



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am  
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 9:30am

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February 11, 2018

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle B  
February 11, 2018- February 18, 2018

### FEBRUARY 11

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77: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Clarence & Betty Walk

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert

5:00 p.m. Mass at Smith Chapel Simpson College

### FEBRUARY 12

335: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

No 8:00 Mass at St. Thomas

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Robert Cooney

### FEBRUARY 13

336: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Deannie McQuillen

6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas-

### FEBRUARY 14

### ASH WEDNESDAY

219: Ji 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Irene Jones

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Michelle Bushby

1:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson College

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Irene Jones

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Clarence & Betty Walk

### FEBRUARY 15

220: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Deannie McQuillen

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

6:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Robert Cooney

### FEBRUARY 16

221: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Donna Sereg

7:00 p.m. Station of the Cross at St. Thomas

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Deannie McQuillen

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

### FEBRUARY 17

222: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Paul Veasman

### FEBRUARY 18

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

23: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Clarence & Betty Walk

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ryan Kalitzki

5:00 p.m. Mass at Smith Chapel Simpson College

**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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 pm-5:00 pm or by 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 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 961-3266 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.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by noon on Wednesday to Steph Bintner- bintners@msn.com/ Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Office Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9:00-4:00 p. m. (Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.)

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**Facebook:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

Congratulations to the Confirmation Students who will be participating in the Rite of Enrollment this weekend! I would like to thank the Social Concerns Committee headed by Kris Gross for all their work, time, and talent in putting together the Trivia Night Fundraiser for the HOPE Foundation. It is my understanding that Revenues taken in were around \$3000. Thank you once again. The flu season is upon us. It is affected myself as many of you found out. I was diagnosed with Strep Throat last Saturday morning. I was quarantined for all of Saturday and most of Sunday. Due to the seriousness of this matter and after some consultation, I have decided to suspended the reception of Chalice/Precious Blood and shaking of hands at the sign of peace indefinitely. I realize this may be a drastic measure and call me a germaphobic, but I do not want to take any chances of people getting sick or worse yet, dying. Let us remember to use precautions such as washing of hands, using Lysol, and spraying it on door handles or anywhere where we come into contact with our hands.

Next weekend, we will be offering the WATCH (We Are The Church) Retreat at St. Thomas Aquinas. This retreat will entail a series of talks, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. We encourage our parishioners who have not participated in this Retreat to prayerfully consider this. It is a great way to jumpstart the Lenten Season! The Knight of Columbus will be hosting a series of Lenten Fish Fries.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Men will be hosting the Lenten Fish Fries every Friday beginning with Friday February 16 and continuing until Friday March 23. They will be serving delicious baked and fried fish, potatoes or French fries, roll, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese & grilled cheese every Friday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$9 for Adults and \$7 Children 12 to 3 of age. Children under 3 FREE. The Knights of Columbus from Immaculate Conception will also be hosting a series of Lent Fish Fries beginning Friday February 23 and ending on Friday March 16. They will be serving from 5-7 p.m. fried or baked fish, macaroni and cheese, choice of baked potato, fries, coleslaw. Price is \$8 for Adults and \$5 for Children, max of \$25 for immediate family.

Last, this is the last Sunday before the Season of Lent begins, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, February 14th. Please look to the website-www.usccb.org for more information on this. Fr. Francis and myself will be presiding at five Masses this Wednesday February 14, 7:00 a.m. at both St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, St. Marys, 1:00 p.m. Mass at Smith Chapel, Simpson College, and 7:00 p.m. at both St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. While Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day of obligation, it is a great way to begin the Season of Lent to remind us of our mortality and the call to prayer, fasting, repentance, almsgiving to the poor and needy. There will also be extra Masses on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas Aquinas in addition to the ones already taking place at St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, St. Marys as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation preceding weekday and weekend Masses excluding the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Look to the bulletin insert for more information.

Have a festive, Godly Mardi Gras, a great Valentine's Day, and a blessed Ash Wednesday! Fr. Chris



BOTH ON  
FEBRUARY 14TH  
THIS YEAR!!!

