



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am, & Noon 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. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment ONLY at this time.
Please call the office to schedule an 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.

May 8 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

51: Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Bud Wattonville

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Gerald O'Meara

12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Nancy Horton

May 9 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

279: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10 (first choice)

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

6:30 pm Rosary at Immaculate

May 10 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas-Loretta Petersen

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

May 11 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

281: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas-Gary & Vivian Elbert

May 12 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Beverly Krier

May 13 **EASTER WEEKDAY**

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Kierstan Pickens

May 14 **SAINT MATTHIAS**

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

3:45-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Thomas

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Jim Jauron & Family

May 15 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

54: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

8:00 am Public Mass Immaculate-Jim Brommel

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-Claire Wiedmaier

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas-Evon Puetz

12:00 Noon Mass at St Thomas- Jim Brommel

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)

Parish Office: 961-3026

Rectory Phone 962-2063

Website: stthomasindianola.com

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

PASTORS REPORT

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Mother's Day on the Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. How appropriate that the two fall together on the same day! As I reflect on my 48 years that I was blessed to have my mother (she has been gone almost 12 years now), I do think of her as a Good Shepherd. I remember how I mentioned to her once that I was planning on becoming a businessman and being wealthy one day! She would come back and say, "Well, that's nice, you know that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven."

She was not discounting wealth or those who were gifted in this fashion, just to make sure I would not be dominated or possessed by wealth. One could be consumed by wealth, she thought.

I remember her nursing me back to health after a bad case of pneumonia when I was a child. She had mentioned to me that I almost died. I did not think it was that serious. There were many times when she would get on me with household chores. I was not really into that, but I would rather do it, than experience the wrath of her righteous anger. She also taught me the importance of saying, 'thank you' and writing 'thank you' notes to acknowledge a gift I received. It is still this day ingrained into me. I could go on about many of the lessons in life that she taught me. I am certainly grateful for her shepherding.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who goes after the lost sheep and is even willing to lay down his life for them. What a gift Jesus is for us in this respect! He showed us the depth of his love on that Good Friday about 1,990 years ago! We are invited likewise to be Good Shepherds whether it be someone called to bring peace to 'warring' parties, to offer our pearls of wisdom to those who may be in need of our advice or wisdom, or be willing to be 'hated' by our children or those we care for so that they may get back on track to making wise, future decisions. The call to be a Good Shepherd is not an easy one, yet well worth it, when we meet our Lord face to face and hear the words, "Well, done good and faithful servant, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday and Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who have given their lives in service and sacrifice to us! Fr. Chris



Congratulations to our 2nd Graders.

Ministry Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14th:

Lector: Vicky Vorwald

Eucharistic Ministers: Jennie Bendon & Judy Kirby

Ushers: Teri Cooper & Vivian Winkler

Cleaning Vessels: Jennie Bendon & Judy Kirby

8:00 a.m. Sunday, May 15th:

Lector: Terry Schenfeld

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry & Mike Schenfeld

Ushers: Brian Brennan

Cleaning Vessels: Terry & Mike Schenfeld

10:15 a.m. Sunday, May 15th:

Lector: Andrew Wood

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Ushers: Ben Brackney & Larry Vanderpool

Cleaning Vessels: Larry & Darla Vanderpool

Please remember: at least 2 Eucharistic Ministers need to stay after Mass to help clean the Sacred Vessels.

Linens: Judy Kirby

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

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.

Prayerfully consider continuing your weekly Tithes, Building Fund & monthly Capital Campaign Pledge as expenses will continue to come in.

You may drop your envelope off in the Secured Box on the wall under the Office sign, place it in the mail or there will be a basket in the back of the Church for you to place your Offerings in as well.

Parish Business Manager Opening

St Theresa Parish in Des Moines seeks a full-time Parish Business Manager responsible for fiscal and facility management. Sound financial management of the parish's financial resources is a critical component of this position, along with a demonstrated ability to manage facilities and interact with staff through collaborative teamwork. Job description is available at: <https://sainttheresaiowa.org/employment-opportunities/>. Please email a cover letter and resume to teischeid@stdsm.com. Applications are due by May 27. For more information, call or text Anita Holub at 515-216-0908

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$66,596
Gifts Paid: \$32,025
Percentage of Goal: 48%

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

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



We are so blessed to have the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in our parish and we are always looking for new catechists. Below is an opportunity for training in our Diocese. Please prayerfully consider and if you feel called to give your "YES" contact JoAnn Sayer for scholarship information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation for Adults
Begins in June 25-26, 2022 at St Augustin Catholic Church in Des Moines, IA

This catechist formation seeks to:

To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3-6-year-old child.

- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6-year-old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3-6-year-old child.
- To broaden your ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen to the Scriptures with the child, to deepen your own enjoyment of God.

For more information, contact Mary Heinrich at 515-321-9440 or maryheinrich@cgsusa.org

Smile

Our incoming Pastor

Fr. Adam Westphal

Has requested a current photo of every family in the parish so he can begin to connect names and faces. Please send your families picture to the office and we will see that he gets it.

Email Leasa at lcs3garr@yahoo.com



We Need Your Help!!!!

As you are probably aware, St. Thomas has lost around 70 Ash Trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer disease. As a result, the trees were cut down and we are now eliminating the wood piles and tree stumps. Thanks to some generous individuals we have been able to purchase 17 trees that are now ready to be planted.

Weather permitting, we are scheduling this coming **Saturday, May 14**, at 9:00am as tree planting day. **We need as many of you as possible to come help.** We hope to begin at 9:00am and with a good crew, should finish early. We will have some equipment to make light work of this task, but if you have a favorite shovel, "jobbers" or other equipment, bring it along. Thank you for making the time in your schedule to help St. Thomas Parish out.

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us
— Mother Earth



"...we need to commit ourselves to caring for Creation, without squandering its resources..."
—Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a Home Energy Assessment: Call your electricity provider to see if they provide a free energy assessment of your home. This often includes free or discounted LED light bulbs, programmable thermostats, low flow showerheads, faucet aerators, power strips and hot water pipe insulation...for a significant household energy savings.

Conduct a Home Energy Audit: After an assessment, the next step is a professional audit. An audit usually costs, but can have a very fast payback. A blower is placed on your door and ductwork to find air leaks. IR guns determine insulation effectiveness. The EPA estimates that homeowners typically save 15% on heating/cooling costs each year by air sealing homes and adding insulation. Your power company may be able to help you identify qualified energy auditors.

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