



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 240-0209

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

2024

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

Monday, January 15

WEEKDAY

311: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, January 16

WEEKDAY

312: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Wednesday, January 17

SAINT ANTHONY ABBOTT

313: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10

Mk 3:1-6 see 513: Eph 6:10-13, 18 Mt 19:16-26

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Pauline Ripperger

Thursday, January 18

WEEKDAY

314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

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

Wilma Hill

Friday, January 19

WEEKDAY

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

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

Saturday, January 20

WEEKDAY

316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

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

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

Sunday, January 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

68: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Pauline Ripperger

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 13—January 19

1. COLLEGE STUDENTS: Mark your calendars! The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (F.O.C.U.S.) is hosting a Spiritual Impact Bootcamp at St. Thomas Aquinas! The dates are March 1-3. To Signup, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-SIB>
2. Please pray for the ~20 people going through Discovering Christ Group #4.
3. Last year, we hosted a F.O.C.U.S. retreat here at St. Thomas- it was recorded and turned into a video which was shown at SEEK 24 in St. Louis! Here is the video: <https://vimeo.com/862602525>
4. REMINDER: If Indianola Schools Close on Wednesday, we will have no RE/CGS/STAT
5. Attention Group leaders: Now is the time to start thinking about Next Year's budget (FY25). The fiscal year begins July 1. We hope to have all budget numbers to our office by the end of February so our finance council can review them during our March meeting.

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 20th. 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.

Also

Group Leaders: Now is the time to start thinking about Next Years budget (FY25). The fiscal year begins July 1. We ask that all budget numbers be in by February 28th so our finance council can review them during our March meeting.

Reminder:

Gathering Table is this Monday, **January 15th**.
Food and help are always needed. Thank you.



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Theodore Joseph Wenke, Sianna Coy Read,
Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,
Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman,
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandle, & 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.

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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: Write a letter of appreciation to someone

- Priest
- Deacon
- Teacher
- Co-worker
- Service provider

The annual **Novena for Life** 2024 is slated to begin January 16 and continue through January 24. Each night, the Knights will meet at the Church (except Sunday night at Simpson) Here are tentative dates:

- 1-16, after 6pm mass
- 1-17, 7pm
- 1-18, 7pm
- 1-19, 7pm
- 1-20, before 4:30 pm mass
- 1-21, before 5pm mass at Simpson
- 1-22, 7pm
- 1-23, after 6pm mass
- 1-24, 7pm



Changes will be posted. We hope you will join us!

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 17**

Creation Care Corner

About one percent of all water on Earth is drinkable. Drinkable water plays a huge role in our daily lives, from brushing our teeth to cooking our food. The US Geological Survey reports that the average American uses between 80-100 gallons of water per day at home. However, saving drinkable water is imperative to ensure clean, accessible water for generations to come.

Try water conservation at home, and make it a part of everyday family practice. Here are some simple tips to help you reduce your water use:

Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator instead of with water: Defrosting food in the fridge keeps it at a safe temperature, as opposed to having it sit in warm water, where harmful bacteria can grow. Plan ahead by placing frozen foods for the next day in the refrigerator overnight, which could save 50 to 150 gallons of water a month.

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