



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, April 16

SECOND EASTER SUNDAY (OR DIVINE MERCY)

43: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Father Don Bruck
 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, April 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8
 No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, April 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
 6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Marilyn Keating
 6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 19

EASTER WEEKDAY

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
 8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Mary Ellen Harre

Thursday, April 20

EASTER WEEKDAY

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36
 8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Thomas

Friday, April 21

EASTER WEEKDAY

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
 8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert
 and Bev Elbert

Saturday, April 22

EASTER WEEKDAY

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
 3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Shelby McCasland &
 Janie Garrett

Sunday, April 23

THIRD EASTER SUNDAY

46: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Doyle Rankin
 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
 5:00 pm Last on campus Mass at Simpson College
 for the semester

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 April 14-April 20:

1. Thank you to all who decorated our church and who provided such wonderful music, and to all who served in ministry functions for Holy Week and the Triduum. This past week has been so beautiful!
2. Bishop is here for confirmation at the 4:30 mass on April 15.
3. We continue the Easter season until June 5.
4. We'd like to complete our ADA by July 1st. Please go to tinyurl.com/STA-ADA and setup a recurring donation. Be sure to select Indianola, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish ADA (See below) The Diocese takes care of all fees and we get full credit for your donation. Anything above and beyond our annual goal we get to keep.
5. This weekend there will be a bake sale to support the prevention of child abuse.

Reminder:

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

Congratulations to all those that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:



Elyse Bierman	Ethan Nelson
Carson Brazie	Maxx Perry
Abigail Corbett	Ayden Pontier
Ellen Corbett	Jacob Pontier
Lauren Danielson	Carson Slorah
Andrew DeWall	Ava Tichy
Isabella Hayes	Louis Vonnahme
Maci Lerseth	Jaida Wilhelmi
Isabella O'Meara	Will Whalen
Joseph O'Meara	Giovanni Richardson
Alexander Shinn	

Please remember all of them in your prayers.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$73,908
Gifts Paid: \$23,610
Percentage of Goal: 32 %

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

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



Adorers needed

We only need 5 more adorers to sign up for a holy hour on Thursdays to have Jesus exposed on Thursdays. We do have a couple of hours that we need an additional adorer for on Wednesdays so that we can have 2 each hour. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus at one of the available times listed. To sign up, please contact me at sPennani1976@outlook.com or by calling 515-344-7850. Thank you.

Wednesday hours needed: 11 am, 3 pm & 6 pm
Thursday hours needed: 12, 1, 3, 4 and 5 pm

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.

Returning again this year!

We are excited and honored to have the School Sisters of Christ the King return to lead our summer Vacation Bible School (also known as Cor Jesu Rex). It will be June 19-23 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The Sisters from Lincoln, NE will lead the children who have completed 1st through 8th grades. And, we will have a companion program for younger children who have finished kindergarten or preschool (who can do simple crafts and coloring).

It's a week of songs, games, daily Mass and fun, as well as contemplation and meditation on how to get closer to Jesus. The children who attended last year (even the Middle schoolers) loved the program and the Sisters!

The Sisters are going to have a high school night on Wednesday evening for any high schoolers who want to attend (no charge).

And we will take any high schooler who would like to volunteer during the week. The cost this year is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$30 per family. Several of the meals are included for either two or three of the days – we're working on donations.

To register, we have a registration form on our church's "Church Center" app. (Search for "Church Center App" in your App Store to download the app. It's the one with the blue church building icon.)

If you have any questions, contact DRE JoAnn Sayre at 515-961-3026 or Elizabeth Williams at fjecwilliams@msn.com

It's time to be thinking about gardening and once again we are looking for volunteers to help with weekly watering, tree planting and some light weeding. If you can help please contact Bob and Jackie Pool at 515-360-0546



**The next Gathering Table is
Monday, April 17
check sign up genius.**

From our STAT Mission Group

Thelma's Chicken Dinner Fundrais



St. Thomas, Mission Trip Fundraiser

Fried Chicken
Dinner by
Thelma

Monday, April 24th 4:30 to 6:30PM



LAST CHANCE TO GET DINNER TICKETS

\$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 Online.

Thanks so much for the support past and

Grief Support Group Understanding Your Grief

The Understanding Our Grief support group meetings will be held at the Good Samaritan Meadow Glen, every third Wednesday of the month, at 4:30 p.m. everyone is welcome, not necessary to sign up, just come. For more information or questions contact Helen Kollasch 515-491-4106

Creation Care Corner

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures:

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis's Laudato Si



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