



# 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 a 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 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

## December 19

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## December 20

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—John Francis Malloy  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## December 21

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit

## December 22

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rich Peterson & Dick Krapfl

## December 23

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

## December 24

### LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17  
No Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—For Bishop Joensen  
6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—For non-Christians  
in our community  
Midnight Mass—For Christians in our community  
celebrating the birth of Christ

## December 25

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24  
9:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
No 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas  
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](http://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 12-16 / 12-22

1. Christmas Mass times are: Saturday 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday Midnight and 9:00 a.m.
2. The sign up for Christmas ministries is in the Church Center App.
3. ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ is gaining steam! Please consider signing up at [tinurl.com/dcstthomas](http://tinurl.com/dcstthomas).
4. Over 200 different people have used our Church Center App in the month of December so far; please download your copy at [churchcenter.com/setup](http://churchcenter.com/setup).
5. Our annual Christmas Program is December 18 at 6:30 at St. Thomas.



### Year-end Contributions

Contributions received after 12/31/2022, even if the check has a 2022 date, do **NOT** qualify as a contribution for 2022, **UNLESS** the envelope they came in was postmarked in 2022.

If you are in need of reimbursement for something you purchased for the church the office must have the original receipt.

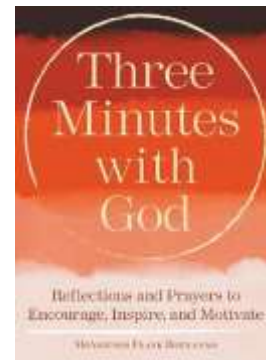


### Healing Service at St. Ambrose Cathedral.

The healing service at St. Ambrose Cathedral is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. all are welcome.

### SPEND THREE MINUTES WITH GOD

Msgr. Frank Bognanno, a Des Moines Diocesan priest for 57 years, has unveiled a book based on his long-running WHO-TV and Star 102.5 radio series called "Thought of the Day." Franciscan Media has compiled 260 of his "Thoughts" with accompanying prayers for each, into a new book, *Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate*. If you're looking for a thoughtful gift, you can shop for the book at Divine Treasures in Des Moines, or through Franciscan Media, Amazon, or Barnes & Noble. Book profits go to the Purify Project, which provides clean water systems to Catholic schools in Tanzania.



#### 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](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.

## 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



## 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](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com).

## Nativity Play

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



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."

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.

## Creation Care Corner



*"Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of ... becoming in turn a victim of this degradation."*  
— Pope Paul VI

### ACT TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE DURING THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. Christians are called to treat food like all of God's gifts: with respect and gratitude, and to avoid overindulgence and waste. Food waste is particularly problematic because in landfills the waste decomposes and generates a potent climate warming greenhouse gas (methane).

Reducing food waste can save you significant money. The average U.S. family wastes \$1,600 of food each year. Use shopping lists to avoid duplicates and keep less food on hand. The "Best if Used By" dates on packages are NOT necessarily expiration dates. However, "Use-By" dates DO signify expiration dates.



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