



# 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.

**May 22**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

57: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23  
 Jn 14:23-29

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit**

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Pauline Braddock**

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

**May 23**

## **EASTER WEEKDAY**

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

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

**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

**May 24**

## **EASTER WEEKDAY**

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

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

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

**May 25**

## **EASTER WEEKDAY**

293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit**

**May 26**

## **SAINT PHILIP NERI**

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;  
 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

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

**May 27**

## **EASTER WEEKDAY**

295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert**

**May 28**

## **EASTER WEEKDAY**

296: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

**3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Thomas**

**4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas— Bill Thomas**

**May 29**

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

61: Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
 Jn 17:20-26

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Jim Brommel**

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-James Connolly & Family**

**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Ruben Braddock**

**12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas— Gary & Vivian Elbert**

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

Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Last Monday, I met with the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council. We were discussing some of the COVID-19 protocol to see if we need to update things. After some prayer and discussion, I would like to begin to return 'near' normal liturgies for both parishes during the first weekend of June, the Feast of Pentecost.

First of all, I would like to begin having available hand sanitizers near the front of the church. I think this would be helpful for those who after shaking hands have the opportunity to receive the precious body with clean hands. Second, we use both lines down the center aisles. Third, I would like to begin the practice of using gift bearers once again. Last, I am going to restore the use of patens for servers to prevent pieces or crumbs from falling to the ground. This is one way to maintain the reverence for the Eucharistic host. Just a reminder that at the Sign of Peace, if you are more comfortable waving to your neighbor over shaking hands, that is fine. I would just ask that we respect those who chose not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace. The only practice that will remain is that the precious blood will NOT be administered until further notice. This is still part of the COVID-19 diocesan policy. Thank you for your patience throughout this most challenging time in our church's history that we have all experienced!

While I realize that some, because of health reasons are not able to attend Mass, my hope is that we can work at getting 100 percent of our people in person, or back in the pews, to experience firsthand, the Eucharistic liturgy. There is no substitute for the Real Presence of Jesus!

Many blessings and peace to you all! Happy 6th Sunday of Easter! Congratulations to all of our graduates from Indianola, Truro I-35, Martensdale/St. Marys Schools and beyond! May God bless you abundantly in the future endeavors that you have chosen through His wisdom, guidance and Way that will lead ultimately to true peace and happiness in union with God and others!

Fr. Chris



Summer Hours  
The office will close on  
Fridays at 1:00pm  
starting May 27th

### Ministry Schedule

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

#### **4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28th:**

**Lector:** David DeGroote

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim & Kelly Gauger

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & David DeGroote

**Cleaning Vessels:** Tim & Kelly Gauger

#### **8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 29th:**

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Martin & Marcia Konrad

#### **10:15 a.m. Sunday, May 29th:**

**Lector:** Alyssa Brown

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Alyssa Brown & Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Tony & Anitta Spenner

**Cleaning Vessels:** Alyssa Brown & Elizabeth Williams

**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 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.

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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.**

We sincerely thank the following twelve hard working members of St. Thomas who helped plant 32 trees on the north property line Saturday, May 14. Thanks to Joe Brummel, Bill Gross, Karen, David and Alan Harder, Martin Konrad, Kevin Parker, Bob & Jackie Pool, Jack & Kathy Slinker & René Staudaker. We were able to get the trees planted in two hours thanks to the immense help we received from Bart and Wesley (Wes) Brummer who brought their Bobcat with a 30" Auger to predrill all of the holes for us. What a huge help it was and without it we would not have been able to complete the planting on Saturday. Many, Many Thanks!



Our incoming Pastor Fr. Adam Westphal has requested a current photo of every family in the parish so he can begin to connect names and faces. Please send your families picture (electronically, or bring a hard copy to the office) and we will see that he gets it. Email Leasa lcs3garr@yahoo.com



## Gathering Table

It is time for The Gathering Table **June 6th** from 5:30-6:30. This will be a grab and go meal.

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way, and check the Sign up Genius.

[Gathering Table: Gathering Table \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

This mission would not be possible if it wasn't for the support from people like you.



## Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal \$66,596  
Gifts Paid: \$34,750  
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Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
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- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



To all our Seniors:  
May God bless all your future endeavors'



## Save the Date

**In Gratitude For 25 Years Of Priesthood  
Father Chris Fontanini**



June 5th after the Noon Mass, we will thank God for the gift of Himself through the Priesthood, and celebrate Fr. Chris for saying YES to God.

## Creation Care Corner

Laudato Si'

Week 2022, to be held May 22-29, will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. This global celebration will unite Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation and rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life.

For more information go to the Creation Care Corner on Saint Thomas Aquinas website, or go to

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org>

It is not necessary to join, simply scroll on the Laudato Si Action Platform and enjoy.



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