



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 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

Last Simpson Mass for the semester

Monday, May 15

EASTER WEEKDAY

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bess Basler

6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

293: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Levi Butler

Thursday, May 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Nancy Slick

Friday, May 19

EASTER WEEKDAY

295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Janie Garrett

Saturday, May 20

EASTER WEEKDAY

296: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Sunday, May 21

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

59: Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8

1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

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 May 12—May 18:

1. Our new Projects Page is up and running! Now on the app you can click the more icon (with the three dots) and select the projects page. It will show you the status of various projects at STA! You can also go to tinyurl.com/STA-BAG (short for Buildings and Grounds).
2. May 13, 6:15 p.m.- Johnson Musical Academy Performance at STA
3. May 24, 7 p.m.- Baccalaureate at STA.
4. June 19-23, VBS at STA! Register at tinyurl.com/STA-VBS
5. We are working on expanding our ministry team to include a paid position for music director. Please pray for us as we put together a search committee and begin looking for the right person.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$73,908
Gifts Paid: 34,315
Percentage of Goal: 47 %

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 sennani1976@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



Happy Mother's Day

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.

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 8th 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

Thank You

Many thanks to those of you who found time to help with the planting of trees. Your efforts were much appreciated and helped get the job done.



Thanks to Jack Slinker, Steve Garrett and Alan Harder who were kind enough to transport the Post Hole Digger and then took the time to dig the holes. We also give thanks to Chris Wilbur and Rene Staudacher who weathered the chilly and blustery Saturday morning to plant trees. In all we managed to plant 23 trees due to the generosity of the Tom Duffy family memorial fund, Dr. Mark Fox who donated funds for trees, and Robert Pool who donated 13 trees out of his nursery stock. All of the trees were planted along the East edge of the church property.

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>

Fire is the life-line of a natural prairie. Our natural prairie was burned in a controlled burn recently. This was done for two reasons:

1. It provides needed sunlight for new seedlings; and
2. It destroys brush, tree sprouts and seeds of invasive plants which then allows native seeds to sprout and grow.

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