



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 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 Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald & Delphine
Schneider and Bill Ketch

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, February 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, February 28

LENTEN WEEKDAY

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill
& Loretta Petersen

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 1

LENTEN WEEKDAY

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

Thursday, March 2

LENTEN WEEKDAY

227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Friday, March 3

LENTEN WEEKDAY

228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier

Saturday, March 4

LENTEN WEEKDAY

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Tom Duffy

Sunday, March 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

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 February 23-March 2:

1. Stations of the Cross will be Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m. (except Good Friday).
2. Fridays are also the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries from 5:30 to 7.
3. We have partnered with Gallup (the international survey company) to help us explore ways of better serving the spiritual needs of our people. Please take some time to fill out a survey provided by Gallup (anonymity is guaranteed). The survey is live from February 24 until March 20. <https://survey.gallup.com/stthomasaquinas2023>
4. The Diocese of Des Moines has provided a Lenten Resource that may be fruitful for you. Check it out here: tinyurl.com/STA-DMDLENT
5. We are looking for more people to participate in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. Please consider signing up in the gathering space.

FASTING/ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES:

Fasting (ages 18-59) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means 1 full meal, two smaller meals not totaling a full meal.

Abstinence (Ages 14+) means not eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

KC Fish Frys

Mark your calendars



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



Join us every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 7:40am and Tuesday evening after Mass to pray the rosary.

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

St. Padre Pio

Mark your Calendar

Installation Service



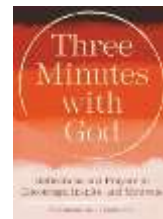
Bishop William Joensen will be at Saint Thomas Church on Tuesday, March 21st to officially install Father Adam Westphal as our new pastor. This will take place at the 6:00pm Mass and will be followed by a small reception. All are invited to attend.

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 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

EXPLORE LENT ON FORMED



There is something for everyone!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Heal House, our local drug free homeless shelter, is looking for a volunteer to work in the office on Wednesday afternoons from 1PM—4PM. They also need a volunteer to fill in if one of the scheduled volunteers is unavailable. If interested, please call Jo Byers at 515-975-3572.
- Would you be able to read to a little second grade girl at Emerson school on Tuesdays from 11:15–12 noon, starting in mid-March until the end of the school year? If interested, please call Claire Patin 515-491-5149

DO YOU WANT TO
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FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3

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Grief Support Group Understanding Your Grief

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

WHEN: 3rd Wednesday of each month
From 4:30pm-6pm ~ For more info

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

This has been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, until otherwise notified.



Gathering Table

Next Gathering Table is Monday March 6th. We can always use your help. Please check the Sign-up genius. Thank you.



Creation Care Corner



"Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence... We have no such right" (LS 33).

—Pope Francis

Protect Species Diversity

Scientists report that nearly one million species are at risk of extinction by the end of this century, driven by human activity. Biodiversity is necessary for a healthy world. We can take individual action to protect biodiversity by:

- Reducing our fossil fuel usage which contributes to warming that is contributing to growing extinction rates
- Eating foods that require lower land use or reduce aquatic impact to minimize habitat loss
- Advocating for Congressional legislation that will conserve nature and promote clean energy
- Supporting local conservation efforts or organizations that are making a difference
- Planting native flora to support the wildlife around you, and minimizing your use of pesticides and herbicides.

Consider spending time to better understand how the way we live our lives impacts the world around us. There are opportunities for all of us to make modifications to help ensure future generations can enjoy a world as beautiful, diverse and ecologically healthy as the one we inherited.

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