



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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Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett

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 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

March 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MARCH 11

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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 4:30-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson

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

MARCH 12

244: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

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

8:00 Mass at St. Thomas- Darcy Moeller

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 13

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

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

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Irene Jones

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

MARCH 14

246: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Cooney

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

MARCH 15

247: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

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-Irene Jones

MARCH 16

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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-Darcy Moeller

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

MARCH 17

SAINT PATRICK

249: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

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

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Donna Sereg, Sister Mary Antoine Murphy

& Mary Jo Schreck Mother of Amy Jo Naughton

MARCH 18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

35: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15, Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Robert Cooney

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

4:30-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at Simpson

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

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:

We celebrate Laetare Sunday. This comes from Isaiah 66:10- Rejoice O Jerusalem. In the first six or seven centuries, the Season of Lent begin on the Sunday following Quinquagesima (Quinquagesima means Sunday before Lent-this year, February 11). So, the beginning of Lent would have actually been the First Sunday of Lent (this year, February 18). This would have only given 36 days of fasting. Later, (the Year 714 A.D.) the four days were added which preceded the First Sunday of Lent. This would be Ash Wednesday (this Year February 14 which also coincides with Valentine's Day). This would make 40 days. Strictly speaking, the middle of Lent would be the Thursday (this year March 8) preceding the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 11). Special signs of Joy were transferred to the Fourth Sunday of Lent (this year, March 11). Use of flowers on the altar, organs at Mass or vespers (evening prayer), Rose Colored Chasubles and Dalmatics are all encouraged on this day. However, there is a certain contrast between Laetare Sunday and other Sundays, in that this Sunday, there is a call for a restrained joy mingled with a certain amount of sadness. (New Advent-source).

In two weeks, Saturday March 24 (the eve of Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week) we will have our annual STAT Mission Fundraiser in the Palmer Hall. There will be plenty of food, live and silent auctions, and lots of fun! I encourage all to come out. This Year's Mission will be local with students working in our local communities. NOTE: Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday March 24 instead of 5:30 p.m.

To this of you on Spring Break and reading this online, I wish you all a very relaxed, safe, and refreshed week of good clean fun with your families!

Blessings and Peace! Happy Laetare Sunday! 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)

RCIA

Scrutinies :

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



4TH WEEK OF LENT

Ministry Schedule

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

5:30 p.m. Mass March 17th

Lector: Jeanne Wells

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol VanAernam, Mike Schenfeld & Matt Coenen

Ushers: Brennans, Dave Slick & Terri Cooper

10:15 a.m. Mass March 18th

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Gezel, Brayden Elbert & Kathy Timmerman

Ushers: Huttons & Ormsbys

Money Counters: Dave & Joyce DeGroot

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy

Building Fund: \$ \$2,847.00

Tithe: \$ \$3,440.00

Plate: \$ \$516.85

Capital Campaign: \$ \$3,357.00

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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 Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OPEN HOUSE will meet on three Friday nights: March 16th, March 23rd and April 6th. The meeting time is at 7 o'clock until 8:30 at St. Augustin Church Hall 42nd and Grand Ave. Des Moines. What if the worst thing you think could happen and does, like you are widowed, separated or divorced? What if life changes in the blink of an eye? How do you cope? How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? Beginning Experience can help. You don't have to suffer alone. We have walked through similar feeling which you are facing in your life. We are willing to walk with you in this journey discovering a new hope and meaningful life. The open house gives beginning steps of healing and is also an invitation to attend our week end of April 20th 21st and April 22nd... If you wish to know more about the healing process, contact Dana Reed at 515 975 3745, Mike Losee 515 360 8268 or Father Bob Schoemann 515 418 1938.

STARS

St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS) is awarding two one-time \$250 scholarships to a graduating high school seniors who is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Applications for the scholarship must be turned to the St. Thomas Parish Office no later than 3:30 pm April 19, 2018.

Applications are located in the back of the church on the STARS bulletin board.

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 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!

STAT

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

March 14th: SPRING BREAK

March 21st: 6:30-8:30 : Pizza, topic & DiscussionTBD

Confirmation Session # 8

March 24th: FUN-RAISER FOR MISSION 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

STAT MISSION TEENS WANT TO SUPPORT YOU: If you would like the STAT Mission Team to help you this summer with a home project, in small construction or painting (which you find physically challenging or financially unable to do) Please contact Ellen Miller and we will set up a consultation (with our construction/painting team) to see if we are able to help. Email Ellen at: ecosmo@mchsi.com



STAT Mission Silent Auction

Once again this year you can bid on reserving a pew for the following Masses:

Easter Mass 10:15 a.m. April 1st
Or
Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m. December 24th

There is bid sheets in the back if you are interested. You will have until March 18th.

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 breakfast also May 6, 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.

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, Dave Tenkamp & Bryan Bradley



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

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>515-229-1299</p>	 <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p>	 <p>Propane • Heating • Cooling 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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