



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

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

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July 21, 2019

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
July 21, 2019- July 28, 2019

JULY 21

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

108: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carol Kubik
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John Swatta
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

JULY 22

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

603: Sg 3:1-4a; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

JULY 23

SAINT BRIDGET

396: Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Aaron Calvert
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas for Ragbrai Riders
Blessing of Bikes Following Mass
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

JULY 24

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF

397: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas for Ragbrai Riders
Blessing of Bikes following Mass
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Florence Lee

JULY 25

SAINT JAMES

605: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

JULY 26

SAINT JOACHIM AND ANNE

399: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

JULY 27

400: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Donald & Evangeline Mangold

JULY 28

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

111: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:11-14; Lk 11:1-13
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Oliver & Irene Croat
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Gary & Vivian Elbert
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Puetz
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

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 3:45 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

Office Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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Seminarian Report – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish &
Immaculate Conception
Reed Flood

Navigating the beautiful and perilous streets of Rome while walking to school is a wonderful thing. Enormous travertine edifices tower over winding cobblestone streets. Street musicians masterfully strum cliché pop songs while shifty mopeds dodge pedestrians with blaring horns. The faint smell of pastries and car exhaust lingers in the air. Augustine's poetic words describing our Church may very well describe the Eternal City: "O beauty ever ancient, ever new."

While it's certainly a privilege to grow spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally within the heart of Rome; the last two years away from Iowa renewed a deep appreciation for our very own prairie state and her rugged, vibrant beauty. Rome is profoundly beautiful; and yet, there's something even more majestic, mystical, and dare I say 'divine' about Iowa's natural landscape. The vibrant prairies and fertile farmlands reflect an ingrained richness that contends with the wealth and prestige of Rome's cityscape. Gazing upon the vast fields and listening to the gentle chirping of birds and the light stirring of prairie grass awakens a deep sense of reverence for such a carefully crafted Creation.

These week's readings show God's preference to meet man, not in the booming cities of Egypt, but in the quiet recesses of nature. God reveals his divine message to Abraham among the forest terebinth in the neighborhood Mamre. The oak leaves literally acted as a veil to shroud God's mystery when the three angels visited Abraham outside the village. We also know Jesus, who was himself from a rural town in Nazareth, preferred dwelling in smaller villages to the bustling cities of Jerusalem or Caesarea Philippi. The Gospel of Luke shows the Son of God visiting the quaint village known as Bethany where Martha dwelt. There, Jesus reminds Martha to avoid the attitude of "busyness" which consumes her attention and ultimately distracts her from experiencing the divine, restful presence of the Son of God incarnate! This is a much-needed lesson for a world often consumed by mindless activity and constant rushing – often with phone in-hand and coffee in the other.

Fortunately, we parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas **and Immaculate Conception** are well-disposed to meeting God here and now. We are surrounded by the immense, natural beauty of rural Iowa which is, in a sense, God's 'home-turf'. Upcoming events like the County Fair, Ragbrai, and the National Balloon Classic already acknowledge the beauty of the great outdoors. These events pay homage to God's tremendous gift of rural nature, where Christ himself chose to dwell in history. Personally, I cannot wait to partake in these wholesome festivities which celebrate the gift of God's Creation.

Rome is beautiful, but we Iowans don't know how good we have it. Big cities like Rome, Paris, Prague, and Munich are certainly pretty places to visit; but I firmly believe rural Iowa is the most beautiful place to live. We are resilient to many bustling distractions often found in larger cities, we are exposed to God's beautiful Creation daily, and we – like the Son of God – are privileged to call a rural community our home. My convictions surrounding our great state are strong, but I believe the words from the film "Field of Dreams" more eloquently describes God's handiwork in creating this divine land: "Is this Heaven? No, it's Iowa."

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass July 27th

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannie Bendon, Steve Garrett, Lanny Ward, John Shandley, Paige Bily & Deacon Dave

Ushers: Mary Kling, Don Bendon, Vivian Winkler & Terri Cooper

8:00 a.m. Mass July 28th

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Brian & Anne Brennan & Nathan Thomason

Ushers: Kathryn Pierson & Carol Proctor

10:15 a.m. Mass July 28th

Lector: Justin Nostrala

Eucharistic Ministers: Brock Elbert, Anastasia O'Meara, Dianne Funk, Joe Brommel, Larry & Darla Vanderpool & Kathy Timmerman

Ushers: Ed & Connie Tormey & John & Ann Williams

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

Money Counters: Bill & Kella Wadle

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

July 14th

Building Fund:	\$ 685.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 3,664.00
Plate:	\$ 465.21
Capital Campaign:	\$ 1,119.73

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord

And let perpetual lights shine upon him.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Bill Babcock family.

