



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

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, 9:00am Christmas Day

Angie Chiappine & Winston Sayre

Tuesday, December 26

SAINT STEPHEN

696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22

No 6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas

Wednesday, December 27

SAINT JOHN

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Shelby McCasland

Thursday, December 28

HOLY INNOCENTS

698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen, Wilma Hill
& Beverly Krier

Friday, December 29

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

202: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Saturday, December 30

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Charles & Minnie Hanneman

Sunday, December 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or, in Year B: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland

Monday, January 1, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

18: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
No Mass at St. Thomas

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 23—December 29

1. Merry Christmas! We wish you a most blessed New Year!
2. Registration for Discovering Christ is OPEN! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-DC> for more information or to register.
3. There will be no Mass on Tuesday, December 26.
4. Thank you to everyone who has responded to the end-of-year letter. I will provide an update in the new year outlining the next steps of the path forward. If you happened to miss the letter, you may find it at: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EOY>
5. Simpson Mass resumes January 7.



Mark your calendars
Discovering Christ
Starts Saturday,
January 6, from
6:00PM– 8:30PM

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 post-mark.

The Church office will be closed on **December 26th**.

Coffee with Jesus

Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas &
Fellow Christian Women Friends



What: Faith, Fellowship, Fun

When: Saturday, Jan. 6th, 2024

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room

Bring a friend.

Coffee, juice & breakfast treats provided. Please bring your rosary, bible and fun filled spirit! Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning,

Adorers Needed



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!

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.

Christmas Flower Memorials 2023-Adorning our Sanctuary

Name

JoAnn Sayre

The Garrett Family
Helen Ripperger & Family
Alan & Karen Harder

Jims & Janet Nicholls
Rod & Teresa Fee
John & Sheila Kuchinski

Kay Neuman Thomas
Tim & Mary Bogs
Lanny & Jackie Ward
Robert & Cathy Seymour

Lisa Niedermayer
Mr & Mrs Marvin Metz
Mr & Mrs Richard Kline
Bill & Kris Gross
Cambron, Elbert &
Borgmeyer Families
Earl Seymour
Patty & David Alexander

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Mr. & Mrs David Metz
Virginia Basler

Doug & Amy McCasland
Rose O'Meara
Ben Brackney
Ronald & Sue Keller

Mr & Mrs David Trenkamp
Steve & Kim Baltes
Robert & Karen Ford
Rollie & Sharon Vanderzyl

In Memory of

Winston Sayre, Angie & Joe Chiappine,
Pauline Braddock & Henderson Sayre
Janie Garrett, Kay Bethards & Garry Collins
Jerry Ripperger
Deceased members of Harder & Forret Families, &
Loretta Petersen

Norbert & Gladys Dittmer
Dr. Danielle Fee, OD
John Sr. & Marie Kuchinski, Sparrow Family
Marsha Kemp, Thien Family, Kuchinski Family in
Poland, Stanislaw Zielinski

Bill Thomas
Deceased family members
Ralph & Bea Johnson, Clarence & Fern Ward
Courtney Seymour, Joe & Anna Greving, John &
Ethel Seymour

Charles, Mary Kock & Debbie Kock-Karstens
Barney Metz Family, Furman Ripperger Family
Paul Kockler, Paul & Irene Kline
Gross & Puetz Family

Gary & Vivian Elbert & Becky Elbert
Maggie Seymour
John & Donna Sereg & Richard & Violet
Alexander

Deceased members of Beeler & McQuillen
Families

Grandparents Worrel, Heikes, Metz, Ripperger
Albert & Bess Basler, Loretta Petersen, Wilma
Hill, Beverly & Richard Krier, Courtney Bonner

Shelby McCasland

Gerald O'Meara

Lelia & Ben Brackney Sr.

Norbert, Donna & Steve Harmeyer

Max & Freda Keller

Trenkamp Family, Vasa Family

Deene Spieler & Chuck Baltes

Paul & Helen Lawrence & Edwin & Hildred Ford

Cornelius & Alice Vanderzyl

Art & Carrie Breen, Leuty Schreiner

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: Leave a glowing review for a local business.



Creation Care Corner

Take a look at your personal care products. [Research](#) by UC Davis scientists found that the volatile chemical products in things like shampoo, perfume cleaning products and paint contribute as much to urban air pollution as tailpipe emissions from cars. Eco-friendly shampoo and conditioning bars are just one example of a better alternative to oil-based hair products.

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