



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 240-0209

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

December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-1
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

December 26

SAINT STEPHEN, MARTYR

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

December 27

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier & Preston Pettit
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit & Paul Keating

December 29

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

202: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Beverly Krier, Wilma Hill & Loretta Petersen

December 30

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Ps 128:1-5
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit & Paul Keating

December 31

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Angie Chiappine & Kay Bethards

January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

18: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier & Paul Keating
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
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 12-23 / 12-29

1. Christmas Mass times are: Saturday 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday Midnight and 9:00 a.m.
2. New Year's Masses will be the normal weekend Mass times.
3. ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ is open! Please consider signing up at tinurl.com/dcstthomas.
4. YEAR END GIVING- To count for 2022 taxes: 1) Mailed checks must be postmarked in 2022. 2) In person donations must be brought to the office by 3:30 p.m. **Dec 29**. Donations after this time will count for 2023.
5. If you are looking for an easy way to give, please go to tinurl.com/STATithe. Any gifts given online before Dec 31 11:59 p.m. will count towards 2022.

On behalf of Father Adam, Monsignor Bognanno, Deacon Dave, Leasa and all the staff at St. Thomas, we wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!



Coffee with Jesus - Silent Night Holy Night

We would like to express our appreciation to so many ladies of our parish community as well as our local community for their participation in a night of Christmas music and fellowship. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Elizabeth Winjum, Val Hagener (IHS Director of Vocal Music) and the IHS ACapella Choir for an amazing performance. A big thank you to our own St. Thomas Silent Night Singers for leading us in a sing-a-long finale (Kay Thomas, Kathy Trenkamp, Cindy Whitesitt, Patti Alexander, Mary Mace and Vicky Oberheim-Vorwald). Thank you Debbie McDaniel and assistant, Jan Gunnerson, for your presentation on the massive annual project, Operation Christmas. Additionally, we'd like to thank our volunteer servers & dessert chefs, Kaylee Dykstra, Leia Graham, Megan Jensen, Caitlin Brodie, Marie De-Wall, Kristy Dykstra and Susan Guggisberg. The behind-the-scenes support deserves a special thank you as we couldn't have done it without the assistance of Leasa Garrett and JoAnn Sayre. We were pleased to forward a check for nearly a \$1000 to Operation Christmas. Thank you everyone for your participation and for making our first Silent Night - Holy Night a fun and festive experience.

God bless you all, Carol, Kim, Angie & Susan

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



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 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.

Happy Birthday Jesus



Special thanks to Katie Sparks, Stacy Strong, Kay Neumann-Thomas, Elizabeth Williams and all those that helped to make the children's program so enjoyable! Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus for providing dinner for the children after their program was over. May God bless you for all you do for the children of our parish.



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.

Creation Care Corner

Laudato Si' on the Incarnation

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to be open to awe and wonder when viewing the natural world that God created, in which He was incarnated, and of which we are a part. (*Laudato Si'*, 11)

Further, he reflects, "In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: 'All things have been created through him and for him' (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ's creative work as the Divine Word (Logos). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word 'became flesh' (John 1:14). One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (LS, 99)

***Joy to you, and to the whole world,
this Christmas Season!***

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