



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 240-2029

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

56: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4

1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Richard & Violet Alexander

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, May 6

EASTER WEEKDAY

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 7

EASTER WEEKDAY

292: Acts 16: 22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Wednesday, May 8

EASTER WEEKDAY

293: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Thursday, May 9

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 16:16-20

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Kailey Peters

Friday, May 10

EASTER WEEKDAY

295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a

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

Saturday, May 11

EASTER WEEKDAY

296: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

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

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

Sunday, May 12

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23

or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

For Masses at Simpson College refer to the Church App

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 May 3—May 9

- 1) For all those who signed up to be EMHC's, you will be sent an invite through e-mail/text/the church app to attend training. We are planning to relaunch this ministry (and the precious blood) on Pentecost Sunday.
- 2) We are in the initial stages of planning a Mass of healing for our many parishioners with cancer. Please stay tuned for a survey, which will be sent out May 8. You'll be able to provide us the names of loved ones who are battling cancer and also help us decide the date of the service.
- 3) This weekend we are celebrating our graduates! Congratulations to all of you who have finished this step of your journey and are now embarking on new adventures in the future.
- 4) We have launched a new page on our church app under the "more" button. If you go to "Caring Hands" you can now submit prayer requests and also let us know if one of your loved ones would like to receive communion in a care facility or at home.
- 5) To download our church app, go to <https://tinyurl.com/sta-APP> and follow the prompts.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors Class of 2024

Please keep them in your prayers.



Sophie Andersen	Reagan Orey
Jack Bingaman	Kyra Robins
Drew Danielson	Michael Rothchild
Audra Dowler	Carly Schettler
Bryce Hageman	Adriane Sinclair
Carol Huffer	Joseph Strange
Ben Kickbush	Matthew Winjum
Jakob Kjellberg	Nathaniel Winjum
Lake Martin	

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Updated: April 26, 2024

Goal: \$76,413

Gifts Paid: \$29,726

Pledges Remaining: \$5,578

Percentage of Goal: 56 %

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**Goal
76,413**

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

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

KC Scholarships

The Indianola Knights are pleased to announce that 4 applicants have been chosen to each receive a \$500 scholarship for the 2024-25 season. These persons are:

**Logan Grover Avery Grover
Joseph DeWall Alex Lynch.**

Best wishes to these individuals and all graduating seniors.

Please welcome our new music intern Emma DeVries



Prayer List

For all those in need.

Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Carol Bailey,
Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch,
Virginia Basler, 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

Vacation Bible School

Cor Jesu Rex (Vacation Bible School) with the School Sisters of Christ the King
June 10-14, 2024

Theme: LIFE IN CHRIST: The 10 COMMANDMENTS

"Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" ... "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." Matthew 19:16-21

The School Sisters of Christ the King of Lincoln, Nebraska, are offering a week-long catechetical program at the St Thomas Aquinas in Indianola from June 10-14, 2024. The motto of the School Sisters of Christ the King, "Ut Christus Regnet", "That Christ May Reign," expresses their mission of extending the Kingdom of Christ on earth, through the witness of their lives and through the apostolate of Catholic Education.

During this week, there will be Mass each day, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, benediction, rosary, and opportunities for confession, along with skits and classes focusing Life in Christ and living the Ten Commandments. Students will learn the gift of God's laws, what they mean and how they lead us to Heaven. Continue to build your relationship with Christ and His Church during the summer.

<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2139208>

Cor Jesu Rex (Vacation Bible School) is open to children who have finished grades 1 – 8 and we will also offer a simultaneous program for children in preschool and kindergarten.

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:
Pray before making a decision.

Gathering Table May 6th

The next Gathering Table is Monday, May 6th. We always need help with main dishes, side dishes, desserts and serving. Please prayerfully consider helping in some way. Here is the link to sign up to provide help or serve: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>

Mothers Day Rose Sale

The Social Concerns Committee will be selling roses after Masses on Mothers Day, May 12 to raise money for the Storybook Project. Single roses will be sold for \$2. The Storybook Project works with incarcerated mothers, grandmothers or fathers. The parent/grandparent chooses a book from the Storybook library that is appropriate for his/her child. The parent or grandparent reads the book, which is recorded and then the book and CD are mailed to the child. This will be the third year St. Thomas Aquinas has supported this project.

Thank You for Supporting Child Abuse Prevention

The Social Concerns Committee wants to thank everyone who bought chocolate chip cookies or made a donation to Short Years Partnership. We raised \$700 to support child abuse prevention work in Warren County. Once again, the giving hearts of St. Thomas Aquinas shone brightly.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish, especially those battling cancer.



Creation Care Corner

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