



# 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 240-2029

**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, October 29

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

145: Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—John Manders  
& Arlene DeWall  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

### Monday, October 30

#### WEEKDAY

479: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

### Tuesday, October 31

#### WEEKDAY

480: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

### Wednesday, November 1

#### ALL SAINTS

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6  
1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a  
7:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Nancy Conradt  
1:00 pm Mass at Simpson College  
7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas— Jerry Ripperger

### Thursday, November 2

#### ALL SOULS

668: Sugg: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9  
Jn 6:37-40 or 10:11-1016 (Lectionary, vol. IV)  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

### Friday, November 3

#### WEEKDAY

483: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Mary Ellen Harre

### Saturday, November 4

#### SAINTS CHRLES BORRÓME

484: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18  
Lk 14:1, 7-11 see 670: Rom 12:3-13 Jn 10:11-16  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier

### Sunday, November 5

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

151: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Shelby McCasland  
& Gerald O'Meara  
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 October 28—November 3:

- 1) November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at St. Thomas will be 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at SIMPSON will be at 1 p.m.
- 2) The Knights of Columbus are hosting their fall Fish and Chicken dinners. Please see the bulletin for more information.
- 3) We are expanding our Eucharistic adoration with exposition! The new schedule:  
Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Fridays after Mass until noon.
- 4) The coordinator of music ministry position remains open. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/sta-cmm>
- 5) We are looking for input! If you have thoughts about the mission/vision of St. Thomas Aquinas, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MAV>

## In preparation for All Saints Day The RE classes preformed skits in the lives of the Saints



**Saints Benedict  
& Scholastica**



**Saint Joan of Arc**



**Saint Patrick**

**Saint Juan  
Diego**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



St. Thomas' Social Concerns group will be sponsoring a **TRIVIA NIGHT** at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at the St. Thomas Pastoral Center. Proceeds will benefit the **Hope Foundation**.

All are welcome to come out for a lasagna supper and a fun evening of fellowship. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Gather your team today! \$125 per table of 4-6 people.

## CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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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](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.



### Medicare Part D Check-Up Coming November 16-17

The Social Concerns Committee will once again sponsor a Medicare Part D Check-Up this fall. The Check-Up will be Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17. After Masses on October 28-29 you will be able to sign up for a time to have your Part D/ Medicare Advantage comparison done. If you will not be at Masses that weekend, or will not be available on November 16-17 but want a comparison done, please call/text Kris Gross at 515-210-0169.



Come join us at  
*Coffee with Jesus*  
*Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas*  
*and Fellow Christian Women Friends*

*What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun*  
*When: Saturday, November 4th, 2023*  
*Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.*  
*Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room*



### KC Fish & Chicken Dinners

**"All You Can Eat"**  
**Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners**  
**October 27, November 3 & 10**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall**  
**Serving Hours – 5:30 to 7:00 PM**  
**Dine-In or Take-out Service**  
**Adults & Take-Outs \$13**  
**Children (Ages 6 to 12) \$ 6**  
**5 & under are free**  
**Boy Scout Troop 123**  
**will host a dessert table.**

### Adoration Update

We are in need of just 1 more adorer to sign up to spend 8 to 9 pm with Jesus on Thursday evenings so that we can have exposition of Jesus on from 9am to 9pm on that day as well. Our Wednesday hours are once again full! That will make two and a half days (Wed., Thurs. and Friday mornings) when Jesus is exposed. Praise God!! We will begin working on filling Tuesdays next so watch for an announcement for hours needed on Tuesday.

Is Jesus calling you? Please prayerfully consider signing up for Thursday from 8-9 pm. Please pray for all of our adorers through whose prayers, we all benefit and that we may soon add Tuesdays to the days we have Jesus exposed on the altar!

You may complete a form in the gathering space and place it in the box marked adoration or contact me at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) or 515-344-7850 to sign up. Thank you and God Bless

### MEMORIAL CANDLE CEREMONY

As we have traditionally done for **All Souls Day at St. Thomas**, on Sunday, November 5th, parishioners are invited to carry lighted candles forward in honor of their loved ones who have passed away during the past year. This will take place at the 10:15am Mass. You may honor any family member or friend in this way, whether or not he or she was a member of this parish. If you would like to participate, please contact Leasa Garrett 515-961-3026 or email [Lgarrett@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:Lgarrett@stthomasindianola.com) No later than Tuesday, October 30th.

### HOLY MOMENTS

Holy Moments are moments in which you open yourself to God and create grace in your life,



*This week's Holy Moment Focus:* Do something for someone who cannot pay you back, like visit someone in a nursing home, hospital, the home bound. Help at Gathering Table or donate items to Helping Hand.

### Creation Care Corner

Pope Francis just published an apostolic addendum to his original encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The exhortation is called *Laudato Deum*, which means "Praise God."

Bishop Joensen has a great column about this document in the October 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Catholic Mirror. In no uncertain terms, Pope Frances reminds us that global warming is getting worse, that humans are the cause and that we haven't been doing enough. We encourage you to read this article. It can be found at [dmdiocese.org](http://dmdiocese.org) and clicking on Catholic Mirror, then the Oct. 2023 issue.





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