



# 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

## 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

## January 2

### **SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28 see 510: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 23:8-12  
206: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## January 3

### **CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

206: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Albert Basler  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## January 4

### **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

207: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42 see 737-742, esp. Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 10:38-42  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill & Loretta Petersen

## January 5

### **SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**

208: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51 see 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 (722.4) Jn 10:11-16 (724.10) or 719-724  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

## January 6

### **CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

209: 1 Jn 5:13 Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Becky Elbert

## January 7

### **CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

210: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11  
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

## January 8

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John Giglio  
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](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 Beginning of 2023:

1. ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ is open! Please consider signing up at [tinurl.com/dcstthomas](http://tinurl.com/dcstthomas).
2. Looking to make New Year's Resolutions? Try the Catechism in a Year Podcast! <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>
3. 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.
4. If you are looking for an easy way to give, please go to [tinurl.com/STATithe](http://tinurl.com/STATithe). Any gifts given online before Dec 31 11:59 p.m. will count towards 2022.
5. We are going to be launching a new photo directory- through the APP! Download the app now at [churchcenter.com/setup](http://churchcenter.com/setup)

**May God bless you  
and all your loved ones  
throughout the coming  
year!**



### Lectors

Please remember to pick up your 2023 workbooks on the receptionist desk.



Join us every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:40am to pray the rosary before Mass.

*"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."*

St. Padre Pio

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.

Our next gathering table that STARS is in charge of is Monday, Jan 2nd. Attached is the sign up sheet if you are able to assist with this ministry. Also, if you have any questions please reach out to one of us and we would be happy to answer those questions .

Thanks again.

Kassi, Kate, and Joyce



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8a72ca0f49-gathering>

### Grief Support Group Understanding Your Grief

**WHERE:** Meadow Glen Terrace  
712 S Jefferson Way, Bldg A  
Indianola, Iowa 50125

**WHEN:** 2nd Wednesday of each month  
From 4:30pm-6pm ~ For more info

**CALL:** Helen Kollasch 515-491-4106  
Vicky Oberheim-Vorwald 515-371-2609



Wed., January 11, 2023

Our deepest condolences go out to the McCasland family from Immaculate Conception Parish, for the death of their daughter **Shelby**, who's funeral was celebrated this past Saturday. Shelby was a member of our STAT family, she attended Confirmation prep classes and received Confirmation at St. Thomas Aquinas. Shelby went on the Colorado Mission trip with our teens and made lasting friendships that will cause us to smile and remember her with great affection. Shelby will be 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**



### Start the New Year with Spiritual Enrichment offered by Deacon Dave

- Woman's Bible study every Monday at 9 AM at St Thomas Aquinas
- Men's Faith Sharing Prayer Group meets every Saturday, at 8 AM at St Thomas Aquinas, in the multi-purpose room

### Thursday Adoration

We are making some progress on our goal to have exposed adoration on Thursdays, but are still 13 adorers short. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus during one of these available hours.

Needs:

We need 1 additional adorer at 11 am, 12 noon, 1, 7 and 8pm

We need 2 adorers from different households to cover 2, 3, 4 and 5 pm.

Contact Anitta Spenner  
at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) or 515-344-7850.



### Creation Care Corner



*"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and it's human roots, concerns and affect us all."*  
- Pope Francis

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

**Join organizations to generate momentum.** Pope Francis urges the world's 1.3 billion Catholics and all people of good will to take urgent action against the injustice of the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, and builds on a long history of Catholic teaching. Joining groups focused on Creation Care can dramatically accelerate progress. Whether it's your parish Creation Care Team, or a national organization, you'll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. Consider investigating and joining groups like the Laudato Si' Movement, LivingTheChange.net, or the Catholic Climate Covenant. There's power in numbers!



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