

# Mass Time: Sunday 8:00 AM

**Fr. Chris Fontanini, Pastor**  
**Deacon Dave O'Brien**  
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Office Hours

Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Closed from Noon to 1PM for Lunch

**Read the bulletin online at**

**www.immaculateconceptionstmarys.org**

## Music Ministry

Lesa Dembinski, Mary Seibert,  
Lyle Schwery & Helen Gavin

## Altar & Rosary

## Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight

David Psotka

641-297-2216 or [dpsotka@outlook.com](mailto:dpsotka@outlook.com)

## RE Director Michelle Fick

641-297-2223

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Johna Clancy 708-0864

## Community Outreach Organizer

Pam Wearmouth

## Liturgy Suzanne Stills

## Pastoral Council

Rebecca Albers, Cody Hutton, Jill Gavin,

Eddie Vonnahme, Gary Van Dyke &

Lee Dentlinger

## Trustees Eddie Vonnahme &

Kayla Keller

## Finance Council Sara Hawk,

Ken Croat, Michele Fick, Pat Van Dyke,

Dave Psotka & Kayla Keller

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## Nursing Home Chaplain

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## Assistant Chaplain to Nursing Home

Deacon Ed Miller 961-3026

## Safety Committee Ken Croat,

Amy McCasland, Steve Gehringer &

Frank Hawk Jr.

## Inspections & Facilities Maintenance /

## Hall Rental/Band of the Month

Leasa Garrett 515-961-3026

## Remember in your prayers (Prayer Chain)

Jim Brommel, Cindy Robison,  
Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Rosa George  
Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks,  
Doug George, Mike Hraha, Brian Lippold,  
Bud Wattonville,

Mary Long, Dale Gavin,  
Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler,  
Ken Croat, Kristina Smith,

Ellen Pontolilo,  
Charlotte Brommel & Christal Finck

*Please remember...*

*prayer is one of the most*

*Important things we can do for each other and*

*it costs nothing but your time!*

Call the office to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Please note: Inside the bulletin or on the  
Front of the Mass Times/Sacrament of  
Reconciliation on the website will have  
correct information for Reconciliation**

**Baptism:** Parents are requested to call the  
Parish office to arrange for pre-baptism  
sessions.

Parents 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.

Join us at Immaculate Conception every Monday evening  
at 6:30PM for the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

# Immaculate Conception

**PO Box 88**  
**101 Saint James St.**  
**St. Marys, Iowa**  
**50241**



## MAY 16

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

60: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16  
Jn 17:11b-19

**7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass Immaculate–John Brommel**

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Jim Jauron & Family**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Bess Basler**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas–Frank Celsi**

## MAY 17

### EASTER WEEKDAY

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

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

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

## MAY 18

### EASTER WEEKDAY

298: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

**6:00 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Nancy Slick**

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

## MAY 19

### EASTER WEEKDAY

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Wilma Hill**

## MAY 20

### EASTER WEEKDAY

300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–for the intentions of  
The Mike & Kerri O'Meara Family**

## MAY 21

### EASTER WEEKDAY

301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

**8:00 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Peggy Venteicher & Family**

## MAY 22

### EASTER WEEKDAY

302: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

**3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas**

**4:30 p.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–Eldon Johnson**

## MAY 23

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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The Kevin & Ellen Miller Family**

**10:15 a.m. Public Mass at St. Thomas–for the intentions of**

**The Stoffel Family**

**12 Noon Mass at St Thomas–Pauline Braddock**

## Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick

**Newcomers/Addresses:** Register in person; call the Office for Appointment 515-961-3026

**Change of Address:** Please notify the office when there is a change of address by phone or email lcs3garr@yahoo.com

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by noon Wednesday to the Bulletin Editor,

**Leasa Garrett at 515-961-3026 Ext.#6 or lcs3garr@yahoo.com**

## PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

I would wager to say that most, if not all of us, have had some extensive training either in school, our jobs, with organizations or committees. We are given a list of dos or don'ts, best practices, things learned through the school of hard knocks handed down to us by others, or just some general knowledge before we are given the baton or put in the driver's seat to go out and make our best of the situations that lie ahead of us. In other words, we might hear the instructor or trainer tell us, 'good luck, you are on your own now,' or if we are blessed enough, we might hear, 'call me if you run into any challenging situations and I will help you.'

On this Feast of the Ascension, we could almost picture the disciples looking up at Jesus as he goes up, up and away, "stop staring at me and now get busy spreading the Good News." Jesus does more than tell us, "you are on your own now, good luck" or even, call me if you run into any challenging situations and I will help you." No, he is making way for the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who is omni-present or all present to his followers in all circumstances. He is intimately involved in all of the details of the work He has called us to. He wants us to draw toward Him, whether it be a neighbor who is going through a difficult time with a child who has gone down the path of drugs, alcohol, or internet child trafficking or a co-worker who just lost a spouse and is grieving tremendously or someone who has lost hope and does not believe in God anymore or someone who has been unbaptized or church and searching for more than the material world can offer. If we tap into the gifts of the Holy Spirit received at our baptism and confirmation, be still before God in prayer, the Holy Spirit will assist us. We are not alone, we are not on our own, we are more than just one phone call away. The Holy Spirit is always with us. We must not forget that. As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, let us remember the Bridegroom, Jesus is among us in a deeper, ever-present way, no longer confined to his physical body in space and time.

We begin the late Spring, Summer efforts to a call to return to church. One of our first things is the Rosary by the Lake, this Wednesday May 19, 7:00 p.m. at Lake Aquabi. We invite our parish families from both parishes to participate in this wonderful community event which began long before I arrived, but took a hiatus due to COVID-19 last year.

Last, the Indianola Ministerial Association will host the Baccalaureate Service this Wednesday May 19, 7:00 p.m. here at St. Thomas Aquinas. We invite our graduating seniors to come to the rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Fr. Eric Rucker, an ordained Episcopal priest from Simpson College will provide the message for the evening. It would be great to see our graduating seniors from our parish present at this wonderful and inspirational service!

Happy Feast of the Ascension!

Fr. Chris

### ***Spiritual Enrichment offered by Deacon Dave***

- Woman's Bible study every Monday at 9AM at St Thomas Aquinas
- Men's Faith Sharing Prayer Group starts Saturday, May 15 at 8AM at St Thomas Aquinas, in the multi-purpose room

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Sue Stills  
**Euch. Min.** Dorothy Gavin  
**Ushers:** Brent Gavin & Lance Thompson  
**Servers:** Ira & Lincoln Hawk & Louie Vonnahme

**Mass Intention: John Brommel**  
**Band of the Month: Joellyn Gavin**

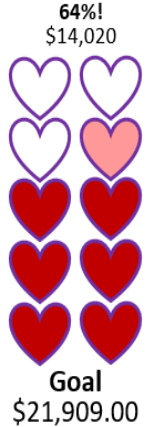
### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$21,909.00  
Raised to Date: \$14,020

**Amount Still to be Raised: \$7,889.00**

Pledging to the Diocese today helps Immaculate Conception by supporting:

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



Mark your Calendars for  
a fun filled summer!  
(*Rejoice, Relax, Reconnect*)

- Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00PM  
Rosary by the Lake  
Place: Lake Ahquabi
- Saturday, June 12th from 5:00 to 9:00PM, Family Swim Night  
Place: The Aquatic Center
- Sunday, July 11th  
Concert by MJM7  
Rock Band  
Place: St Thomas Aquinas
- Wednesday, August 18th  
Concert by Steve Angrisano  
Place: St Thomas Aquinas



### Perpetual Adoration

We continue to hold perpetual adoration in the St. Thomas chapel from Sunday evenings at 4pm through Friday mornings at 8am. We are working to fill in hours that have become available over the last several months. We are so blessed to have this devotion in our Parish. It's a great opportunity to spend a quiet hour of prayer and reflection with our Lord.

Below are the hours that we currently are seeking to fill. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of them. You do not need to be from St. Thomas parish to sign up for a holy hour. You may sign up by contacting Anitta Spenner at (515) 344-7850 or at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com). Thank you & God Bless

Day	Hours Available
Monday	Midnight, 1, 5 and 6 am
Tuesday	Midnight, 1, 2, 9, 11 am and Noon, 2, and 6 pm
Wednesday	Midnight, 1, 2, and 11 am
Thursday	6 am and Noon, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 pm
Friday	Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 am
Sunday	Currently all hours on Sunday are full

