



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, September 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

133: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Bill Thomas
& Shelby McCasland

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, September 25

WEEKDAY

449: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 26

WEEKDAY

450: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Dianne Funk & Carmen Koth
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 27

SAINTS VINCENT de PAUL

451: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) 116 13: 2, 3-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6
see 645: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 9:35-38
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Mary Ellen Harre
& Shelby McCasland

Thursday, September 28

WEEKDAY

452: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Margaret Wood,
Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

Friday, September 29

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Dianne Funk
& Beverly Krier

Saturday, September 30

SAINT JEROME

454: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45
see 648: 2 Tm 3:14-17 Mt 13:47-52

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy & Becky Elbert

Sunday, October 1

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

136: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Jerry Ripperger,
Gary & Vivian Elbert

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

Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

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

Father Adam's Five for September 23—September 29:

1. There will be a wine and cheese meet and greet with Cheryl Barnes after the 4:30 Mass. Cheryl is one of our candidates for the coordinator of music ministry position and has been with us since Tuesday; so far she has met and practiced with our musicians, and has worked with our R.E. and STAT students. Much fun was had by all!
2. We've had a number of people request to join the church. If you are looking to join the church, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-NEW> and fill out the form. This is also how you can update your information with us.
3. As we ramp up the number of activities this fall, we will be increasing our communication via the church app. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> to install the app on your iPhone or Android device. Alternatively, you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MAIN> to see our homepage.
4. To help keep track of all of the links we have active, please visit the "Links" button in the church app (click more to find the links page).
5. I will be gone to a priest's workshop the first week of October, and I will be gone to a canon law convention the second week of October. There will be no Mass and no communion service the first 4 weekdays of October.

Cookie Walk News

There will be Cookie Walk Committee Meeting at church on Thursday, Sept 28 at 6:30pm. We need more hands to make this event a success!

Breakfast With the Bishop - Join Us!

Head over to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic on October 13, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. It's a chance to share a meal, and meet Bishop Joensen in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This event will highlight Catholic Charities' important Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, serving the southwest Iowa community.

DVSABreakfast.givesmart.com to register. We warmly welcome walk-ins as well. For additional information or queries, please reach out to Emily Klisares at 515-237-5078 or via email at eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org.



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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.



INNERVISIONS HEALTHCARE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Thomas is going to be taking part in the a Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. During the weekend of October 7th and 8th, you'll find baby bottles in the gathering space; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and return it on the weekend of October 14th and 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515.280.4706. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org. We're grateful for Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home for underwriting the InnerVisions baby bottle campaign this year!

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

Connor Lynch
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe



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: Go the Extra Mile--Do more than you're supposed to!

- Perform a household chore without being asked
- Spend some time with a family member doing something they enjoy

RE Corner

This week in Religious Education: The third graders are learning about serving at Mass. The early session classes and the 8th graders had choir practice. Ask them about Alleluia, Praise the Lord (alternating stand up/sit down). Yes, you can have fun singing songs in church! We have some amazing young voices in our parish.

The 6th grade found out you need rules (or a recipe) if you want things to turn out for the best.

In Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the children are learning about how to be respectful and listen to the Holy Spirit and ways to show God's beauty in their atrium.



Creation Care Corner

You are cordially invited to a

Family Celebration of Our Prairie

Saturday, September 30

5:30-7:00 P.M.

Presentation by Kelsey Longnecker on

The Spirituality of Nature

Bonfire with food/drinks provided

Kids' Activity – Prairie Blazing Star Craft

Unveiling of new prairie meditation signs

Please bring lawn chairs

Sign up in the back of church or online at

creationcornersta@gmail.com



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