



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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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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August 4, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C

August 4, 2019- August 11, 2019

AUGUST 4

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114: Eccl: 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Frank Robison Jr

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Beverly Krier

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John Shean

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

AUGUST 5

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

407: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

AUGUST 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

9:30 a.m. Mass at Good Samaritan

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

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

AUGUST 7

SAINT SIXTUS II

409: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7b, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas -Clyde Slick

AUGUST 8

SAINT DOMINIC

410: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Mt 16:13-23

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Larry Turner

AUGUST 9

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

411: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-19,21; Mt 16:24-28

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

AUGUST 10

SAINT LAWRENCE

618: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Babcock

AUGUST 11

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

117: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carol Dembinski

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

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Immaculate Conception is celebrating a monumental year for the Annual Chicken Dinner. This is the 75th Anniversary. Some of our parishioners I talked with this week shared memories of peeling and mashing potatoes near the steps of the old school house gymnasium, Dolly Brommel making gravy in another area and transporting it by a little red wagon, entertainment consisting of: Gene Lippold singing, Ray Carpenter on the banjo, Phil McCrae on the fiddle, Children tap dancing on the platform of the west steps, people bringing numerous homemade pies, chickens, etc. It was only in the later years where Staley's Chicken from Charter Oak, Iowa came into play for broasting the chicken. There are many good memories that have carried this annual tradition. Lets make this a great year with both parishes supporting this by volunteering, by our attendance, and promoting it in our communities. There has been fairly consistent attendance of 1000 dinners over the last several years.

As many of you know, Ellen Miller has resigned from STAT Youth Ministry after 19 years. We are grateful for her dedication to the students with her prayer life, her lived example, and many ways she has served the community and beyond to globally. Next weekend, August 10/11, we will have receptions following all Masses thanking her for her service to Indianola and St. Marys.

I invite you to come to thank her for 19 years of service to our communities!

Last, we will begin sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Process in early September following Labor Day. Any of you who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Christian faith and considering becoming a Catholic or know of someone who is interested in the Catholic Christian faith, please invite them to attend or call the office for more information.

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris



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.

God bless! Fr. Chris

Local Help For Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is an international ministry with a local council in Des Moines that is supported by the Des Moines Diocese. Parishes in the diocese form conferences of volunteers that work to help the society achieve its goal of serving those in material or spiritual need.

St. Patrick's-Irish Settlement Parish in rural Cumming has formed a conference to help those in our local communities. Volunteers from St. Patrick's are available to assist people in accessing services available thru SVDP and to help those in emergent need of basic necessities. **If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the SVDP/St. Patrick's volunteers at # 515-204-8047. All contacts are kept confidential.**

Through two locations in Des Moines, SVDP offers food, clothing & household items; emergency assistance with rent/utilities; job prep, tutoring, language & computer training and much more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. More information can be obtained at www.svdpsm.org.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass August 10th

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Jo Naughton, Paige Bily, Jeanne Bendon, Marv & Sandy Sauser & John Shandley

Ushers: Dave Slick, Don Bendon, Terri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

8:00 a.m. Mass August 11th

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Matin & Marcia Konrad & Carol Proctor

Ushers: Kathryn Pierson & Jack Slinker

10:15 a.m. Mass August 11th

Lector: Justin Nostrala

Eucharistic Ministers: Jana, Conner & Alex Lynch, Dave & Judy Hutton, Steph Bintner & Joe Brommel

Ushers: Bob & Julie Ormsby & 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: Terry & Bev Elbert

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

July 28th

Building Fund: \$ 845.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 1,410.00

Plate: \$ 576.00

Capital Campaign: \$ 1,313.00

Preschool Associate Position at St. Pius X

St. Pius X is accepting applications for a part time preschool associate position. The preschool associate works under the direction of the classroom teacher in the four year old preschool room. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:45-Noon on school days. Send letter of interest and resume to mkever@stpiusxschool.org or go to <https://www.stpiusxschool.org/job-opportunities> to apply.

Widowed, Divorced, or Separated?

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many people who have suffered this loss feel uncertain about their futures. Beginning Experience® is a program intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program is presented by a team of people who are willing to share their own experiences to help others.

The weekend program is held at St. Thomas More Center on September 20-22, 2019. To learn more about Beginning Experience, please come to one of our Open Houses on August 16, August 30, and September 6 from 7:00-8:30 at St. Augustin's Catholic Church at 42nd and Grand or contact Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938, Daryl Stahl at 515-480-6617, or Dana Reed at 515-975-3745.

**Save the Date
Sunday, August 4, 2019
75th Annual**

**St. Marys Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
Serving 12:30 pm-5:30 pm**



Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor Show will take place August 4, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church during our 75th Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. If you have a Quilt of Valor, or know someone who does, we would be honored to have it be part of this Show. Please bring it on August 4.

Life Line Screening at St. Thomas Aquinas Sept 10, 2019

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church on 9/10/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

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

Children's Choir

Children's choir will meet each Wednesday starting **September 11th** 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 are cordially welcomed back.

We are excited to announce that Cindy Whitesitt will be our Children's Choir Director again this year. 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.

**New this coming year:
They will also practice 1 hour prior to the Mass that they will sing in.**

1st Mass the Children's Choir will sing Saturday, September 28th at 4:30 Mass.

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

I am writing with an update to the upcoming sponsor couple trainings in Des Moines. Due to a scheduling conflict, Saturday's training has been moved to Sunday, September 8th at the same time. Now they will be held from 6-9 PM on Wednesday, September 4th and from 1-4 pm on Sunday, September 8th. Couples can attend either training to be trained as a sponsor couple. This training is for all couples that would like to assist with marriage preparation at your parish, by facilitating the FOCCUS inventory. Updated information about the trainings is below, if you have any questions or need any assistance in promoting these trainings please let me know! Thanks so much for your support, and for all you do for marriages and families!

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



Please Continue to pray for our STAT Mission Group for there safe travels as they will be returning from El Paso, Texas on Monday, August 5th.



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 & 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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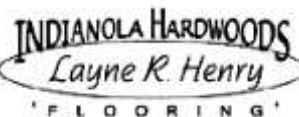
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