



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

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

St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

Pastor Fr. Chris Fontanini	961-3026
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Pastoral Council, Chair: Mimi Kelly	515-321-4286
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Caring Hands, Pastoral Care: Helen Kollasch	961-5776
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Worship/Liturgy: Joyce DeGroot	783-3890
Hall Committee: Steph Bintner, Steve Mc Ginnis, Kristen Hanes, Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett	

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 4:00 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

MARCH 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
March 10, 2019- March 17, 2019

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24: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carolyn McElwee
9:00 am Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Arlene Sumpter
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John & Donna Sereg
1:30 p.m. Rite of Election at St. Ambrose Cathedral
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

MARCH 11

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Rosary/Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction at Immaculate Conception
6:30 p.m. Confessions at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Reposition at Immaculate Conception
7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Tim Borseth

MARCH 12

225: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Robert Creighton
6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas
MARCH 13
226: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas

MARCH 14

227: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Ruth Dale

MARCH 15

228: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Mary Cunningham
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception

MARCH 16

229: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- John & Donna Sereg

MARCH 17

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marty Gehringer
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Jessie Reynolds
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ryan Kalitzki
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 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

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

FROM THE PAST

Dear Parishioners-

A thought came to me in prayer last Wednesday morning. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus would not allow himself to be driven by the devil, but led by the Holy Spirit. So often, we can find ourselves pressured to make a decision that could affect a number of people in our lives, either good or bad. It has occurred to me that we all must be led by the Spirit of God in our decision making process. This would involve prayer, perhaps gathering more information from other sources, and even fasting. I have to come to see the importance of this in my own life. If you come to me with a request, I hope you will understand, that I will come to a decision, but I may need some time for prayer, fasting, and consultation. It is not meant to come off as indecisive, but to make a better decision for all. I hope you will understand that I may need to employ this method from time to time.

Speaking of prayer, the next several Wednesdays of Lent, beginning March 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m., there will be Eucharistic Adoration along with some very brief talks to explain this form of prayer. If you never tried this before, I would challenge you to step out in faith with this form of prayer. It has the potential to bring much spiritual fruit to your life. Please prayerfully consider this practice during the Lenten Season.

We have 24 WATCH (We Are The Church) Retreat candidates this year. This is wonderful that so many of you parishioners are interested in deepening your faith life. Please pray for our candidates.

Last, we have five candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process who will be meeting Bishop Richard E. Pates for the Rite of Election at St. Ambrose Cathedral this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Please pray for: Thomas Aase, Jerry Dowell, Joan Gavin, Brittany Swenson, and Destiny Watson.

Blessings and peace for a fruitful Lenten Season!
Fr. Chris Fontanini

Sponsor Couple Training

Our next Sponsor Couple training is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309. The training will run from 1-5 PM. Couples can register for this training by calling Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or by email at astorey@dmdiocese.org

March 29 Friday

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.

To learn more about Beginning Experience, please come to one of our Open Houses on March 29, April 5, or April 12 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.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass March 16th

Lector: Kevin Parker

Eucharistic Ministers: Josie Schettler, William Seufferer, Mary Kling, Adam Naughton, Carol Proctor & Carol VanAernam

Ushers: Grace Armstrong, Derry Butler, Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

8:00 a.m. Mass March 17th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Schenfeld, Todd & Johnna Clancy

Ushers: Jack Slinker & Kathryn Pierson

10:15 a.m. Mass March 17th:

Lector: Justin Nostrala

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Williams, Ben Brackney, Brock Elbert, Dianne funk, Conner Lynch, Joe Brommel, Nathan Thomason

Ushers: Vanderpools & Huttons

Money Counters:

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

March 3rd

Building Fund: \$ 2,992.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 3,004.00

Plate: \$ 421.50

Capital Campaign: \$ 2,247.00

Eucharist Minister Please take note:

that at least 2 Eucharist Minister MUST stay and help clean the Sacred Vessels after EVERY MASS.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jjwwme08@gmail.com

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Men's Choir will practice Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm in the Church. They will sing Sunday, April 7th 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: Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm in the Church

Singing: Saturday, May 11th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Children's Choir

Children's choir will meet each Wednesday 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 under the former director are cordially welcomed back.

Our new children's choir director will be **Cindy Whitesitt**.

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.



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**

Wine and Cheese Social

There will be Wine and Cheese will be served Saturday, March 16th following 4:30 pm Mass in the Gathering Space.



ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!



**Donut Social
March 24th
Following
8am & 10:15 am
Mass**



2018-2019-STAT

March	13th:	7:00-8:30 p.m. OD at hosts home TBD
March	20th:	NO STAT- SPRING BREAK
March	27th:	6:30-8:00 p.m. COC/Genesis- Game Night at PC
March	30th:	MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING DINNER
April	3rd:	7:00-8:30 p.m. OD at Hosts Home TBD
April	10th:	6:30-8:30 p.m. STAT Pizza & Life Teen at PC
April	17th:	6:30-8:00 p.m. COC/Genesis- Easter Egg Hunt at PC
April	21st:	EASTER SUNDAY
April	28th:	6:30-8:30 p.m. Progressive Rosary & Speaker Justin White
May	1st:	7:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice at Church
May	3rd:	5:30 p.m. Confirmation at the Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education Corner

Lent is such a special time to help us get closer to God. We hope the parents of children in our religious education program will participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church on Wednesdays, anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm. The amount of time you spend in Adoration is up to you.

This is simply a time to quiet our hearts and listen to what Jesus has to say to us.

Brief 10-minute presentations to explain a little about Adoration will be offered each Wednesday at 5:40 and again at 7:10, if you'd like to learn a little more about Adoration. Each week will offer a slightly different perspective. Please come! This is open to everyone in the parish.

No Good Shepherd or Religious Education classes on March 17, 20, 21 during Spring Break.

We will still have Adoration in the church on March 20 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. You'll be glad you did.

First Communion: April 28

Last day of Religious Education: May 1

Confirmation: May 3

God Bless,
Joann Sayre , Director of Religious Ed



Policy on Cancellation



When **Indianola schools** are closed,
CGS, RE and STAT WILL NOT have classes.

Upcoming Indianola KC Events

Lenten Fish Fries Every Friday during Lent
Serving from 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Adults \$10 Children (ages 6 to 12) \$5 Children 5 & under are free

Monthly meeting Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 24 Coffee & Rolls after both Sunday Masses
KC's will serve after 8:00 AM Mass STARS will serve after 10:15 Mass

Next KC Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 14 Serving hours are 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
All proceeds will be donated to the InnerVisions Health Clinic.
Watch for more details



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☆☆ STARS ☆☆

☆☆ April 18th: 6:00 p.m. Girls Night Out Place TBD ☆☆
☆☆ June 4th 7:00 p.m. Bunco @ Steph's House (bring a snack) ☆☆

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller &
Bryan Bradley



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.

 <p>David & Heidi Klodd 515-229-1299</p> <p>15110 Hwy 92 Indianola</p>	 <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p>	 <p>Propane • Heating • Cooling</p> <p>P.O. Box 95 Milo, Iowa 50166 (641) 942-6320</p>	 <p>1512 E. 1st Avenue -Indianola Finish Carpentry Steve Bintner, Owner Cell # 515-229-9605 Home# 515-961-7217</p>
 <p>Kim Tierney Keller 453-5320</p>	<p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p>	<p>LOREY COMPANY Carl M Lorey, Jr. Your Paperman</p> <p>914-28th Street Des Moines, IA 50312 515-255-7190 Email: LOREYPAPER@MCHSL.COM</p>	<p>Drees Family & Sports Chiropractic</p> <p>Dr. Cory R. Drees C.S.C.S. Chiropractic Physiatrist</p> <p>214 West Salem Avenue Phone (515) 961-6202 Indianola, IA 50125 FAX (515) 961-0608 email: chirodrees@aol.com</p>
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<p>Optometric Associates</p> <p>Dr. Craig Winjum Dr. Michael O'Meara Dr. Jonathan Anderson</p> <p>225 W. Ashland Ave, Suite 1 Phone 515-961-5305</p>	<p> Dr. Jennifer Stumpf Dr. R.J. Frees Dr. B.E. Brennan Dr. Tanner Sandy</p> <p></p> <p>Indianola Veterinary Clinic 972 Hwy 65-69, Indianola, IA Ph# 961-6201</p>	 <p>ALL AMERICAN FOOD™ 961-3553 Hwy 92 West</p>	<p>Skeffington's <small>MARY JO HARTY President</small></p> <p>2453 S.W. 9th St. Des Moines, Ia. 50315 Ph: 283-0453; 1-800-532-1157 www.skeffingtons.com Tuxes@skeffingtons.com The Best in Formal Wear</p>
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 <p>Work well. Play well. Live well. 21st Century Rehab</p> <p>Matt DeWall, M.P.T., C.S.C.S. 1507 N. 1st Street (515) 961-7435</p>	 <p>Laying-Sanding-Finishing-Refinishing 1416 E. Euclid Ph: 515-961-6424 Indianola, Ia. 50125 Cell: 988-0705</p>	<p>Volunteers needed to help to clean the hall, bartend, pour wine etc. Call Leasa Garrett 961-3026 It's an easy way to give back to your church!</p>	 <p>1203 North E Street-Indianola (515) 961-7458 www.wesleylife.org Join us for Mass at the Village Every third Tuesday 9:30am</p>
 <p>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p>	 <p>Dacni Gabel Counseling, LLC Find your peace. dacni@dacnigabelcounseling.com 515-721-8830</p>	 <p>Grocery: 961-5643</p> <p>Market: 961-5872</p>	 <p>501 N. Jefferson- Indianola 961-2315 2nd location in the Indianola Wal Mart</p>
<p>Heartland Computer Company 515-961-6326 Winston Sayre, Owner Sales, Service, Repairs Free In shop diagnostics</p>	<p>Portable Welding Trailer Hitches</p>  <p>110 E. Boston KURT E. WELLS Indianola, IA 50125 Owner (515) 961-4924</p>	<p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p>	<p>Wiegert Disposal Inc. Trash Service for Residential-Commercial-Industrial</p> <p>Dumpsters-Roll Offs Call for Free Estimates 515-764-2389 800-728-4908</p>