



# 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

## Sunday, September 10, 2023

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

127: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jerry Ripperger  
& Carmen Koth  
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

## Monday, September 11

### WEEKDAY

437: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## Tuesday, September 12

### WEEKDAY

438: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill, Loretta Petersen  
& Beverly Krier  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## Wednesday, September 13

### SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

439: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13 Lk 6:20-26 see 637: Eph  
4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Paul Keating  
& Shelby McCasland

## Thursday, September 14

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

638: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre  
Gary & Vivian Elbert

## Friday, September 15

### OUR LADY OF SORROW

441:1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 639: Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35 see Heb 5:7-9  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Dianne Funk & Beverly Krier

## Saturday, September 16

### SAINT CORNELIUS

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49 see 640: 2 Cor  
4:7-15 Jn 17:11b-19  
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Kenneth Bendon

## Sunday, September 17

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

130: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier  
& Shelby McCasland  
5:00pm 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

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

## Father Adam's Five for September 8—September 15:

1. September 19-25 we are welcoming one of our finalists for the Coordinator of Music Ministry position at St. Thomas. Cheryl Barnes will be sharing her musical talent with us and getting to know our team and our church family as we continue to discern the next steps forward for our Coordinator of Music Ministry position. Please continue to pray for our discernment, and please also add Cheryl to your prayer lists.
2. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Now that we're projected to reach our ADA goal (and exceed it), let's work on finishing up Ignite! After we are finished with Ignite (probably 2 years from now), the next project on the list is stained glass windows.
3. We are beginning to wrap up a number of projects around St. Thomas Aquinas. The lighting, the cameras, and the North bathrooms are either done or are nearly finished. Next up is a tech upgrade for our facilities. We are looking to improve wi-fi throughout our whole campus, and also provide some updated tech equipment for our classrooms and offices. This will be the next project that is covered by Ignite! funds, as soon as they come in.
4. Our kickoff for R.E. went spectacularly well! Classes begin next week, so please make sure everyone attending is registered so we can finalize class assignments. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-REG>.
- 5...There is still time to apply for the Coordinator of Music Ministry position. This is a full-time position. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CMM>.



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### Prayer List

For all those in need.

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Doug Andreasen, 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  
you indicate otherwise.

## Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd parents,

Thank you to all those that attended the potluck dinner it was a great night and fun for all.

We look forward to seeing the children this coming Wednesday evening. Just a few things to remember:

1. We will have a meeting in mid-October for the First Communion parents.
2. If you are putting together your calendar for the year, our first regular sessions begin on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9:00-10:00 am for the Sunday group and on Wednesday, Sept 13 for the Wednesday sessions, 5:30 -6:40 and 7:00-8:10. We'll meet at regular class time the remaining Wednesdays and Sundays in September.
3. On **Wednesday, October 4**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **ALL sessions** (Wednesday and Sunday) will meet from **6:00 to 7:00 pm** (hopefully, outside if the weather allows). We'll have a skit, a police K-9 demonstration, blessing of the animals (bring a picture of your pet) and ice cream.

The Sunday CGS group will not meet on October 8.

We will meet every Wednesday and Sunday until Thanksgiving break. There is no RE-CGS on Wednesday, Nov. 22, nor Sunday, November 26.

We will meet for three Wednesdays after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13). The Sunday sessions will meet Dec. 3, 10 and 17. That will take us to Christmas.

A calendar will be coming soon..

## HOLY MOMENTS



During the next year we will be sharing ideas for "Holy Moments" each week in the bulletin. Matthew Kelly defines a Holy Moment in his book, *Holy Moments* as, "....a single moment in which you open yourself to God." They are usually small and simple--a moment of prayer, awareness of a beautiful sunset, or a random act of love or kindness which increases God's love and joy in your life. The STAT group will be focusing on these same moments of intentional holiness each week. We hope you take an opportunity to find and create these moments of grace in your life.

*This week's Holy Moment Focus:* Encourage Someone; let the Holy Spirit Inspire you!

Example: "You're really good at that! Thanks for sharing your talent with me."

## Adorers Needed

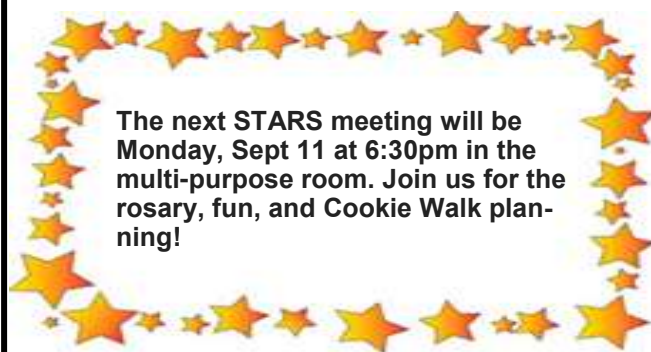
We still are in need of 3 adorers to fill our Thursday hours. We have an opening for one adorer at each the 1, 5 and 8 pm hour.

We also need an adorer for 7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Please consider praying before/spending time with our Eucharistic Lord for one of these hours each week. If your schedule makes it difficult to do so weekly, find a friend or friends that you could rotate with.

Please contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or on email at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) to sign up.

God Bless



The next STARS meeting will be Monday, Sept 11 at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Join us for the rosary, fun, and Cookie Walk planning!

Anyone wishing to write to Connor Lynch while he is in Rome, the mailing address is:

Connor Lynch  
Pontifical North American College  
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