



# 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 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

**Monday, November 27**

**WEEKDAY**

503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

**Tuesday, November 28**

**WEEKDAY**

504: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—The Lynch Family

**Wednesday, November 29**

**WEEKDAY**

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

(Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Shelby McCasland

**Thursday, November 30**

**SAINT ANDREW**

684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

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

**Friday, December 1**

**WEEKDAY**

507: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill & Loretta Petersen

**Saturday, December 2**

**WEEKDAY**

508: Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Robert O'Meara

**Sunday, December 3**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carmen Koth & Tom Duffy

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 November 24—November 30:

- 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) Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas.
- 3) 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 sign up to help.
- 4) December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St. Thomas will be 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at Simpson will be 11 a.m.
- 5) The Knights of Columbus will be doing their coats for kids drive. You can give online via the app or directly to the knights.

## Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King



## 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

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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.

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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.

**Please continue to pray for those that have  
Died this year**

Gary Bianchi	Carmen Koth
Levi Butler	Rich Krier
Nancy Conradt	Shelby McCasland
James, Gianna & Anthony Connolly	Pat Miller
Denis Della Vedova	Clarence Mowery
Sue Douglas	Robert O'Meara
Tom Duffy	Doyle Rankin
Bev Elbert	Bernie Rehbein
Dianne Funk	Jerry Ripperger
Janie Garrett	Pauline Ripperger
Larry Hughes	Winston Sayre
Paul Keating	Alan Weaver
	Margaret Wood

**Please pick up your loved ones candle on the  
back table in the Gathering Space.**

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 &  
11AM at Simpson College



**All Christmas poinsettia plant  
requests must be in no later than  
December 18th  
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**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: Pray an extra Hail  
Mary every day.*



**The Knights of Columbus  
have several events this month:**

**November 23-December 3:** Coats for Kids Drive  
**November 26:** Breakfast 9-10 in Multi Purpose  
Room  
**November 29-December 13:** Keep Christ in  
Christmas Poster Contest

A second notice for the poster contest:  
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus announces their annual  
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for  
2022. The contest began on Wednesday, November  
29 with a deadline of Wednesday, December  
13. Materials (poster paper and entry sheets) are  
available for distribution to students at their religious  
education classes or on the table outside the  
St. Thomas Room in the Parish Hall. Rules and  
conditions are on the entry sheet and a parent's/  
guardian's signature is required to participate.

Contest winners will be awarded for Grades K-2  
(ages 5-7), grades 3-5 (ages 8-10), and grades 6-8  
(ages 11-14). Each winner will receive a \$25  
award and all contestants will have their art work  
displayed in the gathering space during  
the Christmas season. Please encourage your children  
to take part—creating a work of art is a great  
opportunity to express themselves and to engage  
in the Advent/Christmas season in a meaningful way!

And as always, thank you for getting these notices  
in the bulletin. There is a posting for the Coats for  
Kids Drive on the Indianola Knights Facebook  
page. If you could have someone share that from  
the Parish page, that would be helpful.

Many thanks,  
Adam



**Creation Care Corner**

This Thanksgiving, give thanks for the earth by strategically  
limiting your environmental impact. In terms of food, consider  
buying local and organic. For post-meal clean-up, use reusable  
dinnerware and cutlery. For drinks, ditch water bottles in  
favor of tap water—with help with a Brita filter if need be. The  
final note would be to try to avoid bulk shopping—whether for  
food or decorations—in general. This is the perfect year to  
cherish the simple moments with no extravagance necessary.  
(from The Yale Sustainability Plan)

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