



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am, & Noon 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.

FEBRUARY 20
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
81:1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38
8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Bud Wattonville
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Nancy Horton
12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten
5:00pm Simpson Mass

FEBRUARY 21
WEEKDAY
341: Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 9:14-29
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

FEBRUARY 22
THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER
535: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

FEBRUARY 23
ST. POLYCARP
343: Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3, 6-11 Mk 9:38-40
see 536: Rv 2:8-11 Jn 15:18-21
8:00 Mass at St Thomas—Jim Jauron & Family

FEBRUARY 24
WEEKDAY
344: Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50
8:00 Mass at St. Thomas—Barb VanHatten

FEBRUARY 25
WEEKDAY
345: Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mk 10:1-12
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Donald Mangold

FEBRUARY 26
WEEKDAY
346: Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3, 8 Mk 10:13-16
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Linda Schmitt

FEBRUARY 27
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
84: Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45
8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate—Rosa George
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Dick Krapfl & Rich Peterson
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Slinker
12 Noon Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas
5:00pm Simpson Mass

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 Rectory Phone 962-2063 Website: stthomasindianola.com
Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus gives us a very difficult teaching today. We are invited to love our enemies. Why would we love our enemies? Why did not David become the opportunist in getting rid of his opponent or enemy King Saul? After all, he had a great chance while King Saul was vulnerable, he was asleep. It would have been a perfect time to take out his enemy. Could it be that he believed King Saul was God's anointed and that he would subject himself to negative consequences?

Did Jesus mention this teaching as a way to break the cycle of violence that existed with an eye for an eye or tooth for a tooth, which would have been just? I think so. We know that violence begets violence. Jesus showed meekness or gentleness in his dealings with people. He knew when to hold 'em and fold 'em (he exercised both self-control and he knew when, how, and where to use his anger appropriately, particularly during the time of the fleecing of the pilgrims when he turned the moneychangers' table over). During the last days of his life, Jesus exercised great self-control and love for his enemies. This is the call for each of us. It is not easy.

We can all remember when there was an attempt on Pope St. John Paul II's life back in 1981 by Ali Agca. What did the Holy Father do? He went to the prison where Ali Agca was being held to forgive him. He broke the cycle of violence.

We can be falsely accused, misunderstood, or perhaps others do not know the full story of why, when, or how we acted the way we had acted and they begin to draw conclusions that are not right. It is easy to lash out, get angry. Or, we can take the narrow road and forgive. We may have to do it several times before it can sink in or we can continue to pray for the grace to forgive.

Jesus also teaches us not to condemn or judge. What does this mean? We can see things on the surface and then we make judgments (good-Great job, Sally or Pete! or Bad-he or she is this or that, which can be hurtful or derogatory) and we may not have the full picture of what is going on. For example, someone is caught stealing a loaf of bread so the family can be fed. Is it wrong to steal? Yes, it is wrong to steal? What was the true reason for stealing? Or telling someone he or she did a great job on a project when he or she may have cut corners or taken credit for someone else's work can be judgmental as well. On the other hand, making judgments about another person who is doing explicit harm to someone is appropriate (when we have the full story and knowledge of the situation). Judging their soul (good or bad) is not our judgment to make, but God's, which is what Jesus is getting at today. We have to be careful. Who is my enemy? How is God inviting me to love my enemy? Do I judge their actions? Their soul? 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 Saturday, February 26th:

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kirby & John Shandley

Ushers: Joyce DeGroot & Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: Judy Kirby & John Shandley

8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, February 27th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Krapfl & Mike Schenfeld

Ushers: Cathy & Terry Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Cathy Krapfl & Mike Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Mass Sunday, February 27th:

Lector: Alyssa Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Alyssa Brown & Cindy Whitesitt

Ushers: Dorothy & Joe Gezel

Cleaning Vessels: Alyssa Brown & Cindy Whitesitt

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

Linens: Judy Kirby

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

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.

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.

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.

St. John the Apostle, Norwalk

CHICKEN DINNER

St. John the Apostle is hosting a Fried Chicken Feast in their parish hall on Sunday, February 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, pie, coffee and tea. Adults \$10.00. Ages 6-12 \$5.00 and kids under 5 eat free! Auction items including a lawn mower, hand made quilt, designer cheesecake and more will be auctioned off during the event. For more information you can contact Gary and Mary Haselton at (515)321-3873 or the parish office at (515)981-4855.



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 stthomasindianola.com. Applications are to be emailed to vandy.omeara@gmail.com or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 2, 2022.

The Knights of Columbus are holding an exemplification for catholic men interested in joining our council. Current council members can become a third degree Knight through this ceremony as well. The ceremony will take place at the church on February 20 at 1:00. Member families and the general public are invited to attend!



St. Thomas's **Creation Care Team** will be providing three resources for Lent. Our hope is that these resources will help you focus on the simplicity of your life and offer some facts and actions for caring for our common home.

The Sunday before Lent there will be a Lenten Calendar which gives us some resources to review, some facts and some actions you can take.

Also, in the back of Church we will have copies of a Lenten Reflection book "Caring for our Common Home" published seven years ago, which was available to us then and is still very beneficial today.

Also, we will be offering a three session Zoom retreat entitled "Turning to Simplicity" on March 6th, 20th, and 27th at 7:00 PM (till 8:15). Please see the insert in the bulletin. For questions contact ritabresan@gmail.com

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Christ the King Church - March 26 - 9 am- 10:30 am



Save the Date
Join us for a **Heartland Family Gathering** to celebrate over a decade of **Mary's Meals** in the Heartland

March 25 - Cedar Rapids
St. John XXIII Church
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Or

March 26 - Des Moines
Christ the King Church
9:00AM - 10:30AM

Contact Ellen Miles or Marilyn Lane with any questions
Light refreshments will be served

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