



# 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 & Thursday 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. Call Kris Gross 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 515-240-2029 or follow this link: <https://tinurl.com/STA-PRAY>

**Care of the Sick & Shut-ins:** Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist, or follow this link: <https://tinurl.com/STA-PRAY>

**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [tinurl.com/STA-NEW](https://tinurl.com/STA-NEW) Please update your address in a timely manner if you move.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Michelle Helm - [mhelm@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

Saturday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW

643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13

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

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

Sunday, September 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

134: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

Monday, September 23

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

449: Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 24

450: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—The Thomas and Jauron families

Wednesday, September 25

451: Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Thursday, September 26

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIEN

452: Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9

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

Friday, September 27

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

453: Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Saturday, September 28

ST WENCESLAUS, ST LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS

454: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43b-45

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Daniel Ripperger

Sunday, September 29

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

137: Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Frank Colella

**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Closed for from (12p.m.—1p.m.)

Parish Office: 515-961-3026

Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://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 September 19—September 25

- 1) RE Registration closes next week. Please sign up if you haven't already. If you haven't covered your registration fee yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.
- 2) We will be commissioning our EMHC's throughout September. If you'd like to be a part of the ministry, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EMHC> and fill out the form to be added to the training process. If you are already in the process, you will see future signups under the "ME" button of the Church Center App as soon as the training sessions are scheduled. We'd like to get 25 more people commissioned before the beginning of Advent.
- 3) Our online giving platform is up and running! You can setup recurring donations (either by credit card or ACH) by clicking the "Give" button on the app or going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-GIVE>, entering an amount, then selecting the fund and frequency of the gift. You can then manage your existing donations (click the "Me" button on the app), and track the amount you've given through our online platform. You have the control over your giving and it saves our office valuable staff time if you use the app or setup online giving.
- 4) If you didn't receive a text on Wednesday September 18 with Fr. Adam toasting you with his tea mug, then you aren't yet on the new texting list! If you'd like to be, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-TXT> to give your permission. We'll still send out texts the old way for a while (one-way announcements) but will be upgrading to the new system in the near future.
- 5) I received an additional assignment from the