



# 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 a 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 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**

## APRIL 18

### MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

261: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

**No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas**

**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

## APRIL 19

### TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-For the intentions of**

**Fr. Chris on his Birthday**

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

## APRIL 20

### WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas-Bill Thomas**

## APRIL 21

### HOLY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier**

## APRIL 22

### FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Dorothy Hastie**

## APRIL 23

### SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

**4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas-Sheila Goode**

## APRIL 24

### SECOND EASTER SUNDAY OF EASTER

45: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-John Burris**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Clyde & Nancy Slick**

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-For the people of Ukraine**

**12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- For the Confirmation Class**

**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:

It is hard to believe that we have ended the Lenten Season and have now entered the Easter Season with Easter lillies, with gold and white vestments, white banners, and new life displayed everywhere. The 'A' word (Alleluia) returns to the liturgy as well as the 'Gloria.' We are in a season of celebration over the next several weeks.

The Church has celebrated the Easter holiday for several centuries. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' resurrection, more than likely, occurred earlier.

This year, we celebrate Easter on April 17, 2022 ( the Sunday following the first full moon of the Spring Equinox set from the Council of Nicea 325 A.D. and later re-affirmed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582). The English word Easter, parallels the word, Ostern (German). The Venerable Bede of the 8th century stated that Easter derived from Eostre or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility.

The Greek Orthodox celebrate Easter on different Sundays because they follow the Julian Calendar (from Julius Caesar 46 B.C.). They will celebrate Easter this year on April 24th, 2022. Like ours, their date varies from year to year. The date can range from early April to early May. (sources; Encyclopedia Britannica and [www.history.com](http://www.history.com))

Second, Divine Mercy Sunday is April 24, 2022. Divine Mercy Sunday is relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. This feast was extended to the entire Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000 as Jesus Christ revealed in a vision to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska His mercy to all of humanity. A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have been already confessed) is granted on Divine Mercy to all the faithful who go to Confession or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to our Merciful Lord Jesus (ie. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you). A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation." (source: [www.learnreligions.com](http://www.learnreligions.com)).

Next Saturday, April 23rd, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3-4:15 p.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas and on Sunday April 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys for Divine Mercy Sunday. If these times do not work out, I would invite you to attend Christ the King, 5711 S.W. 9th St. Des Moines, Iowa (my home parish) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 2 p.m. on April 24th with Mass beginning at 3 p.m. Confessions will be available through the Mass as well.

Happy Easter Sunday! He is Risen! Alleluia!  
Fr. Chris

### Ministry Schedule

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

#### **4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23rd:**

**Lector:** Kris Gross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross

**Ushers:** Don Bendon & Derry Butler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Bill & Kris Gross

#### **8:00 a.m. Sunday, April 24th:**

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

#### **10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 24th:**

**Lector:** Alyssa Brown

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Alyssa Brown & Alan Schneider

**Ushers:** Joe & Dorothy Gezel

**Cleaning Vessels:** Alyssa Brown & Alan Schneider

**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](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.**

**Happy Easter  
from  
Father Chris  
Deacon Dave  
and the entire staff.**

*'The Lord is truly Risen  
Alleluia, Alleluia'*



Reminder the office will be closed Easter Monday

## Look who's turning 60!

Father Chris's 60th Birthday is Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, please remember him in your prayers. If you would like to send him a card please send it to 210 South Wesley Street, Indianola, IA 50125 or place it in the box provided in the Gathering Space.



There will be a simple gathering after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, April 23rd with sliders, sides and cake to celebrate Father. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$66,596  
Gifts Paid: \$27,705  
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

Our Creation Care team meets the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month at **6:30 pm** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church** in the Multi-Purpose Room. We prayerfully reflect on our place in Creation, advocate for more moral climate policies, and take real action to reduce our carbon footprint. By getting together as a team, we bring diverse gifts and talents together. We hope you'll join us.

Please call **Rita Bresnan** at **515-783-0643** or email at [ritabresnan@gmail.com](mailto:ritabresnan@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome everyone to the table.

#### ACTION:

Happy Easter! This week we would simply like to ask you to find a small patch in your yard and plant some wild flowers. They are a beautiful sign of spring and create a necessary habitat for our pollinators.

**COR JESU REX**

with the School Sisters of Christ the King



**St Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**INDIANOLA JUNE 20-24**



## 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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