



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am

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 9:30am

## St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

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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.

- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 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 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

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 23, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C  
December 23, 2018- December 30, 2018

**DECEMBER 23**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

12: Mi 5:1-4a; ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10  
**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carolyn McElwee & Lambert & Dolly Brommel**  
**10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter**  
**NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019**

**DECEMBER 24**

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

13: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

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

**12:00 p.m-1:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Dick Krapfl, Rich Peterson & Zac Easter**  
**8:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Mary Cunningham**  
**10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- William Ross**

**DECEMBER 25**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

16: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-**

**Mary Jo Schreck Mother of Amy Jo Naughton**

**DECEMBER 26**

**SAINT STEPHEN**

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Florence Lee**

**DECEMBER 27**

**SAINT JOHN**

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a,2-8

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ruth Dale**

**DECEMBER 28**

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

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

**DECEMBER 29**

**FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**LORD**

202: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

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

**4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- David Day**

**DECEMBER 30**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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

**8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -**

**Kay Bethards Mother of Leasa Garrett**

**10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ruth Dale**

**NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the Advent Season and moving toward Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is a time to make final preparations for the Lord's coming in our midst. As we prepare for his coming, we might ask: Are we making room for Jesus Christ to come in our midst? Do we celebrate and share the Good News that God has become one of us? Are we willing to be the light of Christ in the midst of the darkness of sin, death, and despair and bring hope to our fallen world? These are questions we all need to ask ourselves (yes, including me). One way we can answer this question is by inviting 1 person to come to church with us this Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Who is that person? Will I invite that person back who has been away from the church for one reason or another? Maybe they were wounded by a priest, maybe they were not married in the church, or just felt alienated, marginalized, or on the margins. Please bring them and welcome them! When we show hospitality, we can entertain angels. (The Book of Hebrews 13:2).

Our Mass times are as follows: December 24, Christmas Eve-4:00 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, 8:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception, 10:00 p.m.-St. Thomas Aquinas. For Christmas Day-9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Looking to the New Years-December 31-4:00 p.m.-Immaculate Conception, 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, and New Years Day-January 1-9:00 a.m. St. Thomas Aquinas.

Our Offices will be closed, Monday December 24, Tuesday December 25, and Wednesday December 26 so that our employees can enjoy some time off with family. We will be open on Thursday December 27th and Friday December 28th.

We will close at noon on Monday December 31 and be closed for New Years Day-January 1st.

On behalf of the staff of St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, I wish you and your family a most blessed and Merry Christmas! Fr. Chris

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 or email [jjwwme08@gmail.com](mailto:jjwwme08@gmail.com)



Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, lets go visit Him on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings while traveling during your Holiday to a local Catholic Church to thank him. He will return many graces to us through his Word and Sacrament to sustain us and nourish us.

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass December 29th

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian & Anne Brennan, Tim & Kelly Gauger, Matt Coenen, Jeanie Bendon & Josie Schettler

**Ushers:** Don Bendon, Grace Armstrong, Vivian Winkler & Carol Proctor

### 10:15 a.m. Mass December 30th

**Lector:** Elizabeth Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Judy Hutton, Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Nathan Thomason, Cindy Whitesitt & Brock Elbert

**Ushers:** Gezels & Williams

**Money Counters:** Happy New Year No Money Counters

**Linens:** Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

**Building Fund:** \$ 1,360.00

**Sunday Tithe:** \$ 2,939.00

**Plate:** \$ 418.00

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 565.00

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Trivia Night for the Hope Foundation--February 2, 2019!  
Location is at St. Thomas in the St. Thomas Hall.



## USHERS & GREETERS

**This Sunday, December 23rd** following 10:15 a.m. Mass Fr. Chris will be having a short training for the upcoming Holiday Masses! Fr. Chris is highly encouraging you all to attend.



Please have any Mass Announcements in to the office NO LATER than NOON on Tuesdays.

If it is received after NOON on Tuesdays it might not make the Mass Announcements .

