



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 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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## DECEMBER 2, 2018

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C  
December 2, 2018- December 9, 2018

### DECEMBER 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Jim Boyd  
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Arlene Sumpter  
5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

### DECEMBER 3 SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

175: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas  
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception  
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carolyn McElwee

### DECEMBER 4 SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

176: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
9:30 a.m. Mass at Good Samaritan  
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee  
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

### DECEMBER 5 SAINT NICHOLAS

177: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Weis  
DECEMBER 6  
SAINT NICHOLAS

178: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Donna Sereg  
DECEMBER 7  
SAINT AMBROSE  
179: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-David May  
8:30 a.m. Benediction Exposition at St. Thomas  
9:30 a.m. Reposition at St. Thomas  
6:00 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Thomas  
(Holy Day of Obligation)-

### DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

689: Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
9:00 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of Obligation) - Carolyn McElwee  
10:30 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Thomas  
(Holy Day of Obligation) - Mary Cunningham  
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Sister Mary Antione Murphy &  
Mary Jo Schreck Mother of Amy Jo Naughton

### DECEMBER 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carl Nehring  
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour  
NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019

**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 4:00 pm-4:30 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 515-250-7385 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: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

We begin the Season of Advent, a new liturgical year with the Gospel of Luke. St. Bernard of Clairvoux speaks of three comings of Jesus— in History as a child, in Mystery through the Eucharist and making his presence known in a variety of ways, and in Majesty-when he comes again in glory. We prepare for his coming through prayer, reading Scripture, partaking of the Sacraments on a regular weekly basis, and through good deeds.

This season will give us several opportunities to be prepared. We will have opportunities to pray during adoration this first Friday, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before weekday and before Saturday and Sunday Masses at both parishes, helping with the Social Concerns Angel Tree, Operation Christmas, Marys Meals T-shirts which make great gifts plus supporting a child in Malawi or other developing countries, etc. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. Also, we have the opportunity to feed our souls with the Advent Mission: Aspire to Inspire Before You Expire. Fr. Dick Gielow, a Vincention priest, will give a Mission to both parishes on December 15/16 at the regular Mass times plus on Monday December 17 at Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m., December 18th at St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 p.m. and Wednesday December 19, at 5:30 p.m. A social will follow in St. Marys Hall on Monday and in the Multi-Purpose at St. Thomas on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please note: The Pre-Christmas Social for Religious Education parents. Have you always been curious to know who so and so is in the hallway on Wednesdays? Here is your chance to get to know your church neighbor with a little cocoa and cookies. Come by and meet and greet your fellow Religious Education parent in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Last, but not least, I would like our Ushers/Greeters to attend a short little training for the Holiday Masses on Sunday December 23 following the 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception and 10:15 a.m. Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas. We will go over some pro-active safety procedures in order to be prepared for anything which might happen. I am highly encouraging all of our Ushers/Greeters to attend these short training sessions.

Happy Advent Season! Fr. Chris

### Local Help For Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international ministry with a local council in Des Moines that is supported by the Des Moines Diocese. Parishes in the diocese form conferences of volunteers that work to help the society achieve its goal of serving those in material or spiritual need.

**St. Patrick's-Irish Settlement Parish in rural Cumming** has formed a conference to help those in our local communities. Volunteers from St. Patrick's are available to assist people in accessing services available thru SVDP and to help those in emergent need of basic necessities. **If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the SVDP/St. Patrick's volunteers at # 515-204-8047. All contacts are kept confidential.** Through two locations in Des Moines, SVDP offers food, clothing & household items; emergency assistance with rent/utilities; job prep, tutoring, language & computer training and much more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. More information can be obtained at [www.svdpsdm.org](http://www.svdpsdm.org).

**Pilgrimage to Greece & The Greek Isles: "In the Footsteps of St. Paul"**: Come along Nov. 5-15, 2019, to some truly beautiful and holy places! We'll visit many of the great sites where St. Paul wrote his Epistles, including Athens, Corinth, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and more. We will also take a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,759 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4<sup>th</sup> St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email [fdanguenther@gmail.com](mailto:fdanguenther@gmail.com)

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass December 8th

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Jo Naughton, Jean Park, Leasa Garrett, Kathy Slinker, Carol VanAernam, Lanny Ward, Genie Hansen

**Ushers:** Mary Kling, DeGrootes, Terri Cooper

### 10:15 a.m. Mass December 9th

**Lector:** Justin Nostrala

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Elizabeth Williams, Brock Elbert, Dianne Funk, Conner Lynch, Penny Miller, Joe Brommel & Joe Gezel

**Ushers:** Ormsbys & Vanderpools

**Money Counters:** Dave & Joyce DeGroot

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

**Building Fund:** \$ 2,175.00

**Sunday Tithe:** \$ 2,202.00

**Plate:** \$ 233.34

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 8,046.67



Please have any Mass Announcements in to the office NO LATER than NOON on Tuesdays.

If it is received after NOON on Tuesdays it might not make the Mass Announcements .

Thank you , The Staff



**PILGRIMAGE 2019 Invitation to Medjugorje!** If you've felt a call to journey to this holy place, 2019's group from Des Moines is forming now. Ellen and Marilyn are making our 15th pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 2. An optional Rome add-on will be offered, based on interest. Join Father Chris Reising, Msgr. Frank Bognanno and all of us. Please hurry! Space is limited. Contact: [marilynlgane@gmail.com](mailto:marilynlgane@gmail.com) [ecosmo@mchsi.com](mailto:ecosmo@mchsi.com) Experience the Joy and Peace!



