



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am,
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
Simpson Masses start September

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Perpetual Adoration of our Lord from 4pm on Sunday
until noon on Friday

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.

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 240-0209

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 4PM on Tuesday to Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg
& Preston Pettit
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

November 28

ADVENT WEEKDAY

175: Is 4:2-6 (second option) Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

November 29

ADVENT WEEKDAY

176: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Ralph & Bea Johnson
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

November 30

SAINT ANDREW

684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill, Loretta Petersen
& Beverly Krier

December 1

ADVENT WEEKDAY

178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit

December 2

ADVENT WEEKDAY

179: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit

December 3

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8 see 685: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 16:15-20
3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier

December 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier & Preston Pettit
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

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: 515-961-3026 Website: stthomasindianola.com Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Father Adam's Five

for 11/24-11/30

1. Our Ignite! Campaign is almost across the finish line! We've received 95% of our pledge goal. Thanks for your generosity. If you haven't pledged, please consider helping us finish off the campaign.

2. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast November 27 between Masses.

3. Backpacks for hunger is placing an Advent Tree in the gathering space. Parishioners are asked to take one or more ornaments from the tree and bring the item(s) on the ornament back to the church sometime before Dec. 19th.

4. The STARS' Annual Christmas Cookie Walk is coming up on December 3rd. [Signup](#) to help or [give](#) to the cause online.

5. Look for our upcoming ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ Registrations- we will be hosting ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ Thursdays beginning in January.

Photo of some of our STAT students taken November 21st at the Show Jazz concert



We rejoice always in the accomplishments of our students
And we pray they always use God's gifts to give Him Glory!



Stay Connected

If you have not signed up for the Church App please do so.

churchcenter.com/setup

New Feature IN APP

Our Church Center App has a new feature! If we've scheduled you for a ministry, you can click the "Me" button on the bottom of the app and accept/decline. Please accept/decline as soon as possible, so we can schedule subs if needed.

Mark your calendar

Sunday, December 18th at 6:30pm

Our RE students will put on a Christmas play & music program. You **won't want to miss it!**



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Winston Sayre

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie 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.

Cookie Walk & Vendor Fair

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022

9am-12pm

Cookie Walk Volunteers Needed

Sign ups are now open for the annual St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society Cookie Walk and Craft Fair. In addition to the donation of cookies, the time and talents of our parishioners are needed to help make this community event a success. Please consider signing up to help with preparations or day-of needs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>



Man-Up West, December 2022:

"Catholic Answers Live"

Host, Cy Kellett Joins Man-Up West

Friday, December 9th at Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
West Des Moines

Cy Kellett, author, and host of "Catholic Answers Live", will be our speaker. Catholic Answers Live is a syndicated radio program dedicated to apologetics and evangelization that is heard on the Iowa Catholic Radio Network from 5-7pm Monday through Friday. He formerly hosted The Bright Side with Cy Kellett on the Immaculate Heart Radio network. For more than a decade Kellett was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross. Before that, he taught high school in and then spent several years working with the homeless and mentally ill in Massachusetts while living in a Catholic Worker House.

Fellowship and Program will begin at High Noon, Friday, December 9th at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Lunch will be offered at our event by Chick-fil-A (4502 University Ave, West Des Moines, Iowa location).

Weather Cancellation Policy: If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man-Up Event will also be cancelled.

Due to possible space limitations, we highly encourage you to register for this event

at: www.iowacatholicradio.com

Operation Christmas Thank You:

AMAZING!! We are so blessed to have such outstanding, amazing families that have gone ABOVE & BEYOND to help make our collection from our church for Operation Christmas!! THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support for this program for the children and families of Warren County. THANKS to everyone that were able to contribute to this collection. Truly feeling blessed---Debbie McDaniel

Trivia Night Thank You

The Social Concern Committee wants to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the Trivia Night for HEAL House. We raised \$4,200 to support their efforts. Special thanks to the sponsors for this event: Downing, Indianola Veterinary Clinic, Peoples Bank, Sweet Treat Den and Whip It Good Catering.

Thank you for your support of the Ignite! Campaign

Thank you to our volunteers and parishioners who have helped make the Ignite! Campaign such a success.

Your gifts have allowed us to raise **\$341,505** toward our goal of **\$355,000**.

Ignite



If you have not made a gift, you can pledge online at: dmdioocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now

All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must be in no later than

December 20th

Suggested donation \$25.00



Creation Care Corner



"... the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."

—Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from burning fossil fuels traps heat, is warming the planet, and contributing to climate instability. Transportation, including our daily driving, contributes to 29% of total US GHG emissions. When purchasing, consider buying the highest mileage vehicle in the class you need. For example, a 40-mpg vehicle can save you 4500 gallons of fuel over the life of the vehicle and dramatically reduce emissions, compared to a 20-mpg alternative. Hybrid and electric vehicles can often deliver even greater reductions. Check for available incentives on those. Often the move to a more efficient vehicle can result in reduced operating expense and an overall cost savings to you, while reducing waste and pollution!

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