

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianol a, IA 50125 Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm , 8:00 am, 10:15 am,

Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass

Dail y 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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<u>Perpetual Adoration</u> 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 a 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 30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

<u>Monday, May 1</u> EASTER WEEKDAY SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

279: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18 (second option) or, for the Memorial, see 559: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16 Mt 13:54-58 No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 2 SAINT ATHANASIUS

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30 see 560: 1 Jn 5:1-5 Mt 10:22-25
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Mary Ellen Harre
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 3
SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES
561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Lori Frueh

Thursday, May 4 EASTER WEEKDAY

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20 8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Levi Butler

Friday, May 5

EASTER WEEKDAY
283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Della Miller
& healing for Winston Sayre

<u>Saturday, May 6</u> EASTER WEEKDAY

284: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14 3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Becky Elbert & Janie Garrett

Sunday, May 7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

52: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Evon Puetz 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 April 28—May 4:

- 1. First Communion will be this weekend during the Sunday 10:15 Mass.
- 2. Simpson Masses will continue until May 14.
- 3. STAT's annual Chicken Dinner went well, thanks for the support! We sold over 600 tickets!
- 4. Thanks for the prayers for the FOCUS retreat. There are truly awesome testimonies coming in from the weekend.
- 5. As we wrap up the majority of our activities for the year, I want to thank all of our staff and volunteers for their dedication and so many hours of hard work. Looking back, I'm humbled by how great a team we have and am awed at how much we were able to accomplish together. Next year is going to be great! The road goes ever on and on...

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$73,908 Gifts Paid: 31,590 Percentage of Goal: 45 %

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

Please pray for the children that received their First Holy Communion



Hailey Bahr Gwendolyn McCarty

Grayson Curtis David Miller

Drake Enquist Claire Phillips

Murphy Evans Axl Sadler

Nathan Hartford Ava Strable

Paxton Hoxmeier Audrey Shinn

Brenton Johnson Colton Stamper

Grace Kelly Daniel Schortmann

Charlotte Knedler

Gwen Krizmanic

Prayer List For all those in need.

Duffy Metz, Winston Sayre
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick S handley, & for the S ouls 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.

MARY'S MEALS 10TH ANNUAL **RACE TO FEED KIDS**

5k Walk/Run Supporting Mary's Meals

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023 9:00 am Race/ Walk Day-of Registration begins at 8:00

Where: Women of Achievement Bridge in Down-

town Des Moines

(for parking or map apps, use address 700 Robert D Ray Drive, Des Moines)

Race Options: 5K Walk/Run (Individual, Family, Donation & Virtual Options available)

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Coming To St. Thomas

Sarah Hart in Concert Saturday August 26th after Mass Music, food and fellowship!

Sarah Hart



We need your help:

We have received funding for 7 more trees and plan to plant them, as well as few small ones on Saturday, May 6, weather permitting, on the East border of the Church property.

If you have a small truck that can help move them that would be great. If you can help plant that would be wonderful. We will try to

have the holes pre-dug to make it easier on everyone. Please join the party!!!

A special thank you to all the

Good Shepherd Catechist Religious ed teachers And Open discussion leaders

For another wonderful year! Have a safe summer, and we'll see you at Mass!

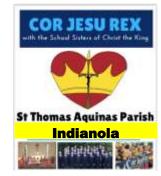




The next Gathering Table is Monday, May 1st check sign up genius.

Sign up for Vacation Bible School

June 19-23



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The Sisters from "Cor Jesu Rex" will be returning this summer. Don't miss out . Sign up now!

Creation Care Corner



"...It is essential to 'sense' that the Earth is 'our common home." - Pope Benedict XVI

Avoiding the "Ostrich Effect"

Pope Francis challenges us to be on guard against the psychological tendency to minimize the climate crisis.

"As often occurs in periods of deep crisis which require bold decisions, we are tempted to think that what is happening is not entirely clear. Superficially, apart from a few obvious signs of pollution and deterioration, things do not look that serious, and the planet could continue as it is for some time. Such evasiveness serves as a license to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption. This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen."(LS 59)

Against the alarming situation with our common planetary home, Pope Francis asks, "What kind of world do we want to leave for those who come after us...?"

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