



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 240-0209

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 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

Monday, August 21

SAINT PIUS X

419: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22
see 626: 1 Thes 2:2b-8 Jn 21:15-17

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

Tuesday, August 22

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

420: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

see 627: Is 9:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Pauline Ripperger & Carmen Koth
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 23

WEEKDAY

421: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Thursday, August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Andrew Strable
& Shelby McCasland

Friday, August 25

WEEKDAY

423: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

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

Saturday, August 26

WEEKDAY

424: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 23:1-12

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Courtney Bonner

Sunday, August 27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre
& Sue Douglas

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 Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

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

Father Adam's Five for August 18—August 25:

1. If you plan on joining the church through the process formerly known as R.C.I.A., then please register for Discovering Christ at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-DC3>. This is the last chance to register for joining the Church at Easter.
2. There was a misprint in one section of two of the bulletins. The way to register for R.E. is by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-REG>.
3. Sarah Hart will be coming to St. Thomas Aquinas on August 26, please see the bulletin for more information.
4. 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.)
5. We are still looking for a Coordinator of Music Ministry. This is a full time position. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CMM>.



STAT News

We are excited to get this STAT year started; as we walk toward our ultimate goal of sainthood, please pray for us! Our theme for the year is **Intentional Holiness**. We will be focusing on performing simple, world-changing acts of holiness with a different theme for each week. Pray that the Holy Spirit rests with us and that hearts are set on fire.
To God be the Glory, forever, Amen!

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
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.

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)

The new year begins for Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our “**Welcome Back**” **Potluck** for Good Shepherd, Religious Education and STAT (St. Thomas Aquinas Teens) will be Wednesday, **September 6** from **6:00 until 7:30 pm** in the Great Hall. Families are asked to bring a dish to share or a donation of \$5 per adult / \$3 per child. Hot dogs, buns, chips and condiments, water and lemonade and tableware will be provided.

This is a great chance for the children to see their classroom or atrium and meet their teachers and see who is in their class. Families need to R.S.V.P to Elizabeth at fjcwiliams@msn.com by September 1.

8th grade parent meeting, 7-7:30 pm Sept. 6 (at the end of the Potluck). We are implementing a new program in 8th grade about Relationships—with God, others and oneself. We want to explain it to the parents and answer any questions you may have.

Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, September 13 for the 5:30-6:40 session and the 7:00 to 8:10 session. Sunday Good Shepherd will begin on September 10 from 9:00-10:00.

Our next family event will be **Wednesday, October 4**, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi from **6:00—7:00 pm** for all classes. Depending on the weather, this will be held outdoors with a skit, police K-9 demonstration and ice cream. Children are encouraged to bring a photo of their pet for a St. Francis blessing.

We still have some **teacher and assistant openings**. Please contact JoAnn (515) 961-3026 if you can volunteer to help. Yes, we are desperate.

We need two assistants at 5:30 in 1st and 2nd grade Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

We need a 7th grade teacher at 7:00 pm and assistants at 7:00 pm in 5th and 7th grades.

We use the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** program for our preschool and kindergarten children and for 1st and 2nd graders. This hands-on, Montessori-based curriculum encourages the children to quiet their bodies and discover God’s spirit talking to them in a beautiful, spiritual environment.

We only have four available spots remaining on Wednesdays at 5:30 for CGS Level 1 (ages preschool and kindergarten). We have plenty of space for this age group at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays or from 9:00-10:00 on Sunday mornings.

To register for Religious Education CGS/RE/STAT please use the Church app: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-REG>

The next Gathering Table is: **Monday, Aug. 21**
If you are able to help in any way please go to [Gathering Table: Gathering Table Sign-Up \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Thank you for helping us with this mission of supplying a meal for those in need.

VOTIVE CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER STAND

St. Thomas has been blessed with an additional Votive Candle lighting Prayer Stand. Just a reminder that these candles are purchased with the money that is left in the collection box.

Please note: 7 day Votive Candles\$ 5.00 each Large Candles
2 hour Votive Candles.....\$ 2.00 each Small Candles

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Has expressed and interest in the Catholic Faith?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist?

Consider inviting them to RCIA.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is for any adult discerning if they are called to become a member of the Catholic Church. Classes are forming now.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact the office for more information.
515-961-3026

Creation Care Corner



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Prophet Amos cries out: “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

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