



# 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 a anyone in need.  
Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-0209

**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

## 2023

### Sunday, August 13

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

115: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14

Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Pauline Ripperger  
& Sue Douglas

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

### Monday, August 14

#### SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

413: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27 see

620A: Wis 3:1-9 or 1 Jn 3:14-18 Jn 15:12-16

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

### Tuesday, August 15

#### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

7:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Robert O'Meara & Carmen Koth

### Wednesday, August 16

#### WEEKDAY

415: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Margaret Wood

### Thursday, August 17

#### WEEKDAY

416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt 18:21-19:1

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Charles & Minnie Hanneman

### Friday, August 18

#### WEEKDAY

417: Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24 Mt 19:3-12

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre  
& Shelby McCasland

### Saturday, August 19

#### WEEKDAY

418: Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Kenneth Bendon

### Sunday, August 20

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

118: Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Sonnie Brommel  
& Carmen Koth

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Friday's in the summer 9 a.m.-1 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

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

## Father Adam's Five for August 11—August 17:

1. After a conversation between the Finance council and the Buildings and Grounds committee, St. Thomas Aquinas is implementing the following policy : **It will be the policy of St. Thomas Aquinas to hold in reserve \$200,000 in investments to cover major unexpected repairs. Major unexpected repairs requiring a disbursement from the \$200,000 reserve shall be identified by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and voted on by the Finance Council.** Currently our building fund has \$381,000 in combined assets, and with this policy \$200,000 of that is earning interest in C.D.'s. To put it in perspective, our last 3 years of unexpected expenses have cost us a combined total of ~\$75,000, so with inflation our reserve should be able to handle at least 5 years of unexpected expenses.

2. We've opened the position for the Coordinator of Music Ministry. For more details, please go to [tinyurl.com/STA-CMM](https://tinyurl.com/STA-CMM)

3. ChristLife starts August 17. Check out our new video board at St. Thomas Aquinas! We are now providing childcare for ChristLife! For more information, please go to [tinyurl.com/STA-DC3](https://tinyurl.com/STA-DC3)

4. Sarah Hart will be coming to St. Thomas Aquinas on August 26, please see the bulletin for more information.

5. The First Simpson Mass will be August 27, 5:15 p.m. (normally the Mass is at 5 p.m., but August 27 is welcome week at Simpson and the Freshman have an event that lasts until 5 p.m.)



*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".*  
1 Peter 4:10

**Religious ed teachers and aides needed for the 7p.m. secession this coming year. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve?  
Please call JoAnn 515-961-3026**

### Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,  
Doug Andreassen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,  
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,  
& for the Souls 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

### Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Updated: July 3, 2023  
Goal: \$73,908  
Gifts Paid: \$69,401.19  
Pledges Remaining: \$4,506.81  
Percentage of Goal: 94 %

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

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



Please continue to give, thank you!

(Does not take into account reoccurring donations)

**August 15**

**Tuesday: THE ASSUMPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
[holy day of obligation (USA)]



Mass times will be **7:00am & 7:00pm**  
on **Tuesday, August 15th**  
(no 6:00pm Mass on that day)

Coming To St. Thomas

*Sarah Hart*

*about*

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith have touched the lives of thousands. Originally from Lancaster, Ohio, she holds a degree in music from The Ohio State University. Now based in Nashville, Tennessee, she spends much of her time on the road -- juggling a busy songwriting, recording, concert and event schedule. She is also an avid writer, having published multiple retreat books, along with a musical based on the life of Saint Bernadette.

She currently lives in Nashville with her husband and two daughters.



**Sarah Hart in Concert**  
Saturday August 26th after Mass  
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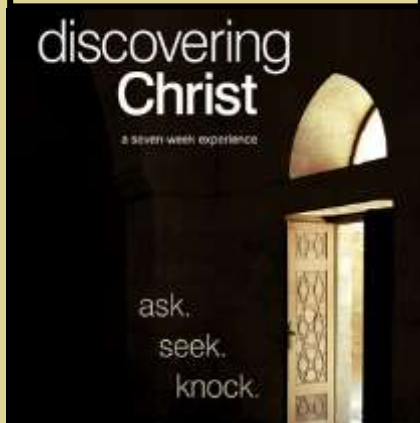
Prayers for all those leaving for college. Know that your parish community is always praying for you.  
May God bless all your endeavors.

**ChristLife**  
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Will be starting,

**Thursday, August 17**

We are hoping to provide  
child care so that our  
younger families will  
be able to attend.



Please sign up on the Church app  
[tinyurl.com/STA-DC](http://tinyurl.com/STA-DC)

## Creation Care Corner

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We have come to help protect God's creation. We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe" - water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof. We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and We will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

— From Prayers on the Care of Creation, USCCB



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