



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am & 10:15 am Sundays

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 9:30 am

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December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle A
December 15, 2019- December 22, 2019

DECEMBER 15

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7: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-
Lambert & Dolly Brommel

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Maggie Seymour

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter

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

DECEMBER 16

187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

6:30 Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carl & Pat Nehring

DECEMBER 17

193: Gn 49: 2,8-10; Ps 72:1-47-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter

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

DECEMBER 18

194: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 1-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bea Johnson

DECEMBER 19

195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

DECEMBER 20

1196: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Dan Kosman

DECEMBER 21

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

197: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

DECEMBER 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Don Brommel

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Dr. Joe Brennan

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter

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

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 3:45 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 a 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-Fridays 9:00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners-

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete comes from the Latin word meaning, Rejoice. We may wonder what this is all about. First of all, we are past the half way point during the Advent Season. It is hard to believe, is it not? The waiting is almost over. We are given a festive day during this season of waiting. Second, its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass which is: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. The Lord is near. Since, we prepare for the arrival of the Lord Jesus at his first and second coming, it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the coming of the Lord is near. Third, the liturgical color for this Third Sunday is Roman Rose, not Pink, as many would say. Rose is a joyful color; it has certain brightness and beauty to it. Fourth, even our Readings from Isaiah, our Psalm 146, James 5, and the Gospel of Matthew 11, convey the themes of joy as a homecoming from exile in Babylon, the call to be patient for the Lord is near, and that the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dumb will speak, the dead are raised, the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them, a kingship of peace, not a violent revolutionary who will overthrow the hated Romans, that perhaps, even St. John the Baptist had an expectation of, until his messengers gave him the news of the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the dumb speaking, the dead being raised, and the poor having the Good News proclaimed to them from the horse's mouth, (Jesus himself), while imprisoned and about to be beheaded. (source: "Gaudete Sunday: 11 things to know and share", by Jimmy Akin, National Catholic Register, December 12, 2013) Lets take time out this weekend to Rejoice, give thanks to the Lord for his goodness endures forever. Many blessings to all of you this week! Happy Gaudete Sunday! REJOICE, REJOICE, IMMANUEL, SHALL COME TO THEE O ISRAEL.

Fr. Chris Fontanini

When dropping off for Wednesday Religious Ed or for STAT please take in to consideration that there will be people in the parking lot either walking to the building or to there vehicles.

Thank you, STAFF

Indianola Knights December Events

Monthly Meeting Thursday December 12
Parish Hall 7:00 PM
Christmas Party Sunday December 15
La Vida Loca Winery 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Help the Knights of Columbus give a Helping Hand to the needy this advent season! As part of our national program, Helping Hands, the Knights of Columbus Council 5032 is sponsoring a parish-wide program to help stock Indianola's local food pantry, The Helping Hand. Critical needs for The Helping Hand this season include:

1. Food items high in protein--canned chicken, canned soups and peanut butter, especially.
2. Personal items such as underwear (all sizes) and hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) are also in high demand.
3. Paid laundry cards or laundry soap and bags.
4. Items for families to do a baking project together--almond bark and pretzels are suggested.

As you do your shopping during the holiday season, please consider adding one of these items to your list. Bring your items to the box display in the gathering space starting this Saturday, November 30 through Sunday, December 15.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass December 21st:

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Joyce DeGroot, Genie Hansen, Tim & Kelly Gauger, Darrell Pottebaum & Brooklyn Pottebaum

Ushers: Derry Butler, Terri Cooper, Grace Armstrong & Dave Slick

Cleaning Vessels: Darrell Pottebaum & Brooklyn Pottebaum

8:00 a.m. Mass December 22nd:

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Todd & Johna Clancy & Nathan Thomason

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl, Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

Cleaning Vessels: Todd & Johna Clancy

10:15 a.m. Mass December 22nd:

Lector: Elizabeth Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Williams, Dianne Funk, Ben Brackney, Cindy Whitesitt, Ann Williams & Kathy Timmerman

Ushers: Bob & Julie Ormsby & Larry & Dalra Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Kathy Timmerman & Dianne Funk

Please remember that at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after and help clean the Sacred Vessels after each Mass.

