



# 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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March 4, 2018

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle B  
March 4, 2018- March 11, 2018

#### MARCH 4

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

29: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Irene Jones

NO 4:30-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Smith Chapel Simpson College

#### MARCH 5

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

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

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas- Irene Jones

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

#### MARCH 6

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

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

#### MARCH 7

#### SAINT PREPETUA AND FELICITY

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Darcy Moeller

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

6:30 p.m. Adoration and Holy Hour at St. Thomas

#### MARCH 8

#### SAINT JOHN OF GOD

240: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

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 9

#### SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

241: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert

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

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

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

#### MARCH 10

242: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

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

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Donna Sereg

#### MARCH 11

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

32: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Irene Jones

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

NO 5:00 p.m. Simpson Mass- Spring Break

**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:

On February 26, 2018, Bob Ormsby, Jeanne Wells, and myself met with Bishop Pates and the Building Commission. We were given the green light to begin construction on Phase III. In the next month, we will be working with three different construction companies, Downing, Hansen, and Ball Constructions and interviewing them on this job. We are required by diocesan policy to interview three different construction companies. We will also be working with three different banks, Peoples, True Bank and Northwest to look at the loan process. We have raised nearly 25 percent of the money for the project. Bishop Pates has given us waiver knowing our track record in paying off our last two loans early. I am grateful Bishop Pates, the Building Commission for the Diocese, for Bob, Jeanne, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Capital Campaign Committee, my staff, particularly Steph Bintner and Leasa Garrett, and all of you who have contributed to the Capital Campaign by your sacrificial gift and all those responsible for helping us come to this point. Your time, efforts, and sacrifice are most appreciated. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in the financial giving of this project, it's still not too late. We hope to begin groundbreaking in April and completed by early to late Fall.

We kick off our Annual Diocesan Appeal this weekend. The goals for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is \$67, 050 and for Immaculate Conception, St. Marys are \$21, 170. If every family was able to give \$250, we could meet our goal this year. I realize some of you may not be able to do that much, others can give more. The monies go toward seminarian education, priest pension, the publication of the Catholic Mirror, the marriage office with its preparation, annulments, etc., Hispanic Ministry, finances and accounting of parishes, etc., just to name a few. While some of these ministries indirectly affect us, others do directly affect us, in providing priests for the future of our diocese. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Each priest has been asked to contribute \$700 toward the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for your generosity! It is most appreciated!

Don't forget, next week is Spring Forward. Daylight Savings Time will begin. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead before retiring to bed on Saturday March 10th.

Happy Third Sunday of Lent! Fr. Chris

### 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)

Something to do for Lent that is very good and very important! Once a month, once a week or somewhere in between, we need Communion Ministers for hospitals. No previous training/ experience required. Training March 10, 9:00 AM at St. Ambrose Cathedral Hall for Methodist, Blank, Lutheran, Broadlawns and Methodist West. We need you! Just show up. If interested, but not able to attend this training, e-mail at michael.mclaughlin1746@gmail.com. Even if you are already a trained/practicing Communion Minister, you need to be re-trained. This training will count. If you are unable to attend the above training, contact me at the teldred@mchsi.com.



Spring Clocks Ahead  
March 10th before  
You go to bed

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 5:30 p.m. Mass March 10th

**Lector:** Debbie Brangers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Todd & John Clancy & Leasa Garrett

**Ushers:** Derry Butler, Terri Cooper & Slinkers

### 10:15 a.m. Mass March 11th

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Chris & Dawn Goodale & Ed Hallin

**Ushers:** Gezels & Ormsbys

**Money Counters:** Bill & Kella Wadle

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

**Building Fund:** \$ 785.00

**Tithe:** \$ 2,106.00

**Plate:** \$ 315.05

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 859.67



## 3RD WEEK OF LENT

**Christ the King Catholic Church**  
820 Porter Avenue Des Moines Iowa 50315-5154  
515.285.2888  
[www.christthekingparish.org](http://www.christthekingparish.org)

### Parish Business Manager

**Christ the King Catholic Church of Des Moines is currently accepting employment applications for**

**Parish Business Manager. This full-time position works closely with Church Pastor managing day to day operations 1500 member church and school, managing financial affairs, campus facilities and human resources of the parish.**

#### Minimum requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree Business Administration, Accounting, Human Resources
- 5 years' experience in operations management
- Practicing Catholic in good standing

**Interested Applicants please send cover letter and resume with references to Father PJ McManus at [frmcmamus@christthekingparish.org](mailto:frmcmamus@christthekingparish.org)**



### STARS

★ March:

★ Book Club-

★ April-

★ 4/17 7pm Girls Night Out- Brickhouse

### STARS Book Club

Tuesday, March 20, after Rosary (about 7) - NEW BOOK - No Price Too High by Alex Jones - Read through Chapter 15

All are welcome!

Contact Mimi Kelly with questions  
[laramiekelly@gmail.com](mailto:laramiekelly@gmail.com) or 515- 321-4286



"The Lord will never leave your heart even if you don't believe in Him."



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**Prayer Written by a Third Grade Girl**

In Level II Good Shepherd we proclaimed the parable of The Good Samaritan with first, second and third graders last week. We reflected together the hidden meaning of the parable. In Good Shepherd the adults are privileged to wonder together with the children what Jesus was trying to teach us. We often get insightful responses. Good Shepherd catechists are trained to observe and listen to God with the children. A third grade girl went to a quiet place and worked on art and then wrote the above prayer. In Good Shepherd the children are free to choose work and write prayers. The quiet, peaceful environment and the freedom to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit bear fruit in the hearts of our children. This prayer speaks to the faithfulness of God and the trust that the child has. She is saying that even if people turn away from God, He will never turn away from us. This child has heard the parable of the Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep many times because, she has participated in Good Shepherd since she was three years old. She knows Jesus seeks out those who are lost and rejoices when they are found. It is a part of who she is... FOREVER!

**RCIA  
Upcoming Dates**

**Scrutinies :**

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

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



**STAT**

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

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

**Confirmation Session # 7**

**March 14th:** **SPRING BREAK**

**March 21st:** 6:30-8:30 : Pizza, topic & Discussion ....TBD

**Confirmation Session # 8**

**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester,** these are some important dates to remember:

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 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 & Dave Tenkamp



Please contact Jackle Ward at [jjward71@q.com](mailto: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.

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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>Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING</p> <p>223 South Howard Indianola, IA 50125 Bus. 515-961-5367 Fax 888-663-8117 TF: 800-288-5368 <a href="mailto:andy.leech@edwardjones.com">andy.leech@edwardjones.com</a> <a href="http://www.edwardjones.com">www.edwardjones.com</a></p>	 <p>FAREWAY STORES ECONOMICAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION 1200 West Highway, No. 100</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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