



# 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

November 10, 2019

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

NOVEMBER 10

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

491: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -Emily Pontolilo

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Dr. Joe Brennan

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

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

NOVEMBER 11

## SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

491: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 12

## SAINT JOSAPHAT

492: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Kathryn Krier

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

NOVEMBER 13

## SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

493: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Bess Basler

NOVEMBER 14

494: Wis 7:22b-2:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

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

NOVEMBER 15

## SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT

495: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5b; Lk 17:26-37

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

NOVEMBER 16

## SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

496: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

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

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

NOVEMBER 17

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

159: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -Marty Gehringer

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Dr. Joe Brennan

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-John Swatta

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

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

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## PASTOR REPORT

Dear Parishioners-

As we know, November is the month to remember the deceased, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. I would like to take this time to talk about various aspects of how we can best remember the dead and honor their lives in a sacred way.

Cremation has been acceptable in the Catholic Church for decades. With this in mind, we must look to the latest Vatican directives under Pope Francis. CNN news spoke about this in the article,

In the October 25, 2016 news, it states, 'cremated remains should be kept in a sacred place such as a cemetery. Ashes should not be divided between family members, in pieces of jewelry or other objects. The Vatican is concerned about 'erroneous ideas about death.' The ideas have run the gauntlet from deeply nihilistic (rejection of all religious and moral principles in the belief that life is meaningless) to New Age-y ideas to the trivialization of dead bodies."

If anyone of us struggles with this, I would encourage you to take this to prayer and study, rather than react negatively seeing this as 'just another rule that the Church is trying to impose on us.' Every life is sacred including our own. It is good to ask ourselves, 'How would I want my own body after being dead to be treated?' Think of the golden rule.

Even more so, I would encourage you to write down the names of the dead in the Book of the Dead during this month of November. The Lord God and the Church has given us the 'Spiritual Memorial Month,' not just the last Monday in May to recognize the dead.

Blessings and peace! Fr. Chris

"Vatican issues guidelines on cremation, Says No to Scattering Ashes." Delia Gallagher, Daniel Burke, James Masters, CNN, October 25, 2016.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Catholic Charities Homeless Family Shelter

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bresnan have agreed to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Catholic Charities Homeless Family Shelter in Des Moines on Thursday, November 28th at noon. We are looking for one or two more couples who would like to join in the endeavor. We are also asking if anyone would be able to provide pies or vegetable casseroles for the meal.

For more information call Ken Bresnan at 515-778-0641 or email [kenbresnan@gmail.com](mailto:kenbresnan@gmail.com).



### Upcoming Indianola KC Events

Indianola KC Country Style Breakfast  
Sunday December 1 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
Open to the public.

Pancakes, Egg Bake, Sausage, Ham, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash-browns, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

Adults & Carry-outs \$5.00, Children (6 to 12 ) \$5.00 Children 5 & under are free.

Net proceeds are used to fund our scholarship program.



### Liturgy with Musicians' Blessing and Commissioning

Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: Please join the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) at Sunday Liturgy and Reception on Sunday, November 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Come, "make a joyful noise" during the Sunday Liturgy, which includes a blessing and commissioning of musicians. Following the liturgy, enjoy light refreshments and networking opportunities during a reception at the Pastoral Center. Contact Angie Murphy, Chapter Director, [angiemickeymurphy@gmail.com](mailto:angiemickeymurphy@gmail.com), to RSVP or for further information

## Ministry Schedule

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

### 4:30 p.m. Mass November 16th:

**Lector:** Lanny Ward

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Dave, Darrell Pottebaum, Brooklyn Pottebaum, Judy Kirby, Jeanne Bendon, Lanny Ward & William Seufferer

**Ushers:** Don Bendon, Grace Armstrong, Terri Cooper & Derry Butler

**Cleaning Vessels:** Lanny Ward & Judy Kirby

### 8:00 a.m. Mass November 17th:

**Lector:** Mark Kollasch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Todd & Johna Clancy & Carol Proctor

**Ushers:** Carol Proctor & Kathryn Pierson

**Cleaning Vessels:** Todd & Johna Clancy

### 10:15 a.m. Mass November 17th:

**Lector:** Ed Tormey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Dave, Dave & Judy Hutton, Jana Lynch, Alex Lynch, Kathy Timmerman & Elizabeth Williams

**Ushers:** John & Ann Williams & Ed & Connie Tormey

**Cleaning Vessels:** Dave & Judy Hutton

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

**Money Counters: November 10th: Vane & Marilyn Orey**

**November 17th: Bill & Kella Wadle  
Vicky Vorwald**

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

### November 3rd

**Building Fund:** \$ 1,982.00

**Sunday Tithe:** \$ 5,212.00

**Plate:** \$ 594.26

**Capital Campaign:** \$ 2,740.89

### St. Thomas Parishioners

The Gathering Table is now taking donations for there Thanksgiving Baskets .

This year they are filling 20 + baskets.

Please contact Dorothy Gezel or Angie Elliott with your donations.



We would like to thank the Social Concerns Committee and the entire St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church for your generous contribution to the HEAL House of Iowa. Our mission of helping the homeless and less fortunate would not be possible if it wasn't for the generosity of people like you.

Thank you and God Bless  
The Heal House of Iowa Board



### Perpetual Adoration

Thank you to the many of you who completed invitations to participate in our Perpetual Adoration program. We had over 135 parishioners sign up. The Adoration team will begin following up with you next week to fill in your Holy Hour. For those of you who haven't done so yet, it's not too late. There will be invitations in the gathering space and you can place completed invitations in the offertory collection basket. We would like to have 250 adorers plus substitutes signed-up before we start. We hope to begin Perpetual Adoration during Advent this year. If you have questions please contact Anitta Spenner at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) or 515-344-7850.

Thank you, Anitta Spenner

### Attention all Check Writers

If you write a check to St. Thomas please place what it is to go toward in the memo area of the check such as Tithes, Capital Campaign Phase 3, Building Fund etc.. This will assure that your check goes to the correct fund.

Thank You, Staff

### St. Thomas Social Concerns:

Keep someone WARM this winter!

During November, our parish is collecting cash donations and fabric to make fleece tie blankets for Warren County's homeless. Our 8th grade R.E. classes will help tie blankets.

Cash may be placed in collection baskets at Mass. Please place in an envelope and mark "Blankets".

*If donating fleece, please purchase 4 1/2 yards. Solid or plaid fleece suitable for a wide range of age/interest is encouraged (rather than sports teams, cartoons, etc.). Fleece may be placed in containers in the Gathering Space.*



### Time for Medicare Part D Check-Up

The Social Concerns Committee is holding its annual Medicare Part D Check-Up on Saturday, November 16 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 17 from 8 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. During this time anyone on Medicare can get a comparison done of Medicare drug plans for 2020. Every year the plans can change the drugs they cover, their premiums, deductibles and co-payments. At last year's check-up the average savings was \$367 per person with total savings of \$8,454. The Committee is asking that you sign-up for a time to get your comparison done. They will be available after Masses on November 1 & 2 and 9 & 10 to take sign-up

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS



"Operation Christmas is a group of lay people from several Indianola churches who have come together for the past 30 years to distribute food & gift vouchers to qualified people in Warren County in need at Christmas. This year we need volunteers on Sunday, December 8th to help with the gift distribution. We need about 30 people to help at Wal-Mart. There are 2 shifts--1 at 5:45 to 7:00 pm; 1 from 7-8:00 PM. You can work 1 shift or both shifts. We will also be having a special collection to contribute money to help with buying the gifts for the children. If you write a check, please make it payable to THE HELPING HAND and in memo section state Operation Christmas. **To volunteer to help work or if questions, please contact Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029 by November 26th.**"

### 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 **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.**

**Sing: Saturday, November 23rd.**

### St. Thomas Men's Choir

**Practice 1 hour prior to Mass.**

They will sing Saturday, November 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 1 hour prior to Mass.**

**Singing: Sunday, December 15th at 10:15 a.m. Mass**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

Religious Education 2019-20



### Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner

We have two more classes this month, Nov. 13th and 20th on Wednesdays and Nov. 17 and 24 on Sundays.

We will not have classes on Wednesday Nov. 27 and Sunday, Dec. 1 for Thanksgiving break.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is studying "Where to find Jesus." This month they learned that one of the ways we find Jesus is in serving the poor. So, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have made breakfast casseroles for the Salvation Army, had a Hunger Meal to see how rich countries compare to poor countries and next, they will be tying fleece blankets to be given to the homeless in Warren County.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also learning that you find Jesus in the Mass, Scripture and the saints.

Reminder: It gets dark early. So, please be extra cautious in the parking lot before and after Religious Education.

God Bless,  
JoAnn

### Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord And let perpetual lights shine upon her.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Sonnie Brommel family. Sonnie will be greatly missed by our parish communities. Please remember her as well as the family in your prayers.



### Saint Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society

- November 14: 6:30 p.m. Rosary @ Church  
7:00 p.m. November STARS giving  
(Bring Appetizer to share )  
(Drawing for Advent Prayer Partners)
- December 6: Holiday Extravaganza & Lighted Parade  
December 7: Cookie Walk **8 am-11 am**



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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  
**S t T h o m a s A q u i n a s C h u r c h O n l y .**  
Doug A ndreasen, E d Lelnen , Jean Veasman ,  
Loretta Petersen & A 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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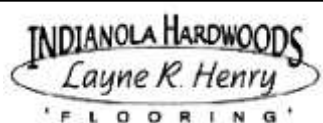
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