



# 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 Hours: Monday-Fridays 9:00 a.m.- 4.00 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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September 8, 2019

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C  
September 8, 2019- September 15, 2019

#### SEPTEMBER 8

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

129: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - David Holcomb**

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John & Donna Sereg**

**10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Mary Cunningham**

**5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel**

#### SEPTEMBER 9

437: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11

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

**6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

#### SEPTEMBER 10

438: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Larry Turner**

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

#### SEPTEMBER 11

439: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b; Lk 6:20-26

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

#### SEPTEMBER 12

### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

440: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

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

#### SEPTEMBER 13

### SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

441: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:9-42

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ann Weis**

#### SEPTEMBER 14

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

638: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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

**4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John & Donna Sereg**

#### SEPTEMBER 15

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

132: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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

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

**10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Creighton**

**5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel**

## PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Last May, Ellen Miller submitted her resignation to me after 19 years of service to both parishes. This weekend, we are honoring Ellen Miller and giving her a farewell for her 19 years of service to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Immaculate Conception, St. Marys. I would invite you all to come to thank her, share stories and memories with her of how she affected us for the better in many ways. I know she has taught me much about the importance of prayer and fasting as well as the importance of having fun, particularly riding with her in Minnesota in 2015 on my first Mission trip on a bicycle for two.

In three weeks, Sunday September 29, following the 10:15 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m. we will have our (St. Thomas Aquinas) Parish Supper serving Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and all the fixings. I would encourage all of our parishioners to attend this wonderful community building event!

Last, but not least, September 8th is the birth of the Blessed Mother, Mary. Because Sundays take precedence due to the resurrection of Jesus, any saint takes a back seat. I thought it might be good to share a little history from the tradition of our Church about this Feast Day. According to the Protoevangelium of James (an apocryphal text that did not make it into the canon of the Scripture due to some inaccuracies), written in its final form in the early second century, describes Mary's father, Joachim as a wealthy member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel who was grieving along with his wife, Anne by their childlessness. They thought they may have found to be in displeasure with God. Yet, they also remembered Abraham on how God gave him a son, Isaac in his old age. So, the couple prayed and fasted. They were blessed with the Blessed Mother, Mary and made a sanctuary for the infant girls room, allowed nothing common or unclean on account of her special holiness, offered her to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life. St. Augustine described the birth of Mary this way, "she is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley...Through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." (source: Catholic News Agency, September 8, 2018)

Blessings and peace! Happy 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time and Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother Mary!



### 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](mailto: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 September 14th

**Lector:** Debbie Brangers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim & Kelly Gauger, Jeanne Bendon, Genie Hansen, Josie Schettler, Leasa Garrett, William Seufferer

**Ushers:** Don Bendon, Mary Kling, Dave Slick, Terri Cooper

### 8:00 a.m. Mass September 15th

**Lector:** Terry Schenfeld

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Todd & Johna Clancy & Mike Schenfeld

**Ushers:** Jack & Kathy Slinker & Kathryn Pierson

### 10:15 a.m. Mass September 15th

**Lector:** Tristan Grover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Hallin, Zach Hallin, Kathy Timmerman, Larry & Darla Vanderpool, Ann Williams & Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** Joe & Dorothy Gezel & Bob & Julie Ormsby

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

**Money Counters: September 8th: Dave & Michelle Metz**

**September 15th: NO Money Counters**

**Linens:** Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

### September 1st

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Building Fund:</b>    | <b>\$ 1,147.00</b> |
| <b>Sunday Tithe:</b>     | <b>\$ 3,325.00</b> |
| <b>Plate:</b>            | <b>\$ 576.25</b>   |
| <b>Capital Campaign:</b> | <b>\$ 2,070.25</b> |

### Are you looking for a Job!

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church St. Marys, Iowa is seeking an individual (s) that would be interested in cleaning the Church & Hall Weekly and Rectory on a Quarterly basis.

Immaculate Conception will want this individual (s) to work 3-6 hours a week. Immaculate Conception has no set time for the individual(s) to clean. That would be up to the individual (s). You will need to be flexible with Immaculate Conception when we have Mass, Rosary, Funerals, Weddings, Hall Rentals Etc.

