



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.

APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY

37: Lk 19:28-40 (procession) 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Rosa George

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Roberta Fry

12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten

5:00pm Simpson Mass

APRIL 11 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

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

APRIL 12 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

5:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Peterson

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

APRIL 13 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier

APRIL 14 HOLY THURSDAY

260: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Sacrament of Reconciliation from 12noon to 1pm at Immaculate

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—For the Priests of our Diocese

APRIL 15 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

40: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1—19:42

Sacrament of Reconciliation from 12noon to 1pm at St Thomas

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—The people of the Ukraine

APRIL 16 HOLY SATURDAY

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas—
For the Fontanini Family**

APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor
5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Lk 24:1-12

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald O'Meara

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Marianne Lippold

No Noon Mass at St. Thomas

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.)

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We now enter the holiest of weeks, Holy Week. It is an important time in our church when we begin to walk the road to Mt. Cavalry with our Savior. We begin with Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt (an animal used during peace time) in a 'ticker tape' parade. People welcomed him with palms. Yet, the fickle crowd, would turn on him in the days ahead.

Next is Spy Wednesday. Why is it called Spy Wednesday? In Matthew 26:14-16, we discover a spy entered the midst of the disciples -- Judas, who betrayed Jesus with 30 pieces of silver.

On Holy Thursday is the Institution of the Eucharist -- Jesus gives us His body, blood, soul, and divinity and commands his followers (predecessors to the bishops) to 'do this in memory of me.' The early Church continued this practice each Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection.

Finally, Good Friday, Jesus gives his life for us on the Cross. Yet, we know the story does not end here, thankfully. Otherwise, none of us would be here today to worship Jesus. On Easter Sunday, Jesus became victorious over sin and death. Satan did not have the final say. Jesus did! That is Good News! Let us celebrate with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this final week.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday April 11, 6-7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception; Tuesday, 5-6 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, and Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. At Immaculate Conception on Thursday from 12-1 p.m. On Friday at St. Thomas Aquinas from 12-1 p.m. If these times do not work, please call the office.

Please mark your calendars and prioritize the attendance of the Paschal Triduum Liturgies (The Three Holy Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday). We will have the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at both places at 7 p.m. Fr. Bob Aubrey will celebrate Holy Thursday at Immaculate Conception. On Good Friday, I will be present at the Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service at both of our parishes, 5 p.m. at Immaculate Conception and 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. On Holy Saturday, we are NOT allowed to begin before 8 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas will have the Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. On Easter Sunday, St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception will have Masses at 8 a.m., while St. Thomas Aquinas will also have a 10:15 a.m. Liturgy. NOTE: There will be NO NOON MASS on Easter Sunday.

There will be NO early morning Sacrament of Reconciliation times and Masses on Thursday and Friday. The Church does NOT permit early morning Masses on Holy Thursday and no Mass on Good Friday. Have a Blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 16th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ushers:

Cleaning Vessels:

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 17th:

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Slinker &
Nathan Thomason

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Slinker &
Nathan Thomason

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 17th:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Grover &
Elizabeth Williams

Ushers: Tony & Anitta Spenner

Cleaning Vessels: Tristan Grover &
Elizabeth Williams

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 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.**

Holy Week Liturgies

If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Greeter please sign up to help with the Holy Week Liturgies. The sign-up sheet is on the receptionist desk on a purple clip board. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday are all open. Please sign-up. Thank you.

Celebration of Life

Everyone is welcomed to attend the Celebration of Life for **Roberta Fry** at the Legion Hall in Indianola on April 30, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$66,596
Gifts Paid: \$26,730
Percentage of Goal: 40%

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



Creation Care Corner



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation." — Pope Francis

Pope Francis and *Laudato Si'*

- The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.
- Through active stewardship and reducing excessive consumption/waste we demonstrate our care for Creation and gratitude for this great gift.



Sign-Up Sunday, April 23-24

After a couple of years of COVID isolation, we have some wonderful opportunities for your children to reconnect with God and establish that beautiful, loving relationship with Jesus. Please consider signing up on the weekend after Easter. We will have a table in the Gathering Space after each Mass.

First, Vacation Bible School, June 20-24 from 9 am – 2 pm. each day. We have the incredible honor of having the School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, Nebraska lead our summer Vacation Bible School for children who have completed grades 1-8. We will also offer a pre-school/ kindergarten program at the same time. Cost is \$5 per child.

The program came highly recommended and we are blessed they could fit us into their schedule. We really encourage Middle Schoolers to attend. And we would love some help from high schoolers. This is a terrific opportunity to experience the joy, humility and faith of nuns/sisters.

Second, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for ages 3-6 and 6-9. This will begin next fall during the school year. We will have sessions on Sunday morning from 9-10 am and on Wednesday during the regular Religious Education program. This is a hands-on, Montessori-based curriculum where the child discovers God through interactive materials that allow the child to experience Bible stories and parts of the Mass and other faith-filled experiences. It is beautiful to see young children recognize the God's spirit interacting with them. If you are interested in helping with the program, please let JoAnn or Elizabeth know. Thanks!

Third, Religious Education for elementary and middle school students. We want to get an early start on planning for next school year. So, it would be great to have an idea of who will be in each class. We are also looking for teachers and teachers' assistants. We were light-handed this year, so we hope we can get some more adult volunteers. Thank you for prayerfully considering. Our children are the future of our church.

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