



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 240-029

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, April 2

PALM SUNDAY

37: Mt 21:1-11 (procession) 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
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

Monday, April 3

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, April 4

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy
& Levi Butler
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 5

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Donald Mangold
& Clyde Slick

Thursday, April 6

HOLY THURSDAY

260: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27
Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

GOOD FRIDAY

40: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16;
5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
7:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL READINGS

No 3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9

EASTER SUNDAY

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon
Mass, 46: Lk 24:13-35
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—
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 31-April 6:

1. Holy Week Schedule:
Holy Thursday 7 p.m.
Good Friday 7 p.m.
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Noon. At the Noon Mass we will not use incense, and we are expecting a lighter crowd, so if you want to social distance or have repertory issues we'd recommend the Noon Mass.
2. Thanks to all our parish groups who have submitted FY24's budget. Now that we have the numbers in, we are beginning to look at expanding our staff hours around the start of the Fiscal year (July 1st). We are looking at expanding areas such as youth ministry, music ministry, and custodial services.
3. Please support the Annual Diocesan Appeal; our goal for this calendar year is \$73,908.
4. Our Finance Council, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Diocese have all signed off on our first Ignite! project: we are going to have security cameras installed inside and out. Our Second project is also nearing approval- Improved lighting outside! Thanks to all who contributed and pledged to the Ignite! Campaign. We are still waiting to hear back about the repairing of our St. Thomas statue.
5. 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>

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$73,908
Gifts Paid: \$17,025
Percentage of Goal: 24 %

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

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



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.



Easter Flowers

The deadline to purchase Easter memorial flowers for the Altar is Wednesday, April 5th by noon.



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

The next Gathering Table in Monday, April 3rd. Check



Help is always needed. Thank you.

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**
7:00PM at St Thomas
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.**
7:00PM at St Thomas

Saturday, April 8th **Holy Saturday at 8:00PM**

Sunday, April 9th **Easter Sunday.**
8:00AM, 10:15AM, 12 Noon

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.

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.

Creation Care Corner

We thank you, Creator God,
for the gift of Brother Air,
for life, for breath, for spirit.

We thank you for your presence in the cosmos
and in the air above and surrounding us.

We thank you for our atmosphere, weather,
and renewed life of spring.

Forgive us for thoughtlessly or selfishly
polluting your gift of air.

Empower us to glorify you in this gift
through our care of it.

Amen.

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