



# 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 18, 2018

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle B  
March 18, 2018- March 25, 2018

#### MARCH 18

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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

#### MARCH 19

##### SAINT JOSEPH

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18,22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

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

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

#### MARCH 20

252: Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

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

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Sister Mary Antoine Murphy &

Mary Jo Schreck Mother of Amy Jo Naughton

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

#### MARCH 21

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 995; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham

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

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Darcy Moeller

#### MARCH 22

254: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Lucille Dufek

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

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

#### MARCH 23

##### SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

255: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

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

7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral

NO 6:30 Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception

NO 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

#### MARCH 24

256: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

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

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ann Puetz

#### MARCH 25

##### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

38: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception - Irene Jones

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Donna Sereg

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

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 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:

My hope is that those of you who traveled to various destinations over Spring Break or even remained here had a very restful relaxing vacation time with loved ones and friends! Next Saturday evening, March 24, while also being the beginning of Holy Week, is also our Annual STAT Mission Fundraiser. It was discerned by Ellen Miller, our youth minister, and supported and confirmed by myself that this year, we would serve locally. I am most pleased with this decision. My hope is that we will get out and support this wonderful cause where the Gospel values of service are lived out during this week. There are a number of live and silent auction items that we can bid on including reserved pews and parking spaces for Easter morning Masses and Christmas Eve Masses. In addition, there will be a wonderful meal served to all!

Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. this coming Saturday March 24th, so that we may begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Dinner and Auction.

This Monday, we have the Feast of St. Joseph, which honors the husband of Mary and earthly father to Jesus. St. Joseph lived out his sainthood quietly, with great courage, and celibate chastity. He is the Patron Saint of the Church. I would invite you to consider celebrating this Feast by going to Mass and being able to recite the Gloria at 8:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas or 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. St. Anthony's in Des Moines has a St. Joseph's Altar with bread, pasta, and all kinds of goodies at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. I would encourage you to consider going to this event. Last, Randy Kiel, Counselor at Kardia Counseling in Clive, Iowa will be here this Wednesday March 21, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church to talk about depression and suicide. He has entitled the session, "94.9, When Low Becomes Too Low." Parishioners from both parishes are not only invited but encouraged to attend. It is free of charge.

Have a blessed Passiontide Sunday! Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 5:30 p.m. Mass March 24th

**Lector:** Mark Kollasch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross & Jean Park

**Ushers:** Vivian Winkler, Mary Kling & De Grootes

### 10:15 a.m. Mass March 25th

**Lector:** Ed Tormey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tristan Grover, Steph Bintner & Brayden Elbert

**Ushers:** Vanderpools & Gezels

**Money Counters:** Terry & Bev Elbert

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

**Building Fund:** \$ 1,310.00

**Tithe:** \$ 3,633.18

**Plate:** \$ 411.89

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 3,946.17



This beautiful bench will be auctioned off at the Mission Trip Fundraiser March 24th and the processes will go toward the Medjugorje trip.

## GATHERING TABLE

It is time again for The Gathering Table, Monday March 19th 5:30-6:30. If you would like to bring something but are unable to access the attached google doc, please let us know and we will fill it in for you.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQjtIIDKoRmS\\_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQjtIIDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0)

We are also in need of empty containers for the guest to take home leftovers, and also in need of non perishables.

Thank you and God Bless,  
The Gathering Table Committee



## 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)



**EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS  
NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN  
MARCH 28TH IF YOU WANT YOUR LOVED  
ONES TO BE REMEMBERED OR HONORED!!!**

## 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."



Last week, after the Last Supper presentation, the children responded to Jesus with prayers of thanksgiving. One second grade boy said he would not even be here if it weren't for Jesus. The children and adults pondered together about the word "sacrifice". During Lent is a good time to discuss with your children what "sacrifice" means. You may want to discuss ways that you see them making sacrifices or ways you make sacrifices to show your love. The presentations in the weeks before Easter will gently lift up the sacrifice Jesus made for us and how it has brought life to the world. After Easter we can sing 'Alleluia' again! We will bring flowers for the children to arrange and place at the prayer table and on the shelves. On April 4th we will celebrate the Liturgy of Light where the light overcomes the darkness and Jesus rises! Each child will get to hold their own candle. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Please wait outside your child's atrium and you will be instructed where to go for the celebration. Looking forward...there will not be Level I and Level II atrium sessions on at the regular Thursday time on March 29 because of Holy Thursday Mass.

**STAT**

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

- March 21st:** 6:30-8:30 : Pizza, topic & Discussion ....TBD
- Confirmation Session # 8**
- March 24th:** **FUN-RAISER FOR MISSION 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.**
- March 28th:** 7:00-8:30: COC/Genesis/STAT Friend Night...Games/ More



**THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING  
MARCH 20TH!!!!**

**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](mailto: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](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.

**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 & Bryan Bradley



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



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