



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

2024

Sunday, February 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

23: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, February 19

LENTEN WEEKDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, February 20

LENTEN WEEKDAY

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Lauren Strable

Wednesday, February 21

LENTEN WEEKDAY

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Thursday, February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

535: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Friday, February 23

LENTEN WEEKDAY

228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Beverly & Rich Krier

Saturday, February 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

Sunday, February 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

26: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19
Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Donald Mangold
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 February 16 —February 22

1. Stations of the Cross will be Fridays at 7 during Lent.
2. Sundays during lent I will continue my homily series on Blessings. For the most part, I will preach at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Sunday, and 5 p.m. Sunday (Simpson Mass). Msgr. Bognano will celebrate and preach the 10:15 Mass.
3. Our FOCUS retreat for college students is coming up! We have students from at least 3 campuses attending- Iowa State, U.N.I., and Simpson. Sign up soon to guarantee a spot- <https://tinyurl.com/STA-SIB>. Simpson students- your college is now covering the cost of the retreat. Please ask one of the members of the Catholic Student Organization for the code.
4. We are about to launch the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We did really well with last year's appeal; thanks to everyone who gave 1% of the total ADA or who set-up recurring monthly gifts of \$15 or more through the Diocesan portal. When you give through the Diocesan portal, the Diocese covers the cost of the donation and we get full credit! Just be sure to select St. Thomas Aquinas. Our goal this year is \$76,413. I'm asking every family to set up a recurring monthly donation of \$15 or more to meet our A.D.A. goal. Once 85% of our families give \$15/mo or more, we will meet our ADA goal every year for the foreseeable future. As we work to get every family to the \$15/mo goal, I'm looking for 30 families to cover 1% or more of the ADA. I will be one of those families donating \$765 or more, so we need 29 more people to join me in taking care of the first 30% of the ADA while we work to get everyone giving \$15/mo.
5. ChristLife part 2: Following Christ will begin in February. This is for people who have gone through ChristLife part 1: Discovering Christ. If you've gone through Discovering Christ, check your e-mail for more information on how to sign up for Following Christ.

FASTING/ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES:
Fasting (ages 18-59) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means 1 full meal, two smaller meals not totaling a full meal.

Abstinence (Ages 14+) means not eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.



You've got questions. We have answers. **As a new student to our schools, your child's tuition may be covered through state-funded.** Get the facts and learn more about Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) at ESAsForIowa.org.

Are you interested in enrolling your child at a Diocese of Des Moines Catholic School for the upcoming school year? With an Education Savings Account (or ESA), tuition may be more affordable than you think! With Education Savings Accounts, qualified families can receive approximately \$7,635 for EACH eligible child to help cover the cost of tuition, fees, and other qualified education expenses. Visit ESAsForIowa.org to learn more.

You have a choice when it comes to your child's education. **As a new student to our schools, your child's tuition may be covered through state-funded.** Get the facts and learn more about ESAs at ESAsForIowa.org or contact 515-313-0687 or info@iowaace.org to learn more.

Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Bailey, Kerri O'Meara, 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.

Women of Worth

A pro-life musical event
The epic saga of the Maiden of Orléans
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DETAILS:

3PM • April 14th • St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Mark your calendar Lenten Fish Fries



February 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22

5:30pm—7:00pm ~ Dine in or carry out
Adults: \$13.00 Children 6-12yrs: \$6.00
Children 5yrs & under: Free

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 in silence

Build up your tolerance, start with 5 minutes a day
and build from there; silence can be uncomfortable,
especially if you're not used to it...don't give up!

Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday evening
at 7:00PM in the Church



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A ticket is required for admittance for all.

Saturday, September 28 Wells Fargo Arena

Creation Care Corner



***That in the spirit of Pope Francis we might
all strive to promote the common good and
work to protect earth, our common home,
we pray.***

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