



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 20

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

30: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9 or, for Year A (28): Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

MARCH 21

LENTEN WEEKDAY

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

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—Bud Wattonville

MARCH 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

5:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Barb VanHatten

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

MARCH 23

LENTEN WEEKDAY

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen

MARCH 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

MARCH 26

LENTEN WEEKDAY

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—For the Parish

MARCH 27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Rosa George

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the Parish

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

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

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

This coming Friday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Mother Mary at the young age of 16 to announce the special mission from God to give birth to Jesus Christ. Now, can you imagine the news to an unwed mother about to give birth in nine months (some sources believe this was the actual date of Jesus' death). She had taken a vow of virginity at a young age in the temple where she was educated in the ways of the Jewish faith. Imagine the confusion in her mind of how all this would happen. The trust it took in carrying this call to fruition. Yes, the angel told her she would conceive by the Holy Spirit and that St. Joseph (whom she was betrothed (more than an engagement but not quite a marriage) to would be the foster father, would be her spouse. This would be a virgin birth and marriage. She said, Yes, and for that, we are eternally grateful, literally speaking. This feast dates back to the 4th or 5th century. It was first mentioned in the Canons of the Council of Toledo and Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). In 656 A.D. it was to have been celebrated throughout the church in Toledo. This feast is celebrated every year except when it falls during the Paschal Triduum. We find coverage of this Annunciation in Luke 1: 26-38 and in the first joyful mystery of the rosary. Mary's trust was exemplary, even though she did not know all the details, "may it be done to me according to thy word."

Some facts about the Annunciation. First of all, it happened in Italy, the house where Mary grew up and where she received the annunciation is currently in Loreto, Italy. Second, the name, 'Jesus' was given to Mary's promised son following the Angel Gabriel's instructions to her. Third, She is the Eternal Virgin-she remained a virgin throughout her life in spite of being married to Joseph. Fourth, The early church chose March 25th as the day for the Solemnity of the Annunciation because they believed that people died on the same day they were conceived, and they believed that this was the day Jesus died. Fifth, the artist Leonardo da Vinci was one of many artists who painted the Annunciation.

This Feast represents a day of hope for restoration of the broken relationship between God and us. It is divine as it celebrates His divinity and one of the greatest miracles in Christian history. This feast also unites Catholic Christians around the world celebrating this Solemnity and reciting the Hail Mary. We can celebrate this Solemnity by wearing white, reciting a Hail Mary, praying for all pregnant women and all the unborn children that they would receive the gift of life. (source: National Today)

I would also like to say, it is a day in which we are dispensed from the abstinence of meat. Yes, you can eat meat on this Friday during Lent because it is Solemnity and because the Church permits it. According to Canon 1251-Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the precepts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year UNLESS A FRIDAY OCCURS ON A DAY LISTED AS A SOLEMNITY. Abstinence and fasting, however, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Folks, we will not see this happen for another 5 years (Solemnity of St. Joseph will fall on a Friday in 2027). Please take advantage of this dispensation!

Happy Third Sunday of Lent and Solemnity of the Annunciation! Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 26th:

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, March 27th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcia & Martin Konrad

Ushers:

Cleaning Vessels: Marcia & Martin Konrad

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 27th:

Lector: Alyssa Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Alyssa Brown & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Dorothy & Joe Gezel

Cleaning Vessels: Alyssa Brown & Cindy Whitesitt

Please remember: at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after Mass to help clean the Sacred Vessels.

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.



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.

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

Easter Flowers

*The deadline to purchase Easter memorial
flowers for the Altar is
Wednesday, April 6th by noon.*



A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important.

Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. **Pledge cards are located on the table under the picture of the Pope.**

Gifts can also be made online dmdio-cese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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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**

***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 25, April 1, 8
5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out
Adults: \$12.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$5.00
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