



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.

June 5 PENTECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Bud Wattonville
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Claire Wiedmaier
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Marcus Gross
12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Muriel Arrington

June 6 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

June 7 WEEKDAY

360: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Beverly Krier
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

June 8 WEEKDAY

361:1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2b, 4-5b, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

8:00 am at St Thomas-Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

June 9 WEEKDAY

362: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Courtney Bonner

June 10 WEEKDAY

363: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

8:00 am at St. Thomas-Donald & Evangeline Mangold

June 11 SAINT BARNABAS

580: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 364: Mt 5:33-37
see 580: Mt 10:7-13

3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Thomas
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Jim Jauron & Family

June 12 MOST HOLY TRINITY

166: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Jim Brommel
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Ferman & Luella Wadle
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Carla Warner
12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Gerald O'Meara

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

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PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate the birthday of the church this weekend with the Feast of Pentecost. Here are some of the highlights of the feast. They are: Originally, this feast was one of Israel's three major agricultural festivals and the second great feast of the Jewish year. Second, Shavuot is one of the three pilgrimage feasts when all Jewish males were required to appear before the Lord in Jerusalem. Third, the Feast of Weeks is a harvest festival celebrated in May or June. Fourth, one theory on why Jews customarily eat dairy foods such as cheesecakes and cheese blintzes on Shavuot is that the Law was compared to 'milk and honey' in the Bible. Fifth, the tradition of decorating with greenery on Shavuot represents the harvest and the Torah's reference as the 'tree of life.' Last, because Shavuot falls around the end of the school year, it is also a favorite time for holding Jewish confirmation celebrations.

The name, 'Feast of Weeks' was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16 to count seven full weeks or 49 days beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord as a lasting ordinance. The Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fifty."

Shavuot was a way of expressing gratitude to the Lord for the blessing of the harvest. Because it occurred at the end of Passover, it acquired the name, "Latter Firstfruits." It also has ties to the Ten Commandments and bears the name *Matin Torah* or 'giving of the law.'

In New Testament times, in Acts 1, just before the Ascension of Jesus, he told his followers about the Father's promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which would be given to them in a form of a powerful baptism. He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would empower them to go out to the world and be his witnesses of the Good News of Salvation. The promise came true as the sound of the rushing mighty wind came down from heaven and tongues of fire rested on the believers. The believers of Jesus Christ began to communicate in languages they had not ever spoken. They spoke with Jewish pilgrims of various languages from all across the Mediterranean world.

Continued

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11th:

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kelly Gauger
& Jeanne Bendon

Ushers: Don Bendon & Carol Proctor

Cleaning Vessels: Tim & Kelly Gauger
& Jeanne Bendon

8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 12th:

Lector: Penny Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin & Marcia Konrad
& Nate Thomason

Ushers: Terry & Cathy Krapfl

Cleaning Vessels: Martin & Marcia Konrad
& Nate Thomason

10:15 a.m. Sunday, June 12th:

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Judy Hutton
& Jana Lynch

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey

Cleaning Vessels: Dave & Judy Hutton
& Jana Lynch

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

Linens: Judy Kirby

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus telling his followers, the apostles, predecessors to the Bishops to "receive the Holy Spirit... whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained."

At their own Sacrament of Confirmation, they are given the authority to forgive and retain sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession/Penance. We are recipients of those gifts as well. At our own Baptism and Confirmation, we are given certain gifts to build up the body of Christ. What are they? The answer: What are those gifts that come naturally to us and not so much to others? Could it be the gift of healing, listening, farming, the medical area, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, piety, fear of the Lord, counsel, courage or fortitude, or some other gift? What will I do with that gift? Hide it under a bushel basket, keep it for myself, or share it with others? We are invited to share it.

One final thought: As I celebrate 25 years of priesthood this coming Monday June 6, I am reminded of the generosity, the fidelity, the love, the mercy of God over anything I have ever deserved. It has been a call to me to remain and abide in God's love, the Vine, as His branch. It has been a blessing to serve almost a 1/3 of my priesthood with you!

Happy Birthday Church!

Happy Feast of Pentecost!

Fr. Chris



Congratulations

Father Chris

For 25 Years of Ordination



SMILE

Our incoming Pastor Fr. Adam Westphal has requested a current photo of every family in the parish so he can begin to connect names and faces. Please send your families picture (electronically, or bring a hard copy to the office) and we will see that he gets it. Email Leasa lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Gathering Table

It is time for The Gathering Table **June 6th** from 5:30-6:30. This will be a grab and go meal.

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way, This mission would not be possible if it wasn't for the support from people like you.



**COME
HOLY
SPIRIT**

Woman's Bible study with Deacon Dave

Please join us on Monday mornings at 9 o'clock for faith formation. We're a fun group!



Creation Care Corner



RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems, and social service programs.

Our deepest condolences go out to Steve Kirby and family, for the death of his mother, **Muriel Arrington**. Please remember her, as well as her family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Her.**



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