This would be a great way to make extra money. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply.

For more information contact Leasa Garrett at 515-961-3026 Ext. #6 or Email address [lcs3garr@yahoo.com](mailto:lcs3garr@yahoo.com)

Office Hours Monday- Friday 9am-4pm



### Annual Seminarian Collection Sept 15, 2019

The diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted next weekend, September 15th. Registered parishioners will be receiving a brochure and return envelope in the mail from Bishop Pates. Gifts to this collection support the education & formation costs associated with seminarians, which continually rise. There are 17 seminarians in the Diocese of Des Moines. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.

### Parish Social Hour Schedule

Parish Social Hour Schedule for September

Sunday September 8 Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room after both masses  
 Sunday September 15 KC Breakfast in the Great Hall  
 Sunday September 22 Coffee & Rolls in the Multi-Purpose Room  
 Sunday September 29 Parish Dinner in the Great Hall  
 Serving from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Watch the bulletin for details**

### Iowans for Life Fundraiser

Join Iowans for LIFE for the Ninth Annual Fundraising Banquet on October 3 at 6PM at The Meadows Bishops Ballroom Altoona, IA. The keynote speaker is the host of EWTN's Morning Glory Show, Gloria Purvis. Her talk is entitled, "Racism, Abortion, & Medical Care: One Women's Testimony." Also present is the actual 4' x 6' digital replica of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, blessed by St. John Paul II. Get the details and register at: <https://www.iowansforlife.org/> or 515.255.4113.

### Upcoming Indianola KC Events



Monthly Meeting Thursday, September 12 Meal at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM  
 Annual "Tootsie Roll" Drive September 13 & 14 Watch for us outside the Fareway & Hy-Vee Stores  
 KC Country Style Breakfast Sunday September 15 Serving from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

### Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

- September 17: St. Thomas Aquinas  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary  
 7 p.m. Kick-Off Dinner  
 Please RSVP to Kate Lerseth- [kate.lerseth@simpson.edu](mailto:kate.lerseth@simpson.edu) by Sept 14th
- October 17: Des Moines  
 5 p.m. Supper  
 6-8 p.m. Meals from the Heartland



### St. Thomas Adult Choir

Tom Shipman (Music Director) is looking to starting up an adult Choir with mixed voices. Tom is looking for individuals 16 years of age and older, Men and Woman that love to sing to come and join him on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m.

### 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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

If you have not registered your child for Religious Education and Good Shepherd, please fill out a form and submit it to the parish Office or email Elizabeth Williams ([fjecwilliams@msn.com](mailto:fjecwilliams@msn.com)) for a registration form.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade is full at 5:30 and 7 pm on Wednesdays. We have space for first grade on Sundays at 9 am.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is full at 7 pm. We have room at 5:30 on Wednesdays and on Sundays.

**\*\* We need a few more RE teacher assistants 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.

Upcoming events:

### Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – First day of R.E. and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Family potluck at **6 pm for all sessions**. See your classroom/atrium and meet your catechist.

Reserve hot dog or chicken salad croissant sandwich by emailing Elizabeth Williams at [fjecwilliams@msn.com](mailto:fjecwilliams@msn.com)

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](mailto:jsayredre@gmail.com) and you will receive an electronic registration form. Thank you to all those who have registered so far.

### MISSION MOMENTS

Mission Moments, an opportunity to share your time and talents within our community. In collaboration with STAT, we would like to conduct fall cleanup activities for our members. Please, sign up or nominate someone who would appreciate the assistance. You may write names/contact information/location on the sign up sheet on the clipboard on the table at the back of church OR email the information to "[missionmomentsingodscountry@gmail.com](mailto:missionmomentsingodscountry@gmail.com)"

Mia Gehringer & Christian Bengtson  
 Mission Moments-Community Service Coordinators

### Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.  
 Doug Andreasen, Ed Lelnen, Jean Veasman,  
 Loretta Petersen & Aron Babinski.



Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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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