



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.—4:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00 a.m.— 1 :00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

Parish Office: 961-3026/ Fax: 961-3458

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August 11, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C

August 11, 2019- August 18, 2019

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

11:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception- Lippold Family

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

AUGUST 12

SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

413: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

AUGUST 13

SAINT PONTIAN

414: Dt 31:1-8; Ps 32:3-4b, 7-9, 12

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Creighton

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

AUGUST 14

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

415: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17; Mt 18:15-20

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

7:00 p.m. Feast of Assumption Vigil Mass-Bill Babcock

AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg

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

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Pat Nehring

AUGUST 16

SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

417: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22,24; Mt 19:3-12

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

AUGUST 17

418: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15

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

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Maggie Seymour

AUGUST 18

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

120: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4,18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marjean Bussanmas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Bill Babcock

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald & Delphine Schneider

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I want to thank all of our parishioners for their participation either through work efforts and or attending the 75th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's chicken dinner. Your efforts and participation were most appreciated! Overall, with prayer, food, soft drinks, socialization, games, prizes, a great time was had by all. Just a note: Next year, the parish of Immaculate Conception will be celebrating 150 years since its establishment in 1870. We will be looking at ways to celebrate this wonderful event in the life of the parish. Next week, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. I thought I would give a brief history of this Feast. "According to St. John of Damascus, at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D., Roman Emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God. St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, replied, "that Mary died in the presence of the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven," the saint recorded. By the 8th century, the Feast was changed from the Memorial of Mary to the Assumption of Mary. The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writing of the saints throughout the centuries. Then, in 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. " (Catholic News Agency, Adelaide Mena, August 15, 2018) "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," the pope wrote. (CatholicNewsAgency by Adelaide Mena, August 15, 2018). The Feast of the Assumption Mass times are as follows: Wednesday August 14, 7:00 p.m. -St. Thomas Aquinas, Thursday August 15, 7:00 a.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, Thursday August 15, 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. I would strongly encourage all of you to make time to attend Mass. It is not a suggestion or an option, but a mandate from our Lord to honor Him and His Mother. An abundance of graces and blessings will come your way!

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Has expressed and interest in the Catholic Faith?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist?

Consider inviting them to RCIA.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is for any adult discerning if they are called to become a member of the Catholic Church. Classes are forming now.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Marguerite O'Meara at mkeating677@gmail.com for further information.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass August 17th

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Genie Hansen, Josie Schettler, William Seufferer, Marv & Sandy Sauser, Steven Garrett & Deacon Dave

Ushers: Derry Butler, Grace Armstrong, & Terri Cooper

8:00 a.m. Mass August 18th

Lector: Mark Kollasch

Eucharistic Ministers: Todd & Johna Clancy & Joseph DeWall

Ushers: Jack & Kathy Slinker & Carol Proctor

10:15 a.m. Mass August 18th

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Ed Hallin, Zack Hallin, Kathy Timmerman, Larry & Darla Vanderpool & Brock Elbert

Ushers: Dave & Judy Hutton & Joe & Dorothy Gezel

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

Money Counters: Jack & Kathy Slinker & Carol White

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

August 4th	
Building Fund:	\$ 1,722.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 4,212.00
Plate:	\$ 608.30
Capital Campaign:	\$ 1,889.78

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.

Backpacks 4 Hunger

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...

The Social Concerns Committee is asking your help to supply food and drinks for the Backpacks 4 Hunger program, which provides food to Indianola elementary and middle school children over the weekend when they might otherwise go hungry. Please considering donating the following items and place in our collection bin in the Gathering Space: microwave mac and cheese, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, juice boxes, microwave popcorn, instant oatmeal cups. Thank you for your generosity!

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**

Parish Social Hour

Coffee and rolls will be served after the 8:00 AM mass this Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Take time before or after mass to meet with your friends in the Multi-Purpose room.

Peer Support Group for Dementia

"Anyone interested in participating in a peer support group of people caring for partners or family members with dementia, please notify the church office. More details will come after people voice their interest. Thank you for your consideration."
Thanks
Mia Gehringer

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



STAT Registration

Registration forms for the STAT calendar year 2019-2020 are available on the Church website or in the back of Church. Or, you can email the office jsayredre@gmail.com and you will receive an electronic registration form.

Thank you to all those who have registered so far.

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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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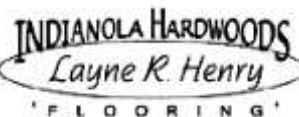
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