



# 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

## Sunday, February 19

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

8:00 am 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Lauren Strable  
on her Birthday

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

## Monday, February 20

### WEEKDAY

341: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## Tuesday, February 21

### WEEKDAY

342: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill  
& Loretta Petersen  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## Wednesday, February 22

### ASH WEDNESDAY

219: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
7:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Becky Elbert &  
Eileen Douglass  
3:30 pm at Simpson College  
7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—for the people

## Thursday, February 23

### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

## Friday, February 24

### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier

## Saturday, February 25

### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32  
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Donald Mangold

## Sunday, February 26

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19  
or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11  
8:00 am 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald & Delphine  
Schneider and Bill Ketch

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 February 16-February 23:

1. Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday; please bring your old palms to the Weekend Masses Feb 18. Fr. Adam will burn them to use on Ash Wednesday.
2. Ash Wednesday Mass will be 7 a.m. at STA, 3:30 at Simpson, and 7 p.m. at STA.
3. If you are looking for a book to meditate with during Lent, this book was recommended to me: <https://www.amazon.com/Lenten-Journey-Greater-Love-Strengthen-ebook/dp/BOBTCCK83B> (I haven't read it yet). To search for it, type "Fr. Erik Arnold Lent" in amazon's search feature.
4. Please bring your donations back in your M&M mini's tube for our upcoming STAT mission.
5. The Knights of Columbus are beginning their Lenten Fish Fries Friday February 24, serving from 5:30 to 7.

## Mark your Calendar

# Installation Service



Bishop William Joensen will be at Saint Thomas Church on Tuesday, March 21st to officially install Father Adam Westphal as our new pastor. This will take place at the 6:00pm Mass and will be followed by a small reception. All are invited to attend.

## KC Fish Frys

Mark your calendars



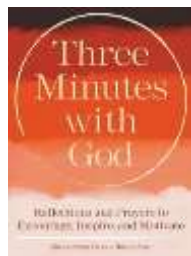
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31  
5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out  
Adults: \$13.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$6.00  
Children 5yrs & under: Free

## Mark your Calendars

### **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 series called "Thought of the Day."

***Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate.***



Msgr. Bognanno will be at St. Thomas Church on Sunday March 19th, selling and signing his book immediately after the 8AM Mass.

## 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

Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows:  
7:00AM and 7:00PM at St Thomas  
3:30PM at Simpson College



Attention High School Seniors:



### Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to [www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com](http://www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com).

Applications are to be emailed to [vandy.omeara@gmail.com](mailto:vandy.omeara@gmail.com) or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125.

Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 1, 2023.

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Our deepest condolences go out to the Elbert family, for the death of **Bev Elbert**, who's funeral was celebrated this past Saturday. Bev will be greatly missed at Saint Thomas. Please remember her, as well as Terry and the entire Elbert family in your prayers.

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



### The STARS College Scholarship

Is now on the Church website, any student wishing to submit an application must email them to Kate Lerseth at [kate.lerseth@simpson.edu](mailto:kate.lerseth@simpson.edu) no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 31st 2023 to be considered.

Condolences also go out to the Rehbein family, for the death of **Bernie Rehbein**, who's funeral Mass will be celebrated this coming Monday, February 20 at 7:00pm. Bernie will be greatly missed. Please remember her, as well as John and the entire family in your prayers.

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And let perpetual lights shine upon Her.  
May she rest in peace, Amen**



### Adoration Update



We are making progress on filling our adoration hours. Thank you to those who have signed up or changed hours so that we can have exposed adoration on Thursday as well as Wednesday. We only need 5 more adorers to fill Thursday. We've had a couple of people leave which has left us with 2 open hours on Wednesday as well.

Here are the hours we still are working to fill.

**Wednesdays** we need at least 1 adorer at 11am and one at 6pm

**Thursdays** we need 1 person at the following times: Noon, 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Please contact me today to sign up for one of these. 515-344-7850 or [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com)

### Creation Care Corner



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