



# 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 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**  
**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert**  
**12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Ruben Braddock**

**May 30**

## EASTER WEEKDAY

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

**No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas**  
**6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate**

**May 31**

## THE VISITATION OF MARY

572: Zep 3:14-18a/Rom 12:9-16 (Ps) Is12:2-3, 4bcd,5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Loretta Petersen**  
**6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas**

**June 1**

## SAINT JUSTIN

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19  
see 574: 1 Cor 1:18-25 Mt 5:13-19

**8:00 am Mass at St Thomas-For the sick of the parish**

**June 2**

## EASTER WEEKDAY

300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

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

**June 3**

## SAINT CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19  
see 576:2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Mt 5:1-12a

**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Ralph & Bea Johnson**

**June 4**

## EASTER WEEKDAY

302: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

**3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Thomas**  
**4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Charles & Dorothy Hastie**

**June 5**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Bud Wattonville**  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Claire Wiedmaier**  
**10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Marcus Gross**  
**12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Pauline Braddock**

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 celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. This feast speaks about Christ completing the work of our redemption forty days after his resurrection from the dead.. Although there is no documented evidence of this feast prior to the fifth century, St. Augustine, fourth and fifth century church father, spoke of its observance long before his time. We see this feast mentioned in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and the Constitution of the Apostles. In the Eastern Church, this feast was known as analepsis or the taking up and also as episozomene, the salvation, meaning that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. In the West, ascensio signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. This feast falls on a Thursday, yet has been moved to Sunday in recent years. Some of the eastern United States archdioceses and dioceses and the Archdiocese of Omaha still retain Thursday or Ascension Thursday as many of us who grew up had known this feast. (Source: New Advent)

We might ask: What are the ramifications for the Feast of the Ascension or what does it all entail?

Good question. First, Jesus tells us that it is good for Him to leave in order to send the Holy Spirit, who will guide us back to God. Second, Jesus promised us he would not leave us orphans and he does not by sending us the Spirit, who is all present and in the Eucharist. He is particularly and substantially present in the Eucharist. (St. Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

Third, the Ascension is not the end but the beginning. We have no 'Mission Accomplished' celebration when the Son of God took his well deserved vacation. His work was just beginning as he continually intercedes us, pleads for us, and shows His Father His still-open wounds.

Last, the good news of the Ascension is that heaven is now open to us. It was closed after the Fall, yet when the Son of Man returned to His father, He brought with Him His entire humanity. It is likely he brought many souls he rescued from the abode of the dead on Good Friday. St. Chrysostom, a fourth century bishop once wrote: Through the mystery of the Ascension we, who seemed unworthy of God's earth are taken up into Heaven...Our very nature, against which Cherubim guarded the gates of earthly paradise, is enthroned today high above all Cherubim." (source: The Meaning and Customs of Ascension Thursday, Michael P. Foley, May 25, 2022, The New Liturgical Movement).

One final thought: The Feast of the Ascension reminds us to get busy going about proclaiming the Good News of Salvation. First, it is a call to prayer to test the spirits in order to discover where God is leading us to use our gifts to share the Good News. Then, to put the gifts into action so that God can use us to make a difference for the better in a world that needs His light of Goodness. It might mean standing up for life in a culture of death, it might mean bringing clarity to confusion, particularly on the whole gender ideology, it might mean reaching out to the poor, marginalized, and neglected in a world that is indifferent, and to be good stewards of our creation in a wasteful culture. Happy Feast of the Ascension!

Fr. Chris

### 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 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.**

## Dates you need to know

Monday **May 30**-Memorial Day Masses are as follows:

9:00 a.m. St Thomas Aquinas

10:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's Cemetery (weather permitting), If rain, will be in church. **The Church offices will be closed.**

Wednesday, **June 1** at 7 p.m. Altar Server Training, St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, **June 2** at 6 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, Multi-Purpose Room

Friday, **June 3** - First Friday Exposition and Benediction, 8:30 a.m., Noon-Reposition.

Sunday, **June 5** - I would like to formally invite you to the celebration of the 25th Ordination Anniversary at the NOON Mass with reception following in the Hall from 1-4 p.m.

Our deepest condolences go out to Penny Miller, for the death of her mother, **Darlene Staebler Johnson** who's funeral was celebrated last week. Please remember her, as well as the family in your prayers.

Condolences go out to Virginia Basler, for the death of her sister, **Wilma Hill**. Please remember her, as well as the family in your prayers.

Also, condolences go out to Kathryn Pierson, for the death of her brother, **John Philip Giglio** who passed away this week. Please remember him, as well as the family in your prayers.

Condolences go out to Genie Hansen, for the death of her husband, **Jim Hansen**. Please remember him, as well as the family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  
And let perpetual lights shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.**



### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal \$66,596  
Gifts Paid: \$39,935  
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Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
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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. Thank you.



**Help needed** to clean the small votive candle stands. If you are interested in helping please call the office.

Summer Hours have begun  
The office will close on  
Fridays at 1:00pm



## Creation Care Corner

**COMMON PRAYER**  
for the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
**Laudato Si'**

Loving God,  
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your  
creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.  
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may  
experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global  
pandemic.  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common  
good.  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**LAUDATO SI'  
WEEK 2022**



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