



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

Sunday, August 27, 2023

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—For the people
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre & Sue Douglas
5:15 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, August 28

WEEKDAY

425: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22 see
633: 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 23:8-12
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, August 29

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

426: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 634: Mk 6:17-29 see 634: Jer
1:17-19 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Charles & Minnie Hanneman
& Beverly Krier
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, August 30

WEEKDAY

427: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Pauline Ripperger
& Gary & Vivian Elbert

Thursday, August 31

WEEKDAY

428: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Dianne Funk & Shelby McCasland

Friday, September 1

WEEKDAY

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre & Nancy Conradt

Saturday, September 2

WEEKDAY

430: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Kenneth Bendon
& Gary & Vivian Elbert

Sunday, September 3

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

124: Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Evangeline Mangold
& Winston Sayre
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

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 26—September 1:

1. By Thursday, August 31 you should receive a Thank You note if you gave to the Annual Diocesan Appeal by filling out one of the pledge cards or making an online contribution. If you don't receive a Thank You note, and you gave via pledge card or online, please contact St. Thomas' office to make sure we have your address (and donation) correct.
2. September 6 is the last chance to register for R.E. before we begin meeting this fall. Please go 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>.



Iowa Catholic Radio
is now broadcasting in the
Indianola area at
frequency 105.3 FM

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)

Mark your calendar
The weekend of
September 9 & 10 is the annual
Seminarian Appeal Collection



(Connor Lynch meets Pope Francis)

We are so blessed to have a Seminarian
from our own parish.
Please be generous. Thank You!

Blessings on all of our students and teachers
beginning a new school year.

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.

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>



*Coffee with Jesus
Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas
& Fellow Christian Women Friends*

*What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun
When: Saturday, September 2nd, 2023
Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room*

Creation Care Corner

2023
SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER

Creator of All,
From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river
and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and
went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice
for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us
into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to
the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke
with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not
safeguarding the conditions for life.


We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we
grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and
livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at
the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have
inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that
calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.
Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator
Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into
all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and
peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all
creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the
many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may
become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all
creation, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

 **Let Justice and Peace Flow**
Season 2 October 2023

SEASON OF CREATION

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