



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 Wednesday from 9am to 9pm
And Friday mornings from 9:00am to noon.

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

December 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—**Gerald O'Meara**
& Gary & Vivian Elbert
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish
No 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

December 13

SAINT LUCY

188: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23
Mt 21:28-32 see 692: 2 Cor 10:17-11:2 Mt 25:1-13
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Betty Ricke
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

December 14

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

189: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23
see 693: 1 Cor 2:1-10a Lk 14:25-33
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill, Loretta Petersen
& Beverly Krier

December 15

ADVENT WEEKDAY

190: Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Lk 7:24-30
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit

December 16

ADVENT WEEKDAY

191: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit

December 17

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Zac Easter

December 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit,
Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish
No 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 12-08 / 12-15

1. The Ignite! survey results are in. We asked you all to give feedback. 40% of you said repairing the St. Thomas Statue was your #1 priority and 23% said the Outside lighting was your #1 priority. We are working on bids right now. Thanks for participating!

2. NO MORE SIMPSON MASS FOR 2022 (Except Dec 8 at noon).

3. Thanks to STARS and Coffee With Jesus for a remarkable weekend last weekend- the cookie walk and the Sunday dinner were both very well attended.

4. We've launched a signup for ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ! **26 people have signed up so far.** Please let us know if you'd be interested in attending by signing up here: <https://tinyurl.com/DCStthomas>

5. The Johnson Music Academy is December 11 and the STA Christmas Concert is December 18. Check the calendar here: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/calendar?view=month>

For easy access to our schedule of events, registrations, online giving, and group resources please install the Church Center App on your phone or tablet.

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus would like to announce that we have collected just over \$2100 for the purchase of 96 coats this year. These coats have been delivered and we are working with Helping Hand to distribute these coats to people in need throughout the winter. The Knights have also committed \$500 toward the purchase of a set of hats and gloves for each coat provided. Thanks to all who contributed to this useful and worthwhile program! Helping Hand also accepts donations of gently used coats. So, as you are straightening your closets, please consider making a donation of coats to provide the gift of warmth for those who need it!



"The parish is forming an Exploratory Committee to look into the possibility of adding stained-glass windows in the existing church. Timeline for project would develop over the next three years. Anyone that is inspired to be a part of the planning of this stained glass project should contact Leasa at the parish office. We would like to get this committee established in early 2023."

The Knights of Columbus Council 5032
announces their annual



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for 2022.

The contest began on Wednesday, November 30 with a deadline of Wednesday, December 14. Materials (poster paper and entry sheets) are available for distribution to students at their religious education classes or on the table outside the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Hall. Rules and conditions are on the entry sheet and a parent's/guardian's signature is required to participate.

Contest winners will be awarded for Grades K-2 (ages 5-7), grades 3-5 (ages 8-10), and grades 6-8 (ages 11-14). Each winner will receive a \$25 award and will have their art work displayed in the gathering space during the Christmas season. Please encourage your children to take part—creating a work of art is a great opportunity to express themselves and to engage in the Advent/Christmas season in a meaningful way!



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Duffy Metz, Winston Sayre

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

& 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.

Backpacks for Hunger During Advent

For the next few weeks, St. Thomas is collecting food and snack items to help fill backpacks for Indianola elementary and middle school students. These backpacks provide much needed nourishment to children who sometimes go hungry over the weekend when not in school. Around the holidays the need is greater than ever, and your help is much appreciated.

An Advent Tree in the Gathering Space is decorated with ornaments, each showing an item needed to help fill backpacks. Single serving snacks, meals, and high protein easy-to-open items are always needed.

From now **through December 20**, please bring in your items and place in the marked tote in the Gathering Space.

Thank you! St. Thomas Social Concerns



Our deepest condolences go out to the Funk family, for the death of **Dianne Funk**, who's funeral was celebrated this past Friday. She will be greatly missed. Please remember her, as well as her family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Her.
May she rest in peace, Amen**



Our deepest condolences go out to the Duffy family, for the death of **Tom Duffy**, who's funeral was celebrated this past Friday. He will be greatly missed. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Him.
May he rest in peace, Amen**



All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must be in no later than **December 20th**

Lectors

Please remember to pick up your 2023 workbooks in the back of the Church.

Adorers needed for Thursdays

We are trying to fill Thursday adoration hours so that we can have exposed Adoration on both Wednesday and Thursday each week. We need 16 additional adorers to be able to have Jesus exposed from 9 to 9. We are looking for adorers from different households. This way the need for subs would be minimal and those who fill an hour can work together to insure coverage. If you don't feel you can commit to each week, consider finding a friend to share the hour with as you don't both need to be there if it doesn't work for 1 of you. Below are the hours and number of persons we need for each. Thank you for your consideration.

1 Adorer needed at 9, 10, 11, 1, 6, 7 and 8
2 Adorers needed at 2, 3, 4 and 5

Please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or on email at spennani1976@outlook.com.

Nativity Play

Sunday, December 18th at 6:30pm
Our RE students will put
on a Christmas play &



Creation Care Corner



"The justified concern about threats to the environment... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of Creation."

— Pope Benedict XVI

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming more "mindful", or intentional, aware and informed, can lead to more careful assessments in what to purchase.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them. **Refuse • Reduce • Repair • Reuse • Recycle**

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