begin collecting food on the weekend of March 19/20 and continue through the next weekend--March 26/27. Please bring your donation to the gathering space before mass or come in during the week to drop them off. Any non-perishable item would be welcome, but specifically The Helping Hand is asking for:

Cereal  
Spaghetti O's  
Hamburger Helper  
Hearty Soups  
Pancake Mix  
Dish Soap

Cash donations can also be accepted at The Helping Hand during their business hours. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community during this Lenten season!

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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!***

***Tim will be coming to St Thomas Church on Wednesday, March 23 at 7PM. All are invited!***

### KC Fish Frys



**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**



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