Money Counters: December 15th: Jack & Kathy Slinker

December 22nd: Duffy & Rose Metz

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

December 8th

Building Fund:	\$ 2,235.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 6,041.00
Plate:	\$ 704.70
Capital Campaign:	\$ 1,551.56



Just a reminder to have your Christmas Flower Offerings into the office no later than Monday, December 16th

To assure that your loved ones Name (s) will make the insert that will be place in the bulletin Sunday, December 22nd!!



Perpetual Adoration

Oh Come Emmanuel - "God is with us" ...
...and he is with us in the Blessed Sacrament until the end of time! We hope to begin Perpetual Adoration soon after the first of the year and are trying to fill as many continuous hours of devotion as possible by the time we start. Our goal is to have adoration from 5 pm on Sunday evening until 5 pm on Friday evening. Today we have Monday through Wednesday filled except for 3 am on Wednesday. We have a good start on Thursday hours but have a ways to go and still need all of Friday and Sunday hours filled. If you have not yet signed up PLEASE prayerfully consider giving and scheduling just one hour of your time. Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament must never be let alone exposed so we need parishioners to schedule their time. You can sign up from any device at <https://www.adorationpro.org/taindianola> or from the link on the adoration page of the St. Thomas web site (stthomasindianola.com). You can also sign up by contacting Anita Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com.

Thanks again
Anitta

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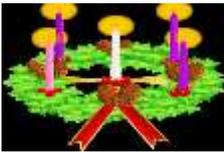
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SAVE-THE-DATE:

Trivia Night for HEAL House and Habitat for Humanity
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 6 p.m.
More information to come
Sponsored by St. Thomas Social Concern Committee



3rd Sunday
Of Advent

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST

Be on the lookout for materials regarding the **Knights of Columbus** "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest coming home with your student in the first week in December this year. Your child will be provided with a contest fact sheet/entry form along with a blank 11x17 poster sheet to be completed with the submission. Entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Entries will be judged and winners will be announced in three age categories (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14) to advance to a district competition.



Children's Choir

Children's choir will meet each Wednesday from **6:40 to 7:00pm** in the **St. Thomas room** all the Wednesday's of RE. Any child from **3rd through 8th grade** are welcome. Those that were already part of the choir are cordially welcomed back.

We are excited to announce that Cindy Whitesitt will be our Children's Choir Director again this year. We are so excited to begin again. **"Let us praise the Lord with song!"**

If you have a child that is not in our Religious ED program but would like them in the Children's Choir. Please feel free to send them.

Children's Choir will sing Saturday, December 28th at 4:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.

They will sing Saturday, January 11th at 4:30 p.m. Mass
If you are interested in joining the Men's Choir please contact Music Director Tom Shipman. Information is on the front of the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education 2019-20



Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner

Thank you to everyone who generously donated money or fleece fabric for our 8th grade RE class to make warm tie-blankets for HEAL House which ministers to the homeless in Indianola.

We are entering the season of Advent, which is such a special time to prepare our hearts for a closer relationship with Jesus when we celebrate Christmas.

We would encourage any Advent activity in your home that would focus on this liturgical season. We're not at Christmas yet, so it's important to keep the emphasis on "waiting" not "celebrating". There is something to be said for preparation and anticipation.

If you need Advent ideas for your family, you can email me at jsayredre@gmail.com. We'd love to help you make this a special time for your family.

God Bless, Joann

Attention all Check Writers

If you write a check to St. Thomas please place what it is to go toward in the memo area of the check such as Tithes, Capital Campaign Phase 3, Building Fund etc.. This will assure that your check goes to the correct fund.

Thank You, Staff

Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

January 14 - Random Acts of Kindness (6:30 Rosary)

February - Meals From the Heartland - 1 hour packing only!
So many of you enjoyed this even last month and requested we do it again! I will try for February 10-13 but the schedule hasn't come out yet so will let you know ASAP!



Policy on Cancellation



When **Indianola schools** are closed,
CGS, RE and STAT WILL NOT have classes.

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of
St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.
Doug Andreasen, Ed Lelnen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen & Aaron Babinski.



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@gmail.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.

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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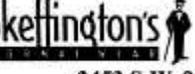
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