Just a reminder to have your Christmas Flower Offerings into the office no later than Tuesday, December 18th  
To assure that your loved ones Name (s) will make the insert that will be place in the bulletin Sunday, December 23rd!!!



A HUGE THANK-YOU to everyone that was able to contribute to the special collection for Operation Christmas. Our collection totaled \$1,000. Once again, we have been blessed with some amazing families that have went ABOVE & BEYOND to help make this a success!! You are all such giving and caring people! THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support for this program for the children and families of Warren County.  
Thanks,  
Debbie



### Advent Prayer Angels

Please take 1-2 angels off the Advent Prayer Angel tree in the Gathering Space and pray for the intention on the angel throughout Advent. What better way to prepare for Jesus' birth and praying daily for others.



**First  
Sunday  
Of  
Advent**

**Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!**

Goal: \$67,050.00  
 Raised to Date: \$41,091.00  
**Amount Still to be Raised: \$25,959.00**  
 Updated as of 11-5-2018

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations

60%  
\$41,091.00

Goal  
\$67,050.00

**Wine and Cheese Social**

There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, December 8th following 4:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space.

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!**

**FREEZER MINISTRY**

We are beginning a new ministry at St Thomas Aquinas and would love to have YOUR SUPPORT!!! ALL it takes is some ingredients, love, and friendship!!! We will be preparing freezer meals once a month in the Pastoral kitchen. These meals will be stored in the freezer and whoever needs one can go grab it and go, signing up on the posted sign. This can be your family, a family in need, anyone who needs a hot meal!! If you have a favorite family dish/casserole that freezes well, please let me know- all are welcome to participate!! We will have a SIGN UP to donate ingredients at the back of the church or you can message me at 515-710-6140!

it is in giving we receive"

**Blessings,  
Angie Elliott**

**Meals are frozen and ready for use in the kitchen freezer-no questions asked, but to use as needed :) questions please contact Angie Elliott**

**FREEZER MEALS**

**Indianola Knights of Columbus**

Upcoming Events

Sunday December 2 Country Style Breakfast  
 Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

Thursday December 13 Monthly meeting

Sunday December 16 KC Christmas Party 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
 La Vida Loca Winery

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: [iowa-wvme.org](http://iowa-wvme.org) or call 563-608-3305 or email [jjwvme08@gmail.com](mailto:jjwvme08@gmail.com)

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☆☆ STARS ☆☆

☆☆ December 6th: 6:00 pm Christmas Party at Annelise Wine ☆☆  
 ☆☆ Menu: Pasta Buffet , veggie platter, bread and salad, ☆☆  
 ☆☆ Desserts. wine & lemonade. ☆☆

☆☆ January 10th: 6:30 pm– Kick your Faith off in the New Year! ☆☆  
 ☆☆ → We provide light snacks and drinks ☆☆  
 ☆☆ → Amanda Zwanziger The Paralyzed Movement ☆☆

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!**

Religious Education Corner

We are now entering the new year of the Church and the season of Advent – a time of preparation to more fully receive Christ in our hearts and our lives.

The days are getting darker and we are waiting for the Light of the World to lead us out of darkness.

If you have an Advent wreath at home, please pray with children before your evening meal.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be making an Advent craft they can use at home.

We will have regular RE and Good Shepherd classes until December 19. Then we will resume on Sunday, January 6; Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 10.

**2018-2019-STAT**

December 5th: 7:00—8:30 p.m. Open Discussion at Host Home TBD  
 December 12th: 6:30-8:30 p.m. STAT Pizza & Life Teen at PC  
 December 19th: 6:30-8:00 COC/Genesis– Christmas Bingo at PC  
 December 26th: NO STAT– CHRISTMAS BREAK

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Trivia Night for the Hope Foundation--February 2, 2019!  
 Location is at St. Thomas in the St. Thomas Hall.

**facebook**

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 Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller & Bryan Bradley

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Please contact Jackle Ward at [jjward71@q.com](mailto:jjward71@q.com) or 515-250-7385, 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.

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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 &amp; Heidi Klodd 515-229-1299</p> <p>15110 Hwy 92 Indianola</p>	 <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p>	 <p>Propane • Heating • Cooling</p> <p>P.O. Box 95 Milo, Iowa 50166 <b>(641) 942-6320</b></p>	 <p>1512 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue -Indianola Finish Carpentry <b>Steve Bintner, Owner</b> Cell # 515-229-9605 Home# 515-961-7217</p>
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 <p>Work well. Play well. Live well. 217 Center Road</p> <p><b>Matt DeWall, M.P.T., C.S.C.S.</b> 1507 N. 1st Street (515) 961-7435</p>	 <p>Layne R. Henry 'FLOORING'</p> <p>Laying-Sanding-Finishing-Refinishing 1416 E. Euclid Ph: 515-961-6424 Indianola, Ia. 50125 Cell: 988-0705</p>	<p>Volunteers needed to help to clean the hall, bartend, pour wine etc Call Leasa Garrett 961-3026 It's an easy way to give back to your church!</p>	 <p>1203 North E Street-Indianola (515) 961-7458 <a href="http://www.wesleylife.org">www.wesleylife.org</a> Join us for Mass at the Village Every third Tuesday 9:30am</p>
 <p><b>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living</b> 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p>	<p>Contact the office And have Your ad Placed here!!!!</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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