Thank you , The Staff

The Respect Life Committee at St. Thomas Aquinas would like to extend a huge thank you for your participation in the InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign! The final tally is in and we raised over \$1,725! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by the compassionate medical staff at InnerVisions HealthCare on a daily basis. If you have any additional bottles, please deliver them directly to InnerVisions in West Des Moines. God bless you for your generosity!



## VOTIVE CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER STAND

St. Thomas has been blessed with an additional Votive Candle lighting Prayer Stand. Just a reminder that these candles are purchased with the money that is left in the collection box.

**Please note: 7 day Votive Candles .....\$ 3.00 each Large Candles  
2 hour Votive Candles.....\$ 1.00 each Small Candles**

Please make sure you are placing your money in the collection box every time you light a candle. **Thank You- The Staff**

**GATHERING TABLE**

THANK YOU SOOOOOOOO MUCH!!!

To all who came and helped at our last meal of 2018 and those who have supported, served, fed, all our guests who come out for hot meals and friendship throughout the year!!

Also a HUGE thank you to those who provided Christmas gifts for the families, they are always so grateful!!! :)

May you all have a blessed, faith filled Christmas and peace and love for a wonderful 2019!!

I thank my partner in crime, Dorothy, who always goes along with my crazy ideas!!! It's been a blessing to build friendships in the community with her-I am truly blessed! Also, Kathy Slinker and Jan Gunnerson who ALWAYS faithfully show up and go along with the CRAZY!! Love you ALL

Peace  
Angie



**Fourth  
Sunday  
Of  
Advent**

**FREEZER MINISTRY**

We are beginning a new ministry at St Thomas Aquinas and would love to have YOUR SUPPORT!!! ALL it takes is some ingredients, love, and friendship!!! We will be preparing freezer meals once a month in the Pastoral kitchen. These meals will be stored in the freezer and whoever needs one can go grab it and go, signing up on the posted sign. This can be your family, a family in need, anyone who needs a hot meal!! If you have a favorite family dish/casserole that freezes well, please let me know- all are welcome to participate!!

We will have a SIGN UP to donate ingredients at the back of the church or you can message me at 515-710-6140!

it is in giving we receive"

Blessings,  
Angie Elliott

Meals are frozen and ready for use in the kitchen freezer-no questions asked, but to use as needed :)

**FREEZER  
MEALS**

**Indianola Knights of Columbus**

Upcoming Events

Sunday January 6 Country Style Breakfast  
Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00



Thursday January 10 Monthly Meeting

2019 Religious Calendars are available compliments of the Indianola Knights of Columbus. May you have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!**

RE Corner

"Those who walked in darkness have seen a great Light." *Isaiah 9:2*  
Waiting is never easy, but that's what the season of Advent is all about. And what we are preparing for (Christ to dwell in our hearts) is so worth it. He comes anew each year so that we may be re-created in his Light and Love. Please reinforce this lesson at home.

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will have break between Dec. 21 and January 5.

We'd like to thank all the parents who diligently get their children to religious education every week. We would also like to thank our teachers who work tirelessly to help your children grow in faith. As an expression of our gratitude to our catechists, we are having an "RE Teaching - Work of Heart" get-together on Wednesday, January 2 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the multi-purpose room at church. There is no class that evening. But we hope to encourage and support our teachers with good food, good friends and good conversation.

May your Christmas be meaningful and filled with joy and love and peace.

Blessings,  
JoAnn



**2018-2019-STAT**

- December 26th: **NO STAT- CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- January 2nd: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dodgeball at Wilder Elementary— Are you game?
- January 9th: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come & Chill with Jesus....see what Our Lord has in store for you.
- January 16th: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Open Discussion at Host Home



Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianola. This will also have the updated cancelations for Masses and RE!!!

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.  
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller & Bryan Bradley



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@q.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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 <p><b>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living</b> 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p>	<p>Contact the office And have Your ad Placed here!!!!</p>	 <p>Grocery: 961-5643 Market: 961-5872</p>	 <p>501 N. Jefferson- Indianola 961-2315 2nd location in the Indianola Wal Mart</p>
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