



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 240-0209

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, 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

Monday, December 18

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

194: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, December 19

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Jerry Ostrander

Wednesday, December 20

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Jerry Ripperger

Thursday, December 21

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Shelby McCasland

Friday, December 22

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Saturday, December 23

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Sunday, December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
9:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday December 24, 4:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Janie Garrett

Sunday, December 24, 7:00pm Later Christmas Mass
For the People

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 9:00am
Angie Chiappine & Winston Sayre

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 December 16—December 22:

1. December 23-25 we have some unique requirements for Mass. You have to go twice (one Mass doesn't count for both Sunday and Christmas).
2. CHOOSE ONE MASS: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m., Sunday 4:30 p.m., or Sunday 7 p.m.
3. CHOOSE A DIFFERENT MASS: Sunday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m., or Monday 9:00 a.m.
4. Discovering Christ will start January 6 after Saturday Evening Mass. Registration is required; stay tuned for a link in next week's bulletin. Following Christ and Sharing Christ will be in the Spring; those who have completed Discovering Christ should have received an e-mail with dates.
5. Simpson Mass resumes January 7.

Adoration Update



Now that we have Wednesdays and Thursdays set with Jesus exposed in Adoration, we are ready to take the next steps to expand. We would like to try to have continued adoration from 9am on Wednesdays until 9pm on Thursdays so we will be looking to fill in holy hours throughout the night and early morning on those days. Additionally, we are beginning to work on filling in Tuesday hours. Below are the hours and number of adorers needed in each hour. As with Wednesday and Thursday, we are looking for 2 adorers from different households for each hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these open hours.

Tuesday: 1 adorer at 9am, 2 adorers at Noon, 1, 2, 3 & 4pm and 1 at 5pm

Wednesday: 1 adorer at 9 & 11pm and 2 at 10pm

Thursday: 2 adorers at Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6am and 1 at 7am

Please pray that many hearts will be moved to sign up to spend an hour each week with Jesus. To sign up, contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com or you can call me at 515-344-7850. Thank you and God Bless!

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)



Father will be available for additional confession times Sunday, December 17 from 7:15-7:45 a.m., and from 9:30-10:00 a.m.

From the desk of Leasa Garrett:

Year-end Contributions

Contributions **must be postmarked** by Dec. 31, to qualify as a contribution for 2023. The date on the check DOES NOT determine the tax year, only the postmark.

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.

All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must be in no later than **December 18th**
Suggested donation \$25.00



STARS Update



"A huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed cookies, monetary donations, volunteer time and more to make the Cookie Walk a success!! We raised approximately \$3500 for altar needs, youth scholarships and future STARS event. We could not have done it without your help! Merry Christmas!!! From STARS"

Belated thanks to each of the following St. Thomas Landscaping Volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help beautify the grounds at St. Thomas: Brian and Ann Brennan, Nancy Cambron, Kris Gross, Karen and Alan Harder, Martin Konrad, Gloria Schettler, Rene Staudacher, and Chris Wilbur. We had a busy year, removing some perennials that didn't work and a tree that blocked the security cameras, planting the beds as well as five trees in the east windbreak and then watering, watering, watering. Also we can't forget about the grounds/maintenance crew at St. Thomas. Jack Slinker and Steve Garrett who provided critical support in manning the tractors to move soil and brush as well as regular watering of the trees in the windbreak south and east of the church property. We truly couldn't have gotten any of this done without any of you. Hope to work with you again next Spring.

Jackie & Bob Pool



Mark your calendars
Discovering Christ
Begins again in January

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: Be polite and courteous.

- Thank the individuals working at check-out counters.
- Help a fellow student who has dropped something in the hallway.
- Hold the door open for someone following you into a room or building.

The Knights of Columbus this month:



Knights of Columbus - Coats For Kids

We are grateful and excited to announce that we have collected \$3540 for our Coats For Kids Drive this year! This amount exceeds our previous high by over \$1000. The funds have been used to order some 120 coats and also provide 125 hats and pairs of gloves for the youth of our community. These items will be distributed by The Helping Hand of Warren County as the need arises this winter. Many thanks to all who generously donated to our program this year. You have come through in a big way to help those in need of warm clothing this winter!

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

Wishing you all a very Blessed Advent Season. We would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support on the Mission.

It is time for The Gathering Table Monday December 18th. We are changing the time to 5:00-6:00 p.m. or until all food is gone. We have ran out of food the last 2 times.

Attached is the Sign Up Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering?useFullSite=true#/>

If you would like to prepare a dish and can not bring it the day of, Please fill free to make it in advance and put it in the walk in freezer, labeled with the Gathering Table and the date it was put in there, or you can put it in the walk in refrigerator either over the weekend or the day of the Gathering Table and we will heat it up.

One suggestion would be to prepare an extra dish once a month while you are preparing your supper and freeze it for The Gathering Table.

Thank you and God Bless
The Gathering Table Committee



CGS/ RE Dates to know

Wednesday, Dec. 13, was the last Wednesday of R.E. and CGS for the 2023 calendar year. Classes will begin again on **Wednesday January 10** after Christmas break. For the Sunday group, December 17 is their last day of 2023 and then Sunday CGS will start again on **Sunday, January 14.**

The Good Shepherd catechists and assistants will meet on January 3 for a training session.

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