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 5:30 p.m. Mass February 17th

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Genie Hansen, Josie Schettler, Jean Park, John Shandley, Tim & Kelly Gauger & Mike Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Terri Cooper, Carol Proctor, Dave Slick & Jack Slinker

### 10:15 a.m. Mass February 18th

**Lector:** Jeanne Wells

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Cindy Whitesitt, Brock Elbert, Elizabeth Williams, Chris & Dawn Goodale

**Ushers:** Williams, Ben Brackney & Alan Harder  
**Money Counters:** Rosie & Duffy Metz

**Linens:** Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy

**Building Fund:** \$ 2,062.00

**Tithe:** \$ 3,009.18

**Plate:** \$ 308.00

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 2,626.00

## RCIA Upcoming Dates

**Feb. 18th:** Right of Sending at 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

**Feb. 18th:** Right of Election will be held at 1:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral-

### Scrutinies :

**March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas**

**March 11th at 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas**

**March 18th at 8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception**



## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.
- Going to Mass every Sunday, doing acts of charity, forgiveness, and good deeds of virtue are obligations of daily life of Catholics especially during Lent. (source: Fr. Tony Kadavil, February 11th, 2018)

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608- 3305 or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwme08@Gmail.com)

## Watch Retreat

This year, 2018, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered me this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service.

The upcoming WATCH Retreat on February 17-18 will offer tools to aide in your preparation for this Holy Season! There is a small fee of \$35.00 to cover the cost of the retreat, including all materials, plus food and beverages. For applications and further information contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@q.com](mailto:jjward71@q.com) or call 515.961.3266.



Congratulations to all of the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

This week there will not be Good Shepherd on Wednesday and Thursday.

**STAT**

**“ Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.”**  
1 Corinthians 16:13

**Feb. 14th: 7:00am & 7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Mass**

**Feb. 21st: 7:00-8:30: Open Discussion (meet @ hosts homes)**

**Confirmation Session # 6**

**Feb. 28th: 7:00- 8:30: COC/Genesis/STAT Friend Night/Karaoke**

**March 7th: 7:00-8:30: Open Discussion ( Meet @ hosts home)**

**Confirmation Session # 7**

**March 14th: SPRING BREAK**

Mondays February 19-March 19  
Morning session 9AM – 10:30AM  
Evening session 6:30PM—8PM



St. Thomas Room at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
To register or for more information, contact Mary Menke at 515-210-1397 or [mkenke1@hotmail.com](mailto:mkenke1@hotmail.com) leaving your name, email and phone number.

**Lenten Prayer Journey**

Set aside time to examine your heart and recommit yourself to a deeper relationship with Jesus during a five-week Lenten Prayer Journey. We will explore the rich tradition of Catholic prayer, practice different prayer types and share with one another our experiences of prayer.

Lenten Prayer Journey is a prayer experience offered through the ministries of Emmaus House and hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Facilitators are Eileen May and Mary Menke of our parish.

**Wine and Cheese Social  
February 10th  
Following 5:30 pm Mass**

We are going to try something a little different to see if we can get more participation we will be offering Lemonade, Cookies and Bottled Beer as well.



**STARS**

- ★ Feb.
- ★ 2/13 Cabin Fever Relief Night 7:00 pm @ Steph Bintner's home ( games, food, entertainment)
- ★ March:
- ★ Book Club-



**STARS Book Club Schedule**

Sunday, February 11, at 4:30 - Catholics, Wake Up! by Jesse Romero - finish the book

Following book club (about 5), we will watch the movie "Signs From God: Miracles and Their Meaning." All are welcome!

Contact Mimi Kelly with questions

[laramiekelly@gmail.com](mailto:laramiekelly@gmail.com) or 515- 321-4286



**Religious Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & STAT**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018**

**Religious Ed is beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester,** these are some important dates to remember:

Ash Wednesday Mass for all classes will be Wednesday, **Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm.

Every Wednesday during lent we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** is Spring break (No Classes).

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** is Easter.

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, **April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the 5:30pm Mass.

First Holy Communion will be Sunday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the 10:15 Mass.

**STAT Fundraiser**

**STAT Fundraiser is March 24, 2018 6-9 p.m. at St. Thomas. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.**

**This year Mission Trip will be focusing on serving our local with in our parish and surrounding community.**

**More details will be coming in the future. Reservations or sign your Teen up contact Ellen Miller at [ecosmo@mchsi.com](mailto:ecosmo@mchsi.com).**

**Stay where you are**

**Find your own Calcutta**

**Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right where you are - Mother Teresa-**



**Just a friendly reminder that is when the Indianola Schools are closed there is NO RE .**

Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianola This will also have the updated cancelations for Masses and RE



**Prayer Lst**

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.

- Doug Andreasen, Ed Lelnen, Jean Veasman,
- Loretta Petersen, Rick Orey, Mary Pat Miller & Mary Cunningham



Please contact Jackle Ward at [jjward71@q.com](mailto:jjward71@q.com) or 961-3266, Krls Gross at 515-210-0619 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.

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