



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, March 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

28: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Janie Garrett & Shelby McCasland
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
No 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, March 13

LENTEN WEEKDAY

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3: 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, March 14

LENTEN WEEKDAY

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Mary Ellen Harre
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 15

LENTEN WEEKDAY

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Thursday, March 16

LENTEN WEEKDAY

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Friday, March 17

LENTEN WEEKDAY

241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Tom Duffy
& Shelby McCasland

Saturday, March 18

LENTEN WEEKDAY

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab Lk 18:9-14
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—John Manders

Sunday, March 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

31:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Tom Duffy
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

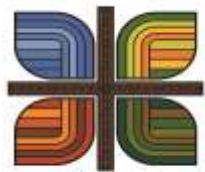
for March 10-March 16:

1. No Simpson Mass March 12
2. Fr. Adam won't ask for gift cards or money via text message; the recent text scam only targeted a few people, but we wanted to update everyone.
3. As we continue to discern the best ways to meet the needs of our people, we need input; please fill out the survey at Gallup to help us out <https://survey.gallup.com/stthomasaquinas2023>
4. The STAT CHICKEN DINNER is on April 24. If you want to order your ticket online and still have it count for one of our teens, just enter the name of the teen when asked about who recommended the dinner to you. <https://tinyurl.com/STAT-CHICKEN> If you just want to help the STAT kids out with a tax-deductible gift, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/STAT-23>
5. Team training for ChristLife part one: Discovering Christ is March 25. If you are interested in serving on a team either with the next run of Discovering Christ or in the future, fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-DC-LEAD>.

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.



2023 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to Sow God's Spirit and support the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and our parish benefit. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.



The Annual Diocesan Appeal goal for 2023 is \$4,808,582, an increase of 4.0% from 2022. Our parish's 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal is \$73,908.

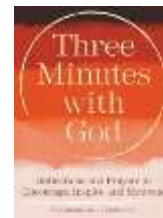
Mark your Calendar

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.

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



Don't miss is!

Thank you to those that signed up for **ChristLife** part 2: **Following Christ**



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.

Dates to Note

Sunday, April 2nd **Palm Sunday**

Thursday, April 6th **Holy Thursday**

Needed 12 individuals to sign up to have their feet washed. Contact the office.

Women, please wear ankle length dresses or pants if you wish to get your feet washed.

Friday, April 7th **Good Friday** Service.
Possibly at Simpson Smith Chapel
To be announced

Saturday, April 8th **Holy Saturday**
Time to be Announced

Sunday, April 9th **Easter Sunday**.
Time to be Announced

Saturday, April 15th **Sacrament of Confirmation** with Bishop Joensen
At the 4:30PM parish Mass

Sunday, April 30th **First Holy Communion**
Mass during 10:15AM parish Mass.

From our STAT Mission Group

Thank you so much for your support with our M&M drive. If you have not had the chance to return your container the box is in the gathering space.



Thelma's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

As in past years, our big fundraiser is a carry out dinner. This year the dinner is from Thelma's catering. If you would like to continue to support our teens and enjoy a delicious meal here's your chance!

\$10.00 per ticket

Drive thru meal on Monday April 24th
St Thomas Aquinas Church, North parking lot
Pick up between 4:30-6:30

You can purchase tickets at the Church or at the fish fries on all the Friday's in lent, or Online.

Thanks so much for the support past and present.

Meals on Wheels of Warren County are in need of people to deliver meals in town. The meals are already prepared. All you do is place the meals in bags and deliver to people who have paid for their meals. It only takes an hour or less. You can do 1 day a week or more. Great community service! If interested call 515-961-1155 or Barb at 515-669-7795.

KC Fish Frys

Mark your calendars



March 17, 24, & 31

5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out

Adults: \$13.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$6.00

Children 5yrs & under: Free

BUDGET



Budgets Due

Budgets for all the different Church organizations are due by **March 15th**

The next **Gathering Table** is this Monday, **March 20th**. We can always use your help. Please check the Sign-up genius. Thank you.

Creation Care Corner



"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

- Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Join groups to accelerate creation care progress.

To protect the poor and future generations, Pope Francis urges the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to take serious action to address the ecological crisis. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, God's great gift to us. This builds on a long history of Catholic social teaching. Joining groups that are taking action on creation care can dramatically accelerate progress. Consider getting involved in your parish Creation Care Team or Green team, local civic organizations, or state or national advocacy groups. You'll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. You could also consider investigating and joining groups like the Catholic Climate Covenant, Creation Justice Ministries, or the *Laudato Si'* Movement. There's power in numbers! You can make a difference!

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