



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 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

Monday, February 26

LENTEN WEEKDAY

230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, February 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Lori Frueh

Wednesday, February 28

LENTEN WEEKDAY

232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

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

Thursday, February 29

LENTEN WEEKDAY

233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—For the broken hearted

Friday, March 1

LENTEN WEEKDAY

234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Saturday, March 2

LENTEN WEEKDAY

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Sunday, March 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

29: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22

-25 Jn 2:13-25 or, for Year A (28): Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-

9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

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 23 —February 29

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. To find past homilies in this series, check the church center app - under the "More" button there is a page for homilies.
3. The Spiritual Impact Bootcamp is around the corner! Bishop Joensen will be joining us for 10:15 Mass on Sunday March 3. To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-SIB>
4. We will be mailing a letter soon laying out a path forward for the Coordinator of Music Ministry position; we ran into some snags as we went through the process of hiring in the fall. Stay tuned!
5. Thanks again for all the prayers for my mother; we are now discussing what home care is going to look like.

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.

Stations of the Cross

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



What happens in the Atrium?



Diane demonstrated the **Doxology** "The Offering to the Father."



She asked questions like, "Who is doing the offering?" "Why do we lift the bread?" "Why does Father lay hands over the Eucharist?"

If you would like to know more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program, contact JoAnn Sayre 515-401-9497.

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 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.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:



The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go to www.stthomasindianola.parishesonline.com. Applications are to be emailed to vandy.omeara@gmail.com or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 7, 2024.

WANTED:

A volunteer leader who enjoys working with plants and gardening and can lead a small team of volunteers to plant and water the gardens surrounding the ST. Thomas Church campus April through September each calendar year.

This volunteer will initially be mentored with the current leaders. Please contact Jackie Pool: 515-360-0546 if interested.

Mark your calendar Lenten Fish Fries



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: Anticipate a need. Do something for someone before they ask you.



We ask that all budget numbers be in by February 28th so our finance council can review them during our March meeting.

Coffee with Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women

Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Fireside Bistro @ First Assembly of God Church
NW Entrance, 1700 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA 50125

Bring a friend!

Come and enjoy some fellowship and order breakfast if you would like

We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning

The Coffee With Jesus
Crew



Creation Care Corner

The average American uses seven trees a year.

Tip: Save the trees! Share magazine and newspaper subscriptions with friends. Donate old magazines to doctors' waiting rooms, senior citizens' groups or day care centers (little kids love to cut and paste pictures). Take a look at the paper you use every week and look for ways to cut down. E-subscriptions, saving items on your computer instead of printing documents are just a few ways to save on paper.



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