



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

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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](mailto:LeasaGarrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com)

MARCH 31, 2019

FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
March 31, 2019- April 7, 2019

MARCH 31

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marjean Bussanmas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Evelyn Wadle
4:30 p.m. Confessions at Simpson Smith Chapel
5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

APRIL 1

244: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

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

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition at Immaculate Conception
6:30 p.m. Confessions/ Rosary at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Reposition at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carolyn McElwee

APRIL 2

SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

APRIL 3

246: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

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

APRIL 4

SAINT ISIDORE

247: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee

APRIL 5

SAINT VINCENT FERRER

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ruth Dale
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

APRIL 6

249: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Donald Mangold & Clyde Slick

APRIL 7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

36: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marjean Bussanmas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Matthew Boozell
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton
4:30 p.m. Confessions at Simpson Smith Chapel
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 PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, March 31, is Laetare Sunday. It is taken from Isaiah 66-Rejoice, O Jerusalem... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" Lent is more than half way over. Its counterpart for Advent is Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) also meaning, 'Rejoice.' This Sunday is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten Season. Flowers may adorn the altar and the organ may be played more fully. Priests will wear Roman Rose Chasubles and deacons will wear Roman Rose Dalmatics. This color is used as a sign of joy. We believe this may stem from the ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent Families can celebrate this day with roses on their tables, to plant a rose bush, or visiting one's 'mother church' where they baptized. (Fr. Ernest, Knights of Columbus). I would invite you all to consider doing something joyful within legal, moral, and ethical means, of course.

We are in the process of putting together a RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) team for the parish. We will be needing some expertise in emergency planning for weather and other things that may come up unexpectedly, Advertisement, Grounds, Cooking and Clean-up, etc.). I will be contacting individuals face to face to help be a part of this committee. We are expecting over 1000 individuals on our grounds on Tuesday July 23-Wednesday morning July 24th. We will need help planning for many details of this event.

Last, but certainly not least, we have been blessed having Fr. Ron Hodges, a native son of Indianola and a convert to the Catholic Christian faith. He has been ordained 14 years. Fr. Ron has served with the Benedictine Order and is with the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa. He is on medical leave until July. Please give him a warm welcome!

Have a Blessed and Happy Laetare Sunday! Rejoice! Fr. Chris

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**



Mark your Calendars
Rosary by the Lake
May 29, 2019
More Information to come!!!

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"St. Pius X Catholic School in Urbandale, Iowa is seeking full time Physical Education teacher. This position serves all students in grades K-8 in general Physical Education classes."

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass April 6th

Lector: David DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers: John Schandley, Joyce DeGroot, Tim & Kelly Gauger, Mary Kling, Bill & Kris Gross

Ushers: Terr Cooper, Carol Proctor, Vivian Winkler & Dave Slick

8:00 a.m. Mass April 7th

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Schenfeld, Brian & Anne Brennan

Ushers: Slinkers & Kathryn Pierson

10:15 a.m. Mass April 7th

Lector: Justin Nostrala

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Grover, Conner Lynch, Larry & Darla Venderpool, Penny Miller, Joe Gezel & Kathy Timmerman

Ushers: Ormsbys & Huttons

Money Counters: David & Joyce DeGroot

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

March 24th

Building Fund: \$ 710.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 2,977.00

Plate: \$ 487.25

Capital Campaign: \$ 1,490.00

Eucharist Minister Please take note:

that at least 2 Eucharist Minister MUST stay and help clean the Sacred Vessels after EVERY MASS.

Married Couples: Would you like to re-live the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a World-wide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming dates: Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information call 563-608-3305 or visit our website at iowa-wwme.org

Encounter: First Fridays Friday, April 5th, 2019 | 7pm | St. Pius X Catholic Church

Encounter is a night of Adoration, music, and witness created to build a culture of prayer in the Des Moines area. Adoration is paired with live music, a speaker, and time for private reflection to give people multiple ways to grow in their relationship with God. Encounter is on the first Friday of every month starting at 7pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Urbandale. Families of all ages are welcome. For more information please email firstencounterdsm@gmail.com.



This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Service Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Mary's Meal Run

"Join us for the 2019 Mary's Meals Run 5K / 10K on Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m. This year's race starts and ends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School! As always, your registration – whether 5K or 10K, walking or running – feeds one hungry child in Malawi for the entire school year through Mary's Meals. Fun and upbeat music at the start and Hurt's Donuts at the finish line. Register today and follow us on Facebook! www.MarysMealsRun.com"



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 www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com or contact Marin Konrad at 961-0329.

Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by May 3, 2019.


Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$68,389.00
Raised to Date: \$15,356.00
Amount Still to be Raised: \$53,033.00
Updated as of 3/22/2019

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

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
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- Vocations

23%
\$15,356.00



Goal
\$68,389.00

Musicians:

Rehearsal for Easter Vigil and Holy Week will be held on Sundays after 10:15 am Mass until Holy Week.



St. Thomas Men's Choir

Men's Choir will practice Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm in the Church. They will sing Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 a.m. Mass.

If you are interested in joining the Men's Choir please contact Music Director Tom Shipman. Information is on the front of the bulletin.

Upcoming dates

Practice: Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm in the Church
Singing: Saturday, May 11th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Children's Choir

Children's choir will meet each Wednesday from 6:40 to 7:00pm in the St. Thomas room all the Wednesday's of RE. Any child from 3rd through 8th grade are welcome. Those that were already part of the choir under the former director are cordially welcomed back.

Our new children's choir director will be **Cindy Whitesitt**. We are so excited to begin again. "Let us praise the Lord with song!"

If you have a child that is not in our Religious ED program but would like them in the Children's Choir. Please feel free to send them.



Upcoming Indianola KC Events

Lenten Fish Fries Every Friday during Lent
Serving from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Adults \$10 Children (ages 6 to 12) \$5
Children 5 and under are free.

Sunday March 24 Coffee & Rolls after both Masses
KC's will serve after the 8:00 AM Mass
STARS will serve after the 10:15 Mass

Next KC Breakfast will be on Palm Sunday, April 14
Serving hours are 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
All proceeds will be donated to the InnerVisions Health Clinic.
Watch for more details.



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- ☆☆ STARS
- ☆☆ April 25th Girls Night Out Smash Park Time TBA
- ☆☆ June 4th 7:00 p.m. Bunco @ Steph's House (bring a snack)
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education Corner

Lent is such a special time to help us get closer to God. We hope the parents of children in our religious education program will participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church on Wednesdays, anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm. The amount of time you spend in Adoration is up to you.

This is simply a time to quiet our hearts and listen to what Jesus has to say to us.

Brief 10-minute presentations to explain a little about Adoration will be offered each Wednesday at 5:40 and again at 7:10, if you'd like to learn a little more about Adoration. Each week will offer a slightly different perspective. Please come! This is open to everyone in the parish.

No Good Shepherd or Religious Education classes on March 17, 20, 21 during Spring Break.

We will still have Adoration in the church on March 20 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. You'll be glad you did.

First Communion: April 28
Last day of Religious Education: May 1
Confirmation: May 3

God Bless,
Joann Sayre, Director of Religious Ed



2018-2019-STAT

April	3rd:	7:00-8:30 p.m.	OD at Hosts Home TBD
April	10th:	6:30-8:30 p.m.	STAT Pizza & Life Teen at PC
April	17th:	6:30-8:00 p.m.	COC/Genesis- Easter Egg Hunt at PC
April	21st:	EASTER SUNDAY	
April	28th:	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Progressive Rosary & Speaker Justin White
May	1st:	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Practice at Church
May	3rd:	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation at the Church



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,



Please contact Jackle 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.



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