



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am
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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Office Manager Steph Bintner	961-3026
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Maintenance: Joe Gezel	238-4543
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Worship/Liturgy: Joyce DeGroote	783-3890
Hall Committee: Steph Bintner, Steve Mc Ginnis, Kristen Hanes, Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett	

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
February 17, 2019- February 24, 2019

FEBRUARY 17

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78: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
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- Bob Van Aernam
5:00 p.m. Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel

FEBRUARY 18

335: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

FEBRUARY 19

336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton

FEBRUARY 20

337: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee

FEBRUARY 21

SAINT PETER DAMIAN

338: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ruth Dale

FEBRUARY 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

535: 1 Pt 5:1-4; s 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

FEBRUARY 23

SAINT POLYCARP

340: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas
4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Beverly Krier

FEBRUARY 24

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

81: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
Ps 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Carolyn McElwee
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Ryan Kalitzki
10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Jessie Reynolds
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 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 a 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-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 PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

As many of you are aware, this has been a most challenging winter. We have had three of our Religious Education/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/STAT cancelled over the past few weeks, as well as RCIA, Finance Council, Hall Meetings due to the snowstorms and sub zero temperatures. Our hope is that we can catch up with the materials, but also, hope that you have used these evenings to pray and spend time with your families. God has given us this gift-perhaps, we have seen this gift as a blessing in disguise to slow down and just BE with Him and fully present to our loved ones.

With that, there have been challenges keeping the snow and ice away from the sidewalks and parking lots due to the heavy winds and blowing snow that come our way. While we are attempting to maintain safety for all of our parishioners, It is NOT always possible to keep everything cleared due to these factors of heavy winds and blowing snow. I would ask for your patience and welcome any solutions you might have to keep the snow and ice away for safety reasons, particularly after the snow and ice has been cleared from the work of our maintenance man, Joe Gezel and Justin Woosley, whom we have hired to take care of snow over 2 inches. In the mean time, let us pray for an early Spring that that Punxatawney Phil promised us when he did not see his shadow last week.

Blessings and peace! 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.



Family Bingo
February 16th
Following Mass in the hall

Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus and STARS



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 !!!!



Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Mass February 23rd

Lector: Debbie Brangers

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross, Jean Park, Tim & Kelly Gauger, Mary Kling & Leasa Garrett

Ushers: Krapfls, Carol Proctor & Derry Buttler

8:00 a.m. Mass February 24th:

If you are a Lector, Eucharist Minister or Usher and would prefer to be placed on the March schedule for the 8am Mass time please email Leasa at lcs3garr@yahoo.com or call the office.

10:15 a.m. Mass February 24th

Lector: Tristan Grover

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathan Thomason, Kathy Timmerman, Joe Gezel, Brock Elbert, Conner Lynch, Cindy Whitesitt & Ben Brackney

Ushers: Vanderpools & Williams

Money Counters: Terri & Bev Elbert

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

February 10th

Building Fund: \$ 1,630.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 2,454.00

Plate: \$ 384.60

Capital Campaign: \$ 1,425.00

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

THANK YOU FROM THE LYNCH FAMILY

We would like to thank everyone for all of the thoughts, generosity and many prayers as we continue our journey with Alex on his fight against cancer. We have a wonderful church family and all of the support has been amazing. We thank you very, very much as all the prayers have helped us through this! Blessings to all ~ Jeremy, Jana, Connor & Alex Lynch

Do you know how to play the piano? Have you ever thought of joining the Music Department?

Contact Tom Shipman if you are interested.

St. Thomas Men's Choir

Men's Choir will practice Tuesday, March 5 at 7 pm in the Church. They will sing Saturday, March 9th 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: Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm in the Church

Singing: Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 a.m. Mass

Children's Choir

Children's choir will be starting Wednesday, **February 20th** 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!"



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**



Ladies, Please join us for our next Mosaic Luncheon on Thursday, February 21 at St. Augustin's Church. Our featured guest is John Pridmore, he is a nationally known speaker on the power of Gods love and mercy. His conversion story is amazing and you will not want to miss it. Doors open at 11:30 and lunch is from 12-1:00. You can register at www.iowacatholicradio.com or call 223-1150.

Pack the Pantry with Protein

When incomes drop and family budgets shrink, food choices shift toward cheaper but more energy-dense foods. The first items dropped are usually healthier foods, including high-quality proteins.

During February, St. Thomas Social Concerns Committee is partnering with Helping Hand to Pack the Pantry with Protein. Our goal is to beat our last year's contribution of 637 cans. Suggested high-protein items are Spam, chicken, tuna, salmon, peanut butter, and canned beef or pork.



Please place your donations in the designated box in the Gathering Space.

GATHERING TABLE

It is time for The Gathering Table Monday Feb. 18, 2019, 5:30-6:30.

Please prayerfully consider helping in some way.

Attached is a google doc., if you are unable to access please let us know what you would like to bring and we will fill it in for you.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQitlIDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jskd4HRTzFdNo/edit#gid=0

Thank you and God Bless,
The Gathering Table Committee



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. 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



STARS

February 16th: 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Party with the Knights Family Bingo

March 5th: 7:00 p.m. **BUNCO** at Steph's House (Bring a snack to share)

April 18th: 6:00 p.m. Girls Night Out
Place TBD



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education Corner

God must want your family to have more family time because the weather has not cooperated with Religious Education times. Just to reiterate our policy, if school is called off, we do not have religious education that day.

Please practice daily prayers with your children. Talking and listening to God helps build their relationship with their Creator, Lord and loving God.

Upcoming Classes:

Feb. 20, 21, 24: Class and CGS

Feb. 27, 28: Class and CGS

March 3: CGS

March 6: Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 pm for all classes and CGS.

God Bless,

Joann Sayre , Director of Religious Ed



2018-2019-STAT

February	20th:	6:30-8:00 p.m.	COC/Genesis- Valentine's Party at PC
February	27th:	6:30-8:30 p.m.	STAT Pizza & LifeTeen at PC
March	6th:	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
March	13th:	7:00-8:30 p.m.	OD at hosts home TBD
March	20th:	NO STAT-	SPRING BREAK

Policy on Cancellation



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

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>
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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>
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