



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- 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.

MAY 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate-John Brommel

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-for the intentions of The Kevin & Ellen Miller Family

10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-for the intentions of The Stoffel Family

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Pauline Braddock

MAY 24

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7

Jn 19:25-34 (see: USCCB.org/motherofthechurch)

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

MAY 25

WEEKDAY

348: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Jim & Velma Forret

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

MAY 26

SAINT PHILIP NERI

349: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13

Mk 10:32-45 see 570: Phil 4:4-9 Jn 17:20-26

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-for the intentions of The Sayre Family

MAY 27

WEEKDAY

350: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Loretta Petersen

MAY 28

WEEKDAY

351: Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

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

MAY 29

WEEKDAY

352: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

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

4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene DeWall

MAY 30

MOST HOLY TRINITY

165: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

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-Zac Easter

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

12 Noon Mass at St Thomas-Aaron Hendren

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.- 1 p.m.)
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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I remember when I was serving as pastor at St. Patrick's Audubon back in 2002, almost 20 years ago. The parish was celebrating my 40th birthday on the actual day of my birthday. When I arrived at the pastoral center for the celebration, I was given a wheelchair, serenaded by 'singing nuns' who were members of the parish, and host of food and potluck. Several members of my family (my father, my mother, my oldest sister, Debbie, my other sister, Denise, my brother, John Paul, my niece, Jennifer, my great niece, Taylor) came to this celebration. I remember, nearly all of us staying in the rectory, all under one roof for the first time in several years. It was a joyous celebration.

Today, the Church celebrates its birthday. What was divisive, babbled speech became unified, understandable on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. Not only Jews, but Gentiles gathered together awaiting the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were made manifest on that occasion. As the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary, a boldness, a renewal of faith, and readiness to spread the Gospel was happening. The apostles were now soldiers for Christ as part of the Church Militant, to do spiritual battle on earth for the conversion of many to the Gospel through Baptism and what we would now call Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are a part of this Birthday Celebration of the Church, almost 2,000 years ago. We are invited to bring the Good News of Salvation to all because of our baptism, our faith in Christ. How might we do that? Certainly, one way is to share our faith. It could be how God intervened in our family when a member was caught in a web of addiction, how Jesus, in conjunction with the medical field, brought healing to the cancer diagnosis, how the Holy Spirit brought renewal through a WATCH or Christ Renews His Parish Retreat experience, or how through prayer, I was able to find a solution to a marital issue that had been festering for a time. We may have found renewal, a new birth or a power greater than ourselves working in our lives. Others need to hear those stories. We might feel fear or trepidation in doing so. That is a time for us to turn our fears to the Holy Spirit and allow the third person of the Blessed Trinity to transform those fears into boldness and a renewed courage. Peter was certainly transformed at Pentecost as the old Peter who did not want to claim association with the Lord Jesus Christ by denying Him three times now boldly calls the people of his time and day to repentance and that it is better for him to 'obey God rather than men.' That same Spirit of boldness or being a 'soldier for Christ' is given to us at Confirmation where the fullness of Spirit comes to rest upon us. Let us pray that we can cultivate and enliven that same Spirit that emboldened the apostles to give their lives for Christ and His Church, as Christ gave birth to the Church. Happy Birthday! Happy Feast of Pentecost!

Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass May 29th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: Adam & Amy Jo Naughton

8:00 a.m. Mass May 30th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker

Cleaning Vessels: Joseph DeWall & Kathy Slinker

10:15 a.m. Mass May 30th:

Lector: Alan Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Ushers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

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 ron B abinski , Mike Metz, Patrick S handley
James Rector, Dianne Funk & for the S ouls in Purgatory

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Please contact Jackie 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.

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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

perpetual Adoration



We continue to hold perpetual adoration in the St. Thomas chapel from Sunday evenings at 4pm through Friday mornings at 8am. We are working to fill in hours that have become available over the last several months. We are so blessed to have this devotion in our Parish. It's a great opportunity to spend a quiet hour of prayer and reflection with our Lord.

Below are the hours that we currently are seeking to fill. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of them. You do not need to be from St. Thomas parish to sign up for a holy hour. You may sign up by contacting Anitta Spenner at (515) 344-7850 or at spennani1976@outlook.com.

Day	Hours Available
Monday	Midnight, 1, 5 and 6 am
Tuesday	Midnight, 1, 2, 9, 11 am and Noon, 2, and 6 pm
Wednesday	Midnight, 1, 2, and 11 am
Thursday	6 am and Noon, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 pm
Friday	Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 am
Sunday	Currently all hours on Sunday are full



Monday May 31-Memorial Day Masses, 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas and 10:30 a.m. Cemetery Mass at Immaculate Conception, St. Marys (weather permitting, if rain, Mass will be in the Church).
The Church offices will be closed Monday, May 31



Summer Hours begin
Friday, May 28th
through Sept 3rd
Office hours on Friday's
are from 9AM to 1PM

Spiritual Enrichment offered by Deacon Dave

- Woman's Bible study every Monday at 9AM at St Thomas Aquinas
- Men's Faith Sharing Prayer Group meets every Saturday, at 8AM at St Thomas Aquinas, in the multi-purpose room

June 7: Gathering Table and STARS Social

On June 7, STARS will once again host Gathering Table to supply a free drive-up meal for anyone in need. Last time we served 150 meals. Please consider donating a main or side dish, or donate your time to help serve. Dishes can be left in the main kitchen ahead of time. Servers should arrive by 5:15. Please sign-up [here \(https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwAR3sMujJuartb-38IY_Oq9YMrxXtKglc5yKUnnxEQ5QWe1WHER8vBG2XFY4#!/showSignUp/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering\)](https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwAR3sMujJuartb-38IY_Oq9YMrxXtKglc5yKUnnxEQ5QWe1WHER8vBG2XFY4#!/showSignUp/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering).

Following Gathering Table, a social beginning for STARS members and any ladies interested in joining will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. Bring your ideas and beverage of choice; snacks will be provided. We will gather in the Parish Hall or weather-permitting be outside.

St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society News

STARS

Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Joseph DeWall and Logan Grover who were selected as this year's STARS scholarship recipients! Thank you for your contributions to your parish, and we wish you many blessings as you continue your education.

2021 Indianola KC Scholarships

The Indianola Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 council scholarships. They are:

Alex Lynch Logan Grover Joseph Dewall
David O'Meara Ally O'Meara
Anastasia O'Meara Nicholas Koenig



We extend our congratulations to them and all graduates as they move forward with their education.

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