



# 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, 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

## Monday, May 8

### EASTER WEEKDAY

285: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## Tuesday, May 9

### EASTER WEEKDAY

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Charles Hanneman  
& Joseph Chiappine  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## Wednesday, May 10

### EASTER WEEKDAY

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Margaret Wood

## Thursday, May 11

### EASTER WEEKDAY

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Merlea Schultz

## Friday, May 12

### EASTER WEEKDAY

289: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Della Miller  
& healing for Winston Sayre

## Saturday, May 13

### EASTER WEEKDAY

290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21  
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Doyle Rankin  
& Janie Garrett

## Sunday, May 14

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21  
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

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](http://stthomasindianola.com) Facebook: [St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA](https://www.facebook.com/St.ThomasChurchIndianolaIA)

**For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7**

# Father Adam's Five

for May 5—May 11:

1. Congratulations to all of our first communicants! The celebration Sunday was beautiful.
2. Mark your calendars: May 13 at 6:15 p.m. is the Johnson Musical academy performance at 6:15 p.m. at St. Thomas
3. Mark your calendars: May 24 at 7 p.m. is the Indianola Ministerial Association's Baccalaureate for our graduates.
4. Our Vacation Bible School registration is now open! You can go to [tinyurl.com/STA-VBS](http://tinyurl.com/STA-VBS) for more information and to sign up.
5. We have completed another upgrade to our facilities- the lighting in the hallway over by the great hall and the classrooms has been replaced. Thanks to Baker Electric for their wonderful work. We have a number of projects in the works, thanks to your generous donations to the Building Fund and Ignite! Campaign. Stay tuned for more

## Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Goal: \$73,908  
Gifts Paid: 29,090  
Percentage of Goal: 40 %

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](mailto: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



***Congratulations to all those that received Sacraments this year.***



## Prayer List

For all those in need.

Duffy Metz, Winston Sayre  
Doug A ndreasen, E d Leinen , Jean Veasman ,  
Mike Metz, Patrick S handley,  
& for the S ouls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Sign up for Vacation Bible School

Dear Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd parents,

First, we just want to thank you all for such a wonderful year in RE/CGS! Thank you for supporting the faith formation of your children, getting them to church, praying with them, loving them and encouraging a close relationship with Jesus. It is an honor and privilege (and very faith-affirming) to work with such wonderful Catholic families.

Now, on to summer! Here is the link below to register for Vacation Bible School (also known as Cor Jesu Rex – which is what the School Sisters of Christ the King call their one-week summer program for children). Please register as soon as you can (today, would be great) so they know how many Sisters to schedule to come to our parish.

*We have already received many registrations. So, if you have already registered, please disregard this notice. Thanks!*

The details: June 19-23 (Monday through Friday)  
9:00 am until 2:00 pm  
Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
\$10 registration fee (maximum \$30 per family)

Each day includes Mass, class time, games, fun, devotions and a chance to interact with the Sisters (who are marvelous. The kids loved them last year!)

To register you'll need the Church Center app (the icon is a blue church building).

Here is the link:

<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697700>

If you know a family that is interested, but not in our parish, we welcome everyone who wants their children to have this experience.

We are looking forward to a spirit-filled, fun week! Please register as soon as you can.

God Bless,  
JoAnn Sayre and Elizabeth Williams

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Indianola, IA

## 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



Needing Volunteers:

Two people from Connect 55 would like a ride to either the 4:30pm or 10:15am Mass.? If you can help with this, please contact Nancy Cambron [ncambro@gmail.com](mailto:ncambro@gmail.com) and she will set it up. Thank you

## Knights of Columbus Bake Sale

The Knights would like to thank everyone who donated baked items or made a donation in support of our bake sale. We collected over \$2,000 in donations from the sale. This will be matched with a \$1,000 donation from the council. Thanks again for the wonderful support.

## Creation Care Corner



*"All of us can cooperate  
as instruments of God  
for the care of Creation."  
— Pope Francis*

### Managing Runoff with Rain Gardens

Managing stormwater runoff in our yards and communities is challenging but important. Left unchecked, stormwater carries pollutants from roofs, chemically treated lawns, driveways and roads into streams and waterways. Increasing ways for water to be absorbed through landscaping makes for healthier land and water for all.

One home solution is the "rain garden." Rain gardens are shallow depressions filled with perennial native plants which temporarily collect a few inches of rain. Plant roots then slowly filter out pollutants and allow the water to percolate into the surrounding soil. Up to 30% more water is absorbed into the ground. Besides alleviating problems associated with flooding and drainage, rain gardens can beautify yards, recharge the ground water supply and provide habitat and food for wildlife, including birds and butterflies. For more information, pictures and "how to" instructions, <https://tinyurl.com/rgrdn>



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