



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 240-2029

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, November 19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

157: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Marcus & Don Gross
& Margaret Krizmanic
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, November 20

WEEKDAY

497: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 21

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

498: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
see 680: Zec 2:14-17 Mt 12:46-50
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Albert Basler

Wednesday, November 22

SAINT CECILIA

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-28
see 681: Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22 Mt 25:1-13
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Nancy Conradt

Thursday, November 23

WEEKDAY (Thanksgiving)

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
9:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Friday, November 24

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12
Lk 19:45-48 see 683B: 713-718
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

Saturday, November 25

WEEKDAY

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Gerald O'Meara

Sunday, November 26

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-4
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jerry Ostrander
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 November 17—November 23:

- 1) November 25 Deacon Dave turns 70! We want to flood his office with birthday cards. Please drop a card off at the office or send a birthday card to:
Deacon Dave O'Brien
c/o St. Thomas Aquinas
210 S Wesley St, Indianola, IA, 50125.
- 2) We are in need of cookies for the cookie walk. We are also in need of volunteers. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/sta-cwv> to signup to help.
- 3) Did you know that broken/ruined blessed or sacred items must not be thrown away? If you need to dispose of these items, please bring them to the office and we will dispose of them for you.
- 4) Thanksgiving Mass is 9 a.m.
- 5) If you attend Masses here regularly, or want to receive important updates, please consider registering at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd
Thanksgiving Day
Mass will be celebrated at
Saint Thomas at 9:00AM



Reminder:

There will be no CGS, RE, or STAT
Wednesday, November 22 or
Sunday, November 25
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

As of now we will not be having a
children's Christmas program,
however, if you wish to take on this
endeavor please contact JoAnn.
We would be happy to help!

KC Breakfast

Sunday November 26
Multipurpose Room --
9:00 to 10:00 AM
Pancakes, egg bake, sausage,
ham, coffee & juice
Free will donation --
Cash, Check or Credit Card



Cookie Walk and Vendor Fair Saturday, December 2nd 9am-12pm

Mark your calendar!

We ask all parishioners to consider donating cookies for this wonderful event!

Cookie Donations Appreciated November 29-
December 1st

Or a monetary donation is accepted also to offset costs.

Monetary Donations Accepted Anytime in the office or collection basket labeled "Cookie Walk"

Please Consider Volunteering to make this event a success: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CWV>

Vendor Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-SCW>
Thank you!



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,
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.

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.

Operation Christmas

We are so blessed to have such amazing families that have donated to our collection from our church for Operation Christmas!! THANK-YOU all so much for your continued support for this program for the children and families of Warren County. We raised \$2,989.

THANK YOU!

Debbie McDaniel



Our deepest condolences go out to the Alexander family, for the death of **Richard**, who's funeral was celebrated this past Wednesday. Richard is the father of David Alexander. Please remember him, as well as the entire family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine
upon Him, may he rest in peace.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



Friday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(holy day of obligation).

Masses on that day will be

7AM and 7PM at St. Thomas

and

11AM at Simpson College



Coats for Kids Program

The Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that we will be holding our annual Coats for Kids fund-raising drive from November 23-December 3, 2023. In the past 3 years, this drive has raised over \$6000 and provided over 300 coats to children in need in the Indianola Community. Donations can be given via the Church App, dropped in the donation box in the gathering space, or just specially mark an envelope and place it in the collection basket at church. Please consider donating to this worthy cause and give the gift of warmth to our local youth in need this holiday season!

Happy Birthday Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave turns 70 on November 25th.

Anyone wishing to participate in a card shower for him may send your cards to St. Thomas Aquinas
210 South Wesley Street, Indianola, IA 50125.



Creation Care Corner

Tip of the week to help you conserve energy:

Unplug your devices - many of them use energy even when not in use!

This is called phantom load. If you're sharing a space, you can post a reminder by the door to remind them to turn off electronics and appliances when they are not in use. Invest in a couple power strips to make this easier. Unplugging them will stop energy from silently draining out. According to the US Department of Energy, unplugging these devices could save the average household up to \$100 a year.



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: Give of your time. Spend some time with your parent, sibling or other family member or friend doing something they enjoy.

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