



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm - Sunday 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, April 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9

1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Judy Pierson

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, April 15

EASTER WEEKDAY

273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, April 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

274: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab,

7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Wednesday, April 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Thursday, April 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

276: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

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

Friday, April 19

EASTER WEEKDAY

277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Fr. Chris Fontanini

Saturday, April 20

EASTER WEEKDAY

278: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

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

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

Sunday, April 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

50: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29

1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

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 April 12—April 18

- 1) I am offering house blessings on Friday April 19 and Saturday April 20. Please sign up in the church app or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-BLESS>
- 2) Thank you to everyone who filled out the ministry relaunch survey. The first ministry we will relaunch is the EMHC ministry. We are working on producing some instructional resources for this ministry. Once these are completed, we will have training days for all current and prospective EMHC's. Thank you to the ~40 people who volunteered to be trained as EMHC's. We'd like 50 for this ministry to allow us sufficient coverage to bring back the precious blood at weekend Masses; please download the church app to receive the survey/signup invite. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> and follow the prompts. The final invitation for the survey will be sent out Tuesday April 16 through the church app.
- 3) Next weekend is the Creation Care Team's Earth Day celebration- please let us know how many people are coming so we can provide food. You may signup in the church app or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EDAY>
- 4) Annual Diocesan Appeal update: We're way ahead of where we were last year at this time, but we still have a long way to go to reaching our goal. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Please consider donating to help us exceed our goal and earn a refund. You may give by filling out a card in the pews and dropping it in the collection plate, or by going online to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-ADA> (make sure to select Indianola-St. Thomas Aquinas from the Drop-down menu). We're looking to increase the number of families giving \$15/mo in a recurring donation, and we'd also like to have 15 more families give 1% of the goal- \$765. Please consider becoming a 1% giver.
- 5) If you are interested in an update on the building projects we have completed or are planning at St. Thomas Aquinas, please check the projects button on the church app- it is under the "more" buttons. Alternatively you may go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-BAG>

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Updated: April 5, 2024

Goal: \$76,413

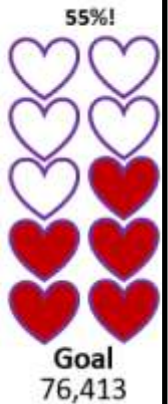
Gifts Paid: \$25,830

Pledges Remaining: \$6,024

Percentage of Goal: 55 %

Pledging to the Diocese today helps St. Thomas by supporting:

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Schools
- Vocations



STARS Scholarship

St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society 2024 Scholarship Information

The St. Thomas Aquinas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS) is awarding two one-time scholarships to a graduating high school senior who is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Indianola) to help further his/her education. Recipients are to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a degree, license, or certification in a college the semester immediately following high school graduation. Please check the church website for the application form. stthomasindianola.com

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 and remove names from the bulletin

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**Celebration of the Light in
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**



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: Do something active

- Go for a walk
- Ask someone in your neighborhood to play basketball
- Get outside!

perpetual Adoration

Adorers Needed

We have a critical need to fill in several adoration spots on our current Wednesday and Thursday adoration schedule. On Wednesday we need 1 adorer for the noon - 1pm and 2 adorers for the 2 -3pm spots. We also need 1 additional adorer each on Thursdays for the 6-7pm and the 8-9 pm spots. Please contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com if you are able to fill one of these spots.

We also have the following Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday overnight hours to fill so that we can have exposed adoration on Tuesday and continuous exposed adoration on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday hours and adorers needed: 2 adorers each at Noon, 2, 3 and 4

Wednesday evening hours/adorers needed: 2 at 10pm and 1 at 11pm

Thursday early morning hours/adorers needed: 2 each hour from Midnight until 6 am and 1 adorer at each 7 and 8 am

Please prayerfully consider signing up for any of these open hours.

Thanks, and God Bless.



Creation Care Corner

Reminder: Don't forget to sign up for our celebration of Earth Day. We will have a soup supper after the 4:30 Mass on April 20 followed by a presentation by Ken and Rita Bresnan on being good stewards of our earth. Please sign up by Monday, April 15 at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EDAY> or on the sign up sheet in the back of church. We hope to see you there.



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