



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

2024

Sunday, January 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, January 8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 Mk 1:7-11 or, in Year B: Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 (Ps) Is

12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, January 9

WEEKDAY (FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 (305) and 1:9-20 (306) Mk 1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28 (306)

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Wednesday, January 10

WEEKDAY

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, -5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—A special intention

Thursday, January 11

WEEKDAY

308: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26 Mk 1:40-45

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Father Burns

Friday, January 12

WEEKDAY

309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

Saturday, January 13

WEEKDAY

310: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Nancy Slick

Sunday, January 14

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Marilyn Drschler

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**

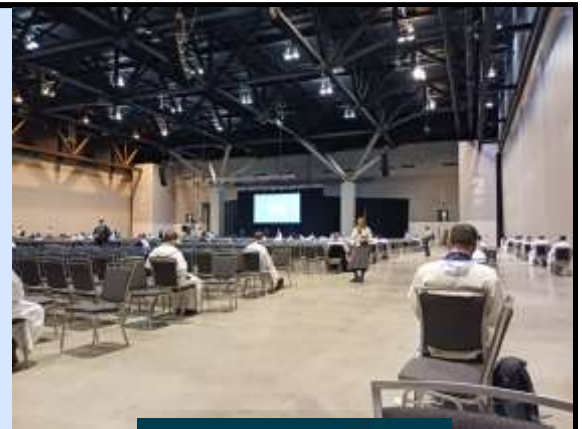
For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Father Adam's Five for January 6—January 12

1. ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ Group #4 starts this weekend. If you signed up and didn't receive a confirmation e-mail and an event reminder, chances are there was a glitch in your sign-up. Please contact the office. Also, we do have a few spots still available if you'd like to attend. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-DC> for more information or to register.
2. Thank you to everyone who prayed for the Simpson students as our FOCUS group attended SEEK 2024. I ran into a number of people from our last two St. Thomas mission trips who are attending different colleges/universities. It was great to see them, and to see ~20,000 people praising God! I had to chuckle- we closed each Mass with the Salve Regina- a song we've been singing at daily Masses here at St. Thomas. →
3. We are currently updating our WIFI at St. Thomas. The new network should be ready to go by the end of the month. This is part of Ignite! project #3, so thank you to all who have contributed to that campaign.
4. Thank you to everyone who has responded to the end-of-year letter I sent out in December. We've had a number of people set up recurring donations to the ADA as part of a larger strategy to meet our needs and grow our parish. I will provide an update in the new year outlining the next steps of the path forward. If you happened to miss the end-of-year letter, you may find it at: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EOY>
5. As we launch our 2024 ministries, please pray that everything we do at St. Thomas Aquinas this calendar year may lead our people to a deep and authentic encounter with Jesus Christ. There are many graces in store for us in 2024!



'Be The Light'



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,
Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
Doug Andreasen, 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.

Adoration Update



Below are the hours and number of adorers needed in each hour on Tuesday, 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 9 am and 1 pm. 2 adorers at Noon, 2, 3 and 4 pm.

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

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

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!

Our deepest condolences go out to the Parker family, for the death of **Kathryn Ross**, the mother of Peggy Parker who's funeral was celebrated last week at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Elkhart by her grandson Fr. Ross Parker. Please remember Kathryn, as well as the entire family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Her.
May she rest in peace, Amen**



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: Spend time with someone who is lonely

Loneliness can be hard to see, try having authentic conversations and making eye contact with people who you spend time with this week.

From the desk of Leasa Garrett: Year-end Contributions

The goal is to have the Year-End Contribution Letters for 2023 printed and ready for pick up the weekend of

January 13th. Those that have not been picked up by January 28th will then be mailed out on January 29th.

St. Thomas asks that you try and pick up your Year-End Contribution Letter as the cost of postage has increased to 68 cents.

Thank you for your contribution this past year.

Policy on Cancellation



When Indianola schools are closed, CGS, RE and STAT WILL NOT have classes.

CGS/ RE and STAT Dates to know

CGS/ RE and STAT classes will begin again on **Wednesday January 10**

For the Sunday CGS group classes will start again on **Sunday, January 14.**

Creation Care Corner

Many people have pets that are "part of the family." Is your pet care planet-friendly?

Many pet toys are made from plastic or contain components that are difficult or impossible to recycle. These end up in landfills.

Opt for pet toys made from natural, sustainable and biodegradable materials such as:

Hemp
Recycled rubber
Organic cotton
Bamboo
Natural rubber

Homemade toys are another option. Here is just a few examples:

1. Cut holes in a **cardboard box** to create a maze for a cat or rodent.
2. Braid strips cut from an **old T-shirt** together to create a rope dog toy.
3. Put a tennis ball inside an **old sock** and tie a knot to create a fetch toy.

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