



# 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, December 10

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland &  
Jerry Ostrander  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Nancy Conradt  
& Gary & Vivian Elbert  
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

### Monday, December 11

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

181: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

### Tuesday, December 12

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt  
13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Joe Keating & Tom Duffy

### Wednesday, December 13

#### SAINT LUCY

183: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30 see 692: 2  
Cor 10:17-11:2 Mt 25:1-13  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Billy Thomas  
& Shelby McCasland

### Thursday, December 14

#### SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

184: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13b Mt 11:11-15 see 693: 1  
Cor 2:1-10a Lk 14:25-33  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

### Friday, December 15

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

185: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Jerry Ripperger

### Saturday, December 16

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Robert O'Meara

### Sunday, December 17

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland  
No 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 December 9—December 15:

1. I will be out of town for an ordination the weekend of the 9th/10th.
2. The last Simpson Mass of the year is December 10. We will resume the first weekend in January.
3. I will be available for additional confession times Sunday, December 17. I'll be hearing confessions from 7:15-7:45 a.m., and from 9:30-10:00 a.m.
4. Discovering Christ Group #4 will start again in January (after Saturday evening Mass).
5. Christmas Eve Masses will be 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Day Mass is 9 a.m.



Mark your calendars  
Discovering Christ  
Begins again in January

**Thank you to all those that helped with the  
cookie walk!**

**Cookie Walk**



## Christmas Mass Times

**Saturday, December 23th—4:30PM** regular Mass  
(does not count for Christmas)

**Sunday, December 24th—9:00AM**  
(counts as a regular Sunday Mass)  
**4:30PM** (counts for the Christmas Vigil Mass)  
**7:00PM** (Christmas Mass)

**Monday, December 25th 9:00AM**  
(Christmas Day Mass)



### 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](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.

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.



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen

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:* Call someone and tell them you love them. Literally say it, "Hi, I just wanted to call and tell you that I love you." Call a...

- Parent/Guardian
- Grandparent
- Cousin/Aunt/Uncle
- Friend

## The Knights of Columbus this month:



### November 29-December 13:

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!

**December 30-31:** Consecration to the Holy Family—materials will be available in gathering space.

## Creation Care Corner



*"The justified concern about threats to the environment... commits us to working responsibly for the protection of Creation."*

— Pope Benedict XVI

### Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, highlights both the ecological and spiritual harm that rampant consumerism can cause humanity and the earth. Becoming more "mindful", or intentional, aware and informed, can lead to more careful assessments in what to purchase.

Before purchasing, ask yourself how it will impact the environment. Avoid products with excess packaging. Don't buy what you don't need. Borrow or rent items you need only for occasional use. For items you do buy, look for durability. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when it makes sense. Before disposing, donate useful old household items and clothing so someone else can reuse them. **Refuse • Reduce • Repair • Reuse • Recycle**



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