Bill will be greatly missed by our parish communities.



Make St. Thomas Aquinas
your first **RAGBRAI** stop.

Tuesday July 23rd, Indianola, IA
➤ Hot meal ➤ Cold drinks ➤ Mass

Just a few reminders this coming week when Ragbrai will be coming into Indianola Tuesday, July 23rd and leaving Wednesday, July 24th.

Mass Times for July 23rd and July 24th

Tuesday, July 23rd—Mass at 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners

Mass for Ragbrai Riders at 6:00 p.m./ Blessing of Bikes

Wednesday, July 24th—

Mass at 8:00 a.m. for Ragbrai Riders/ Blessing of Bikes

Mass at 6:00 p.m. for Parishioners

Ragbrai Volunteers

- 1. Wear Dark Shirt**
- 2. Check in location is the Multi Purpose Room (Church Entrance)**
- 3. Volunteers please park on the Eastside by the Church**

Save the Date
 Sunday, August 4, 2019
 75th Annual
 St. Marys Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
 Serving 12:30 pm-5:30 pm



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education 2019-20

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner

Thank you to all who have registered for Good Shepherd and Religious Education. Our 1st grade class at 5:30 on Wednesday is full. But we still have plenty of room for first graders at 7 pm Wednesdays and on Sunday morning from 9-10 am.

We need a few more Religious Education teachers and assistants both at 5:30 and at 7 pm. Please prayerfully consider helping out in our program. We prepare all your class materials ahead of time and have engaging activities for the children.

Wednesday, August 28:

6:00 pm -- Parent Meeting for those with a second grade child celebrating **First Communion** this year.

6:30 pm -- **Good Shepherd Parent** meeting for those with children (ages 3-9) in the Good Shepherd program

7:00 pm -- Parent meeting for **Confirmation** (sophomores).

God Bless,
 Joann



PARISH SOCIAL HOUR

Coffee and Rolls will be Offered from 9:00 am to 10:00 a.m. every Sunday in July. Take Time before or after Mass to meet with your friends in the Multi-Purpose Room.



The Indianola Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that we have awarded five \$500 scholarships to the following individuals enrolled in an institution of higher education for 2019-20.

Alexis O'Meara, Mark O'Meara, Gabe Pottebaum
 Anastasia O'Meara & Connor Lynch

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you throughout the year.



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!!!

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.

They will sing Saturday, August 11th 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 1 hour prior to Mass.

Singing: Saturday, September 14th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sponsor Couple Trainings

Our next Sponsor Couple trainings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th from 6-9 PM, and Saturday September 7th from 1-4 PM. Both trainings will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center, [601 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309](http://601GrandAve.DesMoines.IA.50309). All materials and snacks are provided.

Couples can register for either training by calling Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or by email at astorey@dmdiocese.org.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$68,389
 Raised to Date: \$43,910.00
 Amount Still to be Raised: \$ 24,479.00
 Updated as of 7/5/2019

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

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



Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
 Loretta Petersen & Aaron Babinski.



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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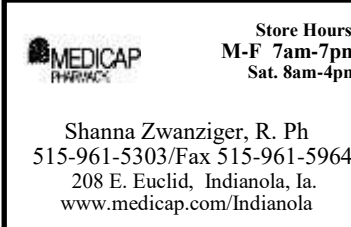
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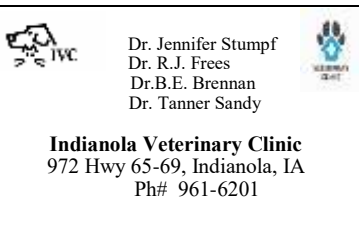


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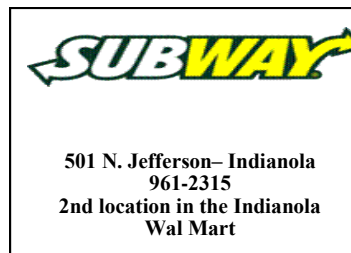
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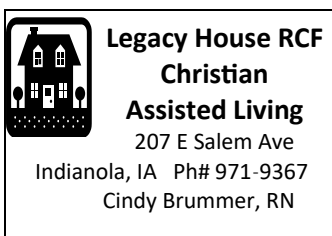


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