



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 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
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, March 20

LENTEN WEEKDAY

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, March 21

LENTEN WEEKDAY

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Becky Elbert
& Bev Elbert
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Thursday, March 23

LENTEN WEEKDAY

247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit
& Shelby McCasland

Friday, March 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Saturday, March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Ann Puetz

Sunday, March 26

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Dianne Funk
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 March 17-March 23:

1. Simpson Mass is happening March 19 (Welcome back from Spring Break!)
2. Msgr. Bognano is doing a book signing on March 19 after the 8 a.m. Mass. The price per book is \$20.
3. We will be putting paper copies of our Gallup Survey in the pews this weekend. 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.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$73,908
Gifts Paid: \$13,163
Percentage of Goal: 18 %

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



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 selling and signing his book immediately after the 8AM Mass (3-19-2023) The cost of the Book is \$20.00 Cash & Checks accepted.

KC Fish Frys



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

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

Keep watch for the times

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**

Sunday, April 9th **Easter Sunday**.

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.

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. Applications are to be emailed to 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.

The STARS College Scholarship

Any student wishing to submit an application must email them to Kate Lerseth at kate.lerseth@simpson.edu no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 31st to be considered. The application is on the Church website.

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.

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



Fun Family Event – Sat. April 1.



Come learn about all the ways to care for and protect God's creation at the **Indianola Sustainability Fair** at the **Blake Fieldhouse from 10 am – 2 pm on Sat. April 1**. St. Thomas Aquinas' Creation Care Team will have a booth there.

The event is free and includes activities for children, such as worm jars, with peat soil and worm food donated by Central Iowa Organic Fertilizer, as well as exhibits by Blank Park Zoo, Warren County Conservation and SOAR bald eagle.

Adults can get information on electric cars, Trees Forever, the Rain Campaign, vegetable gardening and sustainable products.

The Outside Scoop and Magoo's Pizza food trucks will also be there.

As Saint John Paul said, "The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations." Learn to live sustainably.

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