



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00am & 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 9:30am

## 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](mailto:bintners@msn.com)/ [Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com](mailto:LeasaGarrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com)

MARCH 17, 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C  
March 17, 2019- March 24, 2019

MARCH 17

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27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marty Gehringer  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Jessie Reynolds  
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ryan Kalitzki  
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

MARCH 18

230: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

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

6:00 p.m. Rosary/Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Confessions at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Reposition at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Marjean Bussanmas

MARCH 19

## SAINT JOSEPH

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

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

MARCH 20

232: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- In Thanksgiving for Ann Bishop

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas

MARCH 21

233: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Bob Van Aernam

MARCH 22

234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

MARCH 23

## SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

MARCH 24

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

30: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marty Gehringer

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

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ryan Kalitzki

5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

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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## FROM THE PAST

Dear Parishioners-

We celebrate today the Feast of St. Patrick's Day. Often, we hear of shamrock shakes, green beer, corn beef and cabbage, and maybe some Gaelic by our Irish-American brothers and sisters. Yet, we know this Feast is much more than all those celebrations. It is about a great man of faith, Patrick, son of a Roman Military Officer stationed in Britain, (born about the year 389 A.D.) who was captured by Irish Pirates and led into a land to work as a shepherd, suffering much from cold, hunger, and a loss of freedom. He turned to God in prayer hoping to be released and sent back to Britain. He made his way back by caring for a pack of stolen dogs the crew had planned to sell. Then, he became a priest. When the Bishop of Ireland died, he asked to go back to Ireland. A dream had beckoned him, "We beg you, come and walk with us again."

While not well educated, the Pope saw a Missionary spirit in Patrick. At the age of 42, he was ordained a bishop to care for the northern and western areas of Ireland, as the Gospel had never been preached before. The people had worshipped pagan gods. The Druids, who were magicians and wizards, had a monopoly on religion, we might say, as no other religions were allowed. St. Patrick was not dissuaded. He started with the most powerful clan: Tara. The chief respected St. Patrick and was converted. The Druids wanted Patrick killed, but Patrick continued to preach, ready to die for the Catholic Christian faith. He used a shamrock to teach about the Trinity-three petals, one stem. One of the great Druid feasts was the Spring festival. All people were ordered to put out their fires. It was the same night as the Easter Vigil. Patrick saw Jesus as the light of the world and defied the order. They attempted to kill him again. Nothing the Druids did could extinguish the fire, so Patrick was kept from danger's way. He stood by the Easter fire proclaiming in song, "Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered."

His example brought many to the Catholic Christian faith. St. Patrick ended up establishing monasteries, convents, parishes, adapted Irish celebrations to Christian feasts, and labored to destroy paganism. St. Patrick was a man of prayer. Whenever British priests criticized his style of ministering to others or when enemies attempted to damage his reputation, he remained calm, trusting in God's care. One of his written works, Confessio, an autobiography of the facts of his life, was a response to the critics of his time. He died on March 17, 461. March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is presented as a gentle, but strong protector of Mary, the Mother of God, one who was scrupulous in keeping the Jewish Law. He is of the House of David. He was betrothed to Mary. He discovers she is with child. He decides to divorce her quietly to protect her from possible death. An angel of God comes along telling Joseph not to fear but to take Mary as his wife. In obedience and not quite understanding all the details, he does. Mary would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. They went to Bethlehem for the census issued by Caesar Augustus, where Jesus was born. They, then fled to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath, returned two years later, to continue working as carpenter, a skill he taught Jesus. It was thought that Joseph died before Jesus began his public ministry. Scriptures hail Joseph as a law abiding, just, and holy man of God. He was included in Eucharistic prayer I in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. St. Joseph also has another feast day, May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the worker. He is considered the Patron of the Church, a happy death, fathers, carpenters, artisans, manual workers, house hunting, priests, religious, travelers, Austria, Mexico, Canada, Bohemia, Chinese missions, Belgium, Peru, South Vietnam. (Information taken from Loyola Press).

Last, I received a report that individuals had broken into parked cars at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carlisle while Mass was going on and stole purses, etc. I would advise all of us to carry our purses into church with us and leave valuables at home or in safe places.

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris

### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$ 68,389.00  
Raised to Date: \$ 5,596.00

**Amount Still to be Raised: \$ 62,793.00**  
Updated as of 3-8-2019

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass March 23rd

**Lector:** Adam Naughton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Kris Gross, Lanny Ward, John Schandley, Tim & Kelly Gauger & Jeannie Bendon

**Ushers:** Don Bendon, Carol Proctor, Dave Slick & Derry Butler

### 8:00 a.m. Mass March 24th:

**Lector:** Kathy Slinker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Terry Schenfeld & Johna CLancy

**Ushers:** Jack Slinker & Kathryn Pierson

### 10:15 a.m. Mass March 24th:

**Lector:** Joe Brommel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steph Bintner, Elizabeth Williams, Ed Hallin, Zach Hallin, Kathy Timmerman,

Larry & Darla Vanerpool

**Ushers:** Williams & Ormsbys

**Money Counters:** Vane & Marilyn Orey

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

March 10th

**Building Fund: \$ 1,500.00**

**Sunday Tithe: \$ 2,139.00**

**Plate: \$ 512.05**

**Capital Campaign: \$ 2,084.66**

**Eucharist Minister Please take note:  
that at least 2 Eucharist Minister MUST stay and help clean  
the Sacred Vessels after EVERY MASS.**

### GATHERING TABLE

Hope you have all survived the cold snowy winter and are having a very Blessed Lent.

It is time for the Gathering Table Monday March 18, 5:30-6:30. Attached is the google doc. for you to sign up on. If you can not access it, please let us know and we can sign you up.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQitlIDKoRmS\\_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQitlIDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0)

We are also in need of nonperishable's. You can leave them in the kitchen.

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way. What a great way to serve others during this Lenten season.

Thank you and God Bless,  
The Gathering Table Committee



### We PACKED the Pantry with Protein

Thanks to your generous support 823 cans and jars of protein were donated to Helping Hand and \$140 was donated to buy pork from the Food Pantry of Iowa. That far surpassed our last protein collection. Once again the compassion of the St. Thomas family is helping feed the hungry.

The Social Concerns Committee



There are several of our parishioners that have gone to ACH to save money, we have removed you from the Tithe Envelope mailings. Don't worry there will be envelopes in the back of the church for your Easter & Christmas Flower collections.

If you don't use your tithing envelopes please consider contacting the office and having your name removed from the mailings as well.

The mailings cost the parish \$ 450 every other month or \$2,700 a year.

Thank you, STAFF





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