



# 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 27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 or,  
 for Year A (31):1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14  
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**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—Ann Puetz**  
**12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten**  
**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

## MARCH 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY

244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

**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—John Burris**

## MARCH 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**5:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen**  
**6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas**

## MARCH 30 LENTEN WEEKDAY

246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Sheila Goode & Carla Warner**

## MARCH 31 LENTEN WEEKDAY

247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten**

## APRIL 1 LENTEN WEEKDAY

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the sick of the parish**

## APRIL 2 LENTEN WEEKDAY

249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

**3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Roberta Fry**

## APRIL 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville**  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Arlene DeWall**  
**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the Ukrainian People**  
**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:

Happy Laetare Sunday! This day's theme is reflected by the prophet Isaiah, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." (Isaiah 66:10-11)

Laetare in Latin means, 'rejoice'. On Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. To signify this joy, clergy wear Roman Rose (NO, NOT PINK), as the change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter the somber time of Passiontide. We are more than half-way through Lent.

The joy of Easter being near us is symbolized with some liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. Yet, on Laetare Sunday (as well as Solemnities and feasts during the Lenten Season such as St. Joseph and the Annunciation), there is a temporary hiatus or break from the penitential observations. Rose colored roses can be used.

Also, at one time, the Sacrament of Marriage was forbidden during Lent, yet, this is a day in which the sacrament could be celebrated. While now, the Sacrament of Marriage is forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is a fitting day for those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage before Easter.

Like the Transfiguration was for the disciples before the Passion of their Savior and theirs as well, Laetare Sunday can be a great 'shot in the arm' as we approach the darkness and horror of Good Friday and Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil celebration. This is a great day to savor, to cherish, to welcome as we await Easter. I would urge you to take time out this day to give thanks and praise to God and to be joyful in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins so that we might be saved!

(source: *Simply Catholic* by Michael R. Heinlein)

Next weekend, Sunday April 3, 8:00 a.m. nine students from Immaculate Conception, St. Marys will be making their First Communion. They are: Angelique Balleza, Angie Balleza, Brantley Brown, Haven Cassidy, Citially Chavez, Clara Oberbroeckling, Morgan Parker, Kelsey Strange, and Damien Van Waus. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity for their first time!

Happy Laetare Sunday!

Fr. Chris Fontanini

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 2nd:**

**Lector:** Lanny Ward

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeannie Bendon & Judy Kirby

**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Vivian Winkler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Jeannie Bendon & Judy Kirby

### **8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 3rd:**

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Volunteer

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

### **10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 3rd:**

**Lector:** Andrew Wood

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ben Brackney & Andrew Wood

**Ushers:** Larry & Darla Vanderpool

**Cleaning Vessels:** Ben Brackney & Andrew Wood

**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 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.**

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

- **March 27th**
- **April 3rd**
- **April 10th**
- **April 24th**



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

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

Reminder to all Church Committees  
**Budgets** must be submitted to the office  
 by **April 15th**

**Tickets are on sale now for**  
**CHRISTIAN' Italian Dinner**  
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***Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!***

Gathering Table is Monday, April 4, 5:30-6:30PM  
 Check sign up genius to know what is still needed.

**KC Fish Frys**



Mark your

calendar!

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