



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, July 14, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

104: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mk 6:7-13

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

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

Monday, July 15

SAINT BONAVENTURE

389: Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mt 10:34-
11:1 see 600: Eph 3:14-19 Mt 23:8-12

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, July 16

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

390: Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Kailey Peters

Wednesday, July 17

WEEKDAY

391: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Peterson
& Wilma Hill

Thursday, July 18

WEEKDAY

392: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-21 Mt 11:28-30

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Jolene & Jim Jauron

Friday, July 19

WEEKDAY

393: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16 Mt 12:1-8

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Saturday, July 20

WEEKDAY

394: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Liam Strable
(Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, July 21

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

107: Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Margaret Barton

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12p.m.-1p.m.) summer hours Friday 9:00a.m.-1:00p.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 July 12—July 18

1) Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal; with the holidays we still don't have updated numbers (and won't until next week!)

2) We've had 117 responses so far to the St. Thomas celebration survey- it is looking like it is going to be quite a party! Please go over to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-701> and fill out the form so we know whether (or not) you plan on attending. Thanks! We are providing pork chops for adults, and hot dogs as an option for the kids.

3) We have a parish council! After about a year and a half hiatus, we've relaunched the parish council. Thank you to Brian Weidmaier, Deb Giarusso, Adam Naughton, Patty Alexander, Kay Neumann-Thomas, and Lanny Ward for stepping up and serving. The first task of the Parish Council will be to assist with implementing the Diocesan Visioning process for our parish- see the link on bottom of the app homepage (also accessible at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MAIN>)

4) We are bringing out 4 of the team from Christ-Life in Baltimore to host a weekend retreat/training conference for us. The dates are September 14/15; please consider attending. It is free for St. Thomas parishioners, and for Simpson students/faculty/staff. Signup in the app or by calling the office.

5) Our Church App recently rolled out a major update. It is integrating a CHAT feature- it will allow our groups to communicate more effectively. Please update your app as soon as possible- go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> to install or update your app.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

Updated: June 29, 2024

Goal: \$76,413

Gifts Paid: \$60,301

Pledges Remaining: \$3,150

Percentage of Goal: 90%

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

- Priest's Retirement
- Marriage & Family Life Programs
- Catholic Charities
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Prayer List

For all those in need.

Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters,
Carol Bailey, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor,
Helen Kollasch, Virginia Basler, Deanna Bahr,
Duffy Metz, Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman,
Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackle 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

**Mark your Calendar
for the second annual celebration
July 21, 2024
Please RSVP**

We are going to hold a celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas on July 21, with a gathering at 5 and dinner at 6. This year we are planning to serve pork chops as the main course, and we will have hot dogs for the kids. Root Beer floats, tea, water, and lemonade will be provided. We're asking everyone to bring a side or a dessert to share.

This is a fairly informal gathering, providing an opportunity to gather as a parish and have fun together. We'll have some lawn games (feel free to bring your own), and will have the opportunity to get to know one another a bit better.

In order to help us plan, please fill out the following form:
<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/people/forms/771698>

50th Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Fr John Ludwig and Msgr Stephen Orr on Sunday, July 28 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, 510 E First St, Ankeny, IA 50021. There will be an Open House reception from 2:00-4:00 pm in the church social hall with an Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving following at 4:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Please join us to honor the combined 100 years of ministry these two have brought to the Diocese of Des Moines. Starting from their grade school years together at St Augustin's, through high school at Dowling, college at Loras and ordination together in 1974, these two have blessed us with their talents and leadership at their assignments throughout the Diocese. Join us in thanking them. If you cannot attend in person, cards can be sent in care of OLIH or directly to the Fathers at 1390 Buffalo Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

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: Be the first to say "Hello".



Watch Jesus
light a fire in
people's lives.



The ChristLife process invites people to know Jesus, live as Catholic disciples, and share their faith with others.

Mark your calendar

Members of the ChristLife leadership team will be coming to Saint Thomas Aquinas on **September 14-15** to fortify that which we have begun in our parish. All are welcome.

Creation Care Corner

Keep your home dry to prevent mold and mildew from proliferating. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends keeping an indoor humidity level of 30 to 60 percent. You can do this by opening windows to exchange air inside your house. Remember that stagnant air retains all the moisture from your activities, so you should allow proper air movement by creating a draft inside at least once a day.

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