



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 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle B
February 25, 2018- March 4, 2018

FEBRUARY 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

26: Gn 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Thanksgiving for Caring Hands Volunteers
4:30-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson
5:00 p.m. Mass at Smith Chapel Simpson College

FEBRUARY 26

230: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11-13; Lk 6:36-38
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 Mass at St. Thomas- St. Thomas members that have passed away
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Immaculate Conception Members that have passed away

FEBRUARY 27

231: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Clarence & Betty Walk
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

FEBRUARY 28

232: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

MARCH 1

233: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Darcy Moeller
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
6:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Robert Cooney

MARCH 2

234: Gn37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert
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- Clarence & Betty Walk
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

MARCH 3

SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Jo Schreck

MARCH 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

29: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Paul Veasman
NO 4:30-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson
NO 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.)

Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458

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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

Thanks to Jackie Ward, Elizabeth Williams, Jeanne Wells & Kay Thomas, and all the WATCH team and participants for a fine spiritually renewing Lenten Retreat last weekend! Many blessings to all of you!

We are happy to have Fr. Francis Aning Amoah's services for the next four months. He will be here at St. Thomas Aquinas on Mondays and Thursdays and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. If you need to make an appointment to see him, please call the office at 961-3026.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Finance Council met on Monday February 12. We are asking that all committee heads and any of our staff put together budgets for the next fiscal year-July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 have them in NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MAY 1, 4:00 p.m.

After that day, we ask that you call the office to schedule a time with the Trustees, Bart Brummer and Claire Patin along with myself to present your budgets. We need these meetings scheduled between May 2-11th. If you do not have your budgets submitted by May 1, NO MONIES will be allocated to your committees and programs. I cannot emphasize this enough. I need your cooperation with this effort. I will send out periodic reminders from the bulletin and from the pulpit in the next two months. Thanks for your cooperation with this effort! It is most appreciated!

Happy Second Sunday of Lent! May this Lenten Season bear much spiritual fruit in your lives! Fr. Chris Fontanini

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

1. 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.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. 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.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.
5. 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-wme.org or call 563-608- 3305 or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

Capital Campaign Statements

Your statements will be in the back of the church for those that have still requested a statement after the 15th of each month and will remain there for two weeks if it is not picked up at that time it will then be mailed. This is to help cut postage cost.
Thank You,
Staff



2 ND WEEK OF LENT

Ministry Schedule

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

5:30 p.m. Mass March 3rd

Lector: Kris Gross

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gross, Genie Hansen & Josie Schettler

Ushers: Brennans & DeGrootes

10:15 a.m. Mass March 4th

Lector: Ryan Whitesitt

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Whitesitt, Tristan Grover & Larry Vanderpool

Ushers: Williams & Huttons

Money Counters: Dave & Michelle Metz

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy

Building Fund: \$ 1,255.00

Tithe: \$ 2,504.14

Plate: \$ 338.26

Capital Campaign: \$ 992.00

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



The weekend of February 24-25, the Masses will be offered for our Caring Hands volunteers as we celebrate them and give thanks for their ministry.

We ask you God, our father, to look to the with gratitude for the selfless work they do to enrich the lives of our parish families.

The many examples of your Son, Jesus, have taught us the importance of service. Our Caring Hands volunteers have answered your call to walk in your Son's footsteps by serving the sick, the lonely, the elderly, the shut-ins. By joining in our ministry of bringing hope, love and compassion to those in need, they are making a difference in these lives. Their hands are the hands that represent Jesus on Earth. In thanksgiving and appreciation keep them in your prayers- they are there for all of us if we need them.

It is a blessing to serve with these special people.

Helen Kollasch Peggy Parker Judy Sheets

The WATCH Team would like to share a grateful *thank you* to all the participants, speakers, panel members, food providers and workers, all those who prayed for the WATCH Retreat, Fr. Chris, Fr. Francis, Fr. Ross, Deacon Dave, the Knights of Columbus, Steph, Leasa, JoAnne and the high school students who shared about their NCYC trip and those who helped to clean up following the retreat. A very special thank you to the Holy Spirit!!! God's Blessings to all! Elizabeth, Kay, Jeanne and Jackie



WORLD DAY of PRAYER- March 2.

Please join Christians around the world on Friday, March 2 for World Day of Prayer. This year, the international prayer service will be at First United Methodist Church in their Gable Chapel at 10 am. The service will be repeated at The Village at 2 pm. The featured country is Suriname, a South American country north of Brazil that was a Dutch colony until 1975. It would be nice to have a Catholic group represent our church at the service. Next year, we will be the host.



We're happy to be working with the children on special presentations having to do with the Liturgical Season of Lent. This is the time of year the children hear Psalm 23 and work with hands on materials that present the origin of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. As we approach Holy Week the children will be presented the topography map of the City of Jerusalem. The movable pieces in the City of Jerusalem take the children gently through the events of Holy Week right up through the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

STAT

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

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 mkmenke1@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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INDIANOLA

Lenten Fish Frys begin on Friday Feb 16th and run until March 23rd. We don't use any wheat flour in our fish breading. Give it a try. Boy Scouts Troop 123 provide delicious desserts as well.

There will be a Knights of Columbus Breakfast March 4, 2018 with the proceeds going for scholarships this coming year.

There will be a breakfast also April 29, 2018 and the proceeds will toward Inner Vision



Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com or contact Martin Konrad at 961-0329. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 7, 2018.

Wine and Cheese Social

March 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.

Religious Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & STAT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018

Religious Ed is beginning the 2nd semester, these are some important dates to remember:

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

March 14th is Spring break (No Classes).

April 1st is Easter.

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

First Holy Communion will be Sunday, **April 22nd** 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.

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 List

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 & Dave Tenkamp



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@q.com or 961-3266, Kris 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.

 <p>David & Heidi Klodd 15110 Hwy 92 Indianola</p>	 <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p>	 <p>P.O. Box 95 Milo, Iowa 50166 (641) 942-6320</p>	 <p>1512 E. 1st Avenue -Indianola Finish Carpentry Steve Bintner, Owner Cell # 515-229-9605</p>
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 <p>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p>	 <p>Andy Leech Financial Advisor</p> <p>223 South Howard Indianola, IA 50125 Bus. 515-961-5367 Fax 888-663-8117 TF: 800-288-5368 andy.leech@edwardjones.com www.edwardjones.com</p>	 <p>Grocery: 961-5643 Market: 961-5872</p>	 <p>501 N. Jefferson- Indianola 961-2315 2nd location in the Indianola Wal Mart</p>
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