



# 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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**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. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment ONLY at this time. Please call the office to schedule an 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.

## JANUARY 24, 2021

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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68: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene DeWall**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier**

**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Bill Thomas**

**5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice**

#### JANUARY 25

##### THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

519: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

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

**4:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

#### JANUARY 26

##### SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS

520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10

318: Mk 3:31-35 see 520: Lk 10:1-9

**6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Lori Frueh**

#### JANUARY 27

##### SAINT ANGELA MERICI

319: Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg**

#### JANUARY 28

##### SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

320: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

see 522: Wis 7:7-10, 15-16 Mt 23:8-12

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Thomas**

#### JANUARY 29

##### WEEKDAY

321: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart**

#### JANUARY 30

##### WEEKDAY

322: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

**3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas**

**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen**

#### JANUARY 31

##### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

71: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-Linda Croat**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Paul Kockler**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Marty Middleswart**

**12 Noon Public Mass at St Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert**

**5:00p.m. No Mass at Simpson College until further notice**

#### **Livestream Masses**

**Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:15am at St. Thomas & Sundays at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)  
Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458 Rectory Phone 962-2063 **Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)**  
**Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA**

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Last year at the 47th anniversary of Roe V. Wade, I remember sending a text to my niece, Jennifer Lynde, who is now a grandmother of how glad that I was that her mother chose life. My sister, Denise Trower, I know, has been and always will be pro-life. That is not the point. The fact that my niece was born on January 22, 1973, the day Roe V. Wade was legalized made it all too real. In my text, I mentioned how glad that her mother chose life and that she is so precious and a great blessing for all of us and I ended it with Love, Your Uncle Chris. I am not trying to get all mushy with you, but it made me realize how each and everyone's life is valuable, even those we may disagree with or dislike. We are all made in the image and likeness of God, uniquely with many gifts. I had opportunities as a young boy to babysit my niece as a little girl, to watch her grow up, to officiate at her wedding, to baptize one of her daughters, and last year, her grandson. Life is precious! We must do all we can to promote the dignity and sanctity of every human life, particularly the poorest of the poor, those who have no voice or choice, those in the womb! Each of us here has been given the opportunity of life by our mother, let us continue living by the golden rule and allow every child in the womb to be born as we remember the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Let us remember to pray and fast for the end of all abortion and the promotion of all life from the womb to the tomb.

Blessings and peace!

Fr. Chris

## Ministry Schedule

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

### **4:30 p.m. Mass January 30th:**

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & Teri Cooper

**Cleaning Vessels:** Judy Kirby & Josie Schettler

### **8:00 a.m. Mass January 31st:**

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker

**Cleaning Vessels:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld

### **10:15 a.m. Mass January 31st:**

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Ushers:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave & Judy Hutton

**Please remember: at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after Mass to help clean the Sacred Vessels.**

**Please Note: That you are strongly encouraged to wear a face masks social distance and use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the church.**

**Linens:** Judy Kirby

**Prayerfully consider continuing your weekly Tithes ,Building Fund & monthly Capital Campaign Pledge as expenses will continue to come in.**

**You may drop your envelope off in the Secured Box on the wall under the Office sign, place it in the mail or there will be a basket in the back of the Church for you to place your Offerings in as well.**

## Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,

A aron Babinski , Mike Metz, Patrick S handley

James Rector, Dianne Funk & for the S ouls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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



## Holy Land Discovery with Jordan (Israel and Jordan)

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Call and ask for Eileen, your Faith Based Journey Specialist

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- \*Inspiring speakers
- \*Meditative songs
- \*An engaging message

You won't want to miss this virtual retreat designed and hosted by our parish!  
Register now by emailing Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com)

with the following information:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Mailing address



## MISSION TRIP Possibilities for 2021

Calling all high school students, college students, adult leaders and parents of participants from both St Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception Parishes.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the summer Mission Trips being offered in 2021, please contact JoAnn Sayre at [jsayredre@gmail.com](mailto:jsayredre@gmail.com). Here are two Mission trip options and dates.

- ⇒ **STAT Mission Trip- July 25th-30th location Flint, Michigan (under the guidance of Darrell Pottebaum) See [forgeflint.org](http://forgeflint.org) for work opportunities and more details.**
- ⇒ **Mission 2.1– August 2nd-7th location Cedar Rapids, IA (under the guidance of Ellen Miller) Clean up from hurricane Derecho along with other possibilities.**

Both trips offer moments of work, prayer, fellowship and fun. Both are occasions to serve and give back. So, please consider "Mission 2021".



## Indianola KC Lenten Fish Fries

7 Big Nights Serving from 5:30 to 7:00 PM  
Drive-up Carry-out Service only \$10 per meal  
The 1st dinner will be on Friday, February 12 and will be a Pre-Lent type dinner. We will be serving Fried Fish & Chicken Tenders along with French Fries, Coleslaw and a dinner roll.  
The next 6 dinners will be the traditional KC Fish Fry: Fried Fish along with French Fries, Coleslaw and a dinner roll.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

## News Worth y



Empowering women to save starving children



A huge shout out to our STAT group which were 44 strong and packaged 34,992 meals on Wednesday night for Meals from the Heartland. Great job!!!!

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