



# 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 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

**7:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Immaculate**

**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**

**5:00pm Last Simpson Mass**

## APRIL 25

### **SAINT MARK**

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

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

**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

## APRIL 26

### **EASTER WEEK**

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen**

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

## APRIL 27

### **EASTER WEEK**

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Roberta Fry**

## APRIL 28

### **EASTER WEEK**

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

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

## APRIL 29

### **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

see 557: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 11:25-30

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

## APRIL 30

### **EASTER WEEK**

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

**3:00-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Thomas**

**4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Dick Krapfl & Rich Peterson**

## May 1

### **THIRD EASTER SUNDAY OF EASTER**

48: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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

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

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Michael Carmody**

**12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas—For the**

**First Communion Class**

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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Rectory Phone 962-2063

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Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Congratulations to our 25 Newly-Confirmed Students from St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. They are: Sophie Anderson, Jack Bingaman, Alley Boyle, Conor Cassady, Drew Danielson, Audra Dowler, Bryce Hageman, Carol Huffer, Ben Kickbush, Jakob Kjellberg, Grace Knedler, Lake Martin, Cooper Oberbroeckling, Reagan Orey, Priscila Palacios, Kyra Robins, Kyle Roberts, Michael Rothchild, Carly Schettler, Billy Shepherd, Adriane Sinclair, Cierra Hutton-Spieker, Joseph Strange, Matthew Winjum, and Nathaniel Winjum.

Please pray for our fourteen candidates who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 1st. They are: Ari Carr-Anderson, Aly Brown, Lucas Gute, Adrian Hutton, Logan Kaufman, Delaney Lullmann, Emma Mertz, Lola Pontier, Memphis Sadler, Ethan Shinn, Sophie Siebersma, Tegan Swanson, Hudson Theisen, Tristan Watkins, and Clara Woosley.

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a fairly new addition to the Roman liturgical calendar. This feast originated out of the visions of Jesus given to St. Sr. Faustina Kowalska. In her diary, we hear Jesus telling her, "I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart." (Diary, 1588).

We see mercy displayed by the johnny-come-lately apostle, St. Thomas, who was not around at the time of Jesus' resurrection. We may wonder what happened to him. Did he lose heart and contemplate returning to his former profession? Did he hear reports about Jesus' resurrection and react in disbelief? It seems as though this might have been the case. He needs proof of Jesus' resurrection and Jesus obliges him. It is said that this disbelief may have helped many to come to believe in Jesus' resurrection. St. Thomas comes to believe by seeing the wounds of Jesus and spreads the faith to India where he died a martyr for the faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a great time for us to return to the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are told that a plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from the sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, 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 a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of 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 the merciful Lord Jesus (ie. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).

(source: [www.learnreligions.com](http://www.learnreligions.com))

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."

We will keep the Lenten times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at both parishes, beginning at 3 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas and 7:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception. If you need to make an appointment, please let me know! God bless! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!  
Fr. Chris Fontanini

### 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

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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.

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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.**



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#### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

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- Priest's Retirement
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- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



#### Man-Up West, May 2022:

##### A Journey Through the Foundations of the Mass

Join us for a special presentation with Jesse Weiler, the Director of the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, IL. He will be giving a presentation on the Mass that will explain the two foundational principles of Sacramental Theology. In this presentation you will rediscover the source and summit of the Christian life and, therefore, the very source of divinization in Christ.

Jesse Weiler is the Director of The Liturgical Institute at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, and cohost for the award-winning podcast, "The Liturgy Guys." He has created several online educational resources on the Mass including, "Elements of the Catholic Mass" and the "Liturgical Institute Online Study Program." He lives in Libertyville, Illinois, with his wife and four children.

##### Friday, May 13th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines

Chick-fil-A is back! And will be available for a free-will offering. (You are welcome to bring your own lunch or skip lunch if you wish.)

Program: High Noon, May 13th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266

**Weather Cancellation Policy:** If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man Up Event will also be cancelled.

**Register** for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/>



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#### Gathering Table

Our next gathering table is Monday, May 2nd. Please consider donating a food item and or helping serve. You can sign up by using the attached link. Or you can respond to this email and will sign you up. Last month we ran out of food and had to turn those in need away.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Kassi, Kate or Joyce.

Thanks.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering>



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