



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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August 25, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
August 25, 2019- September 1, 2019

AUGUST 25

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

123: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Theresa Gehringer Smith
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Bob Van Aernam
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald & Delphine Schneider
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

AUGUST 26

425: 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Mt 23:13-22
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

AUGUST 27

SAINT MONICA

426: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3,4-6; Mt 23:23-26
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Larry Turner
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

AUGUST 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE

427: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas -Courtney Bonner

AUGUST 29

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

428: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14,17; 634:Mk 6:17-19
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Florence Lee

AUGUST 30

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1,2b,5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

AUGUST 31

430: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1,7-9; Mt 25:14-30
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald & Delphine Schneider

SEPTEMBER 1

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

126: Sir 3:17-18,20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carol Dembinski
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bill Babcock
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.-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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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners-

I want to thank all of our sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers of Communion. You do a tremendous service to our parishioners behind the scenes before Mass and to the homebound. It is most appreciated! I would like to ask you to please consider removing the key to the tabernacle after Sunday Mass or after taking the hosts from the ciborium in the tabernacle and putting it back in the sacristy. It is my vocation to make sure that Jesus is protected from the potentiality of any type of abuse or unholy use by those who may be less than scrupulous with regards to the Holy Eucharist who may be outside of our parish or who do not fully grasp the meaning of the Real Presence in the Eucharist-that it becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity after the Institution Narrative of the Eucharistic Prayer ("Take this all of you, eat of it, take this all of you, drink from it). It is no longer bread and wine at this point. Reverence for the Eucharist is in order for all of us who are Catholic Christian. So, thanks for your help and cooperation in this matter. It is most appreciated!

Thanks again to all of our parishioners who worked both RAGBRAI and the Chicken Dinner! Your hours of planning, time, efforts, etc. are most appreciated! We made over \$12,000 for the Chicken Dinner, and just over \$1000 for the RAGBRAI lunch and dinner!

We (St. Thomas Aquinas) are planning a Parish Dinner serving Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, and a Roll on Sunday September 29, from 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This is part of the Log Cabin Days here in Indianola, Iowa. I would encourage you to bring your friends along for some food, fellowship and fun that day!

Congratulations to all of our students and teachers who are beginning a new school year! May God's peace and wisdom rest upon all of you!

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris Fontanini

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$68,389
 Raised to Date: \$45,075.00
Amount Still to be Raised: \$ 23,314.00
 Updated as of 8/5/2019

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

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming Dates: November 1-3 @ Coralville. For information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

- Has expressed an 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 31st

Lector: Adam Naughton

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Gauger, Kelly Gauger, Amy Jo Naughton, Genie Hansen, Josie Schettler

Ushers: Dave Slick, Grace Armstrong, Terri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

8:00 a.m. Mass September 1

Lector: Kathy Slinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Martin & Marcia Konrad & Carol VanAernam

Ushers: Jack Slinker, Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

10:15 a.m. Mass September 1

Lector: Joe Brommel

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Grover, Penny Miller, Alex Lynch, Conner Lynch, Jana Lynch, Brock Elbert & Ben Brackney

Ushers: John & Ann Williams & 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: NO MONEY COUNTERS
 HAPPY LABOR DAY!!!**

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

August 18th

Building Fund:	\$ 660.00
Sunday Tithe:	\$ 2,41.00
Plate:	\$ 610.91
Capital Campaign:	\$ 608.00

Reed Flood

Rome: Pontifical North American College Via Del Gianicolo 14, Vatican City State, Europe

Home Address: 7580 county line road, Cumming, IA 50061
 Reed will be home until September 7

Ron Hodges
 PO BOX 262
 Indianola, Iowa 50125

If you would like to send Fr. Ron Hodges a Birthday card or just say hello you can send it to the above address.

Fr. Ron's Birthday was August 24th.



Ladies please join us for our next Mosaic Luncheon on Thursday, September 5 from 12-1:00 at Sacred Heart Church. We will be featuring Soul Core a movement to nourish your body, mind and soul with exercise and the prayers of the Rosary. This popular luncheon series is the perfect opportunity to meet friends for fellowship, fun, food and an inspiring presentation.

The luncheon is free but seating is limited so sign up today at iowacatholicradio.com or call 515-223-1150



**New Eucharist Minister Training
 Sunday, August 25th
 Following
 10:15 a.m. Mass
 At St. Thomas**

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

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Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **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 Schedule

Sunday August 25	Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Sunday September 1	Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room Hosted by the STARS group
Sunday September 8	Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room after both masses Thank you to Ellen Miler for her service to the parish
Sunday September 15	KC Breakfast in the great hall Serving from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sunday September 22	Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room Serving from 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Sunday September 29	Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room Serving from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

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, September 14th at 4:30 p.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: Sunday, October 13th at 10:15 a.m. Mass

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.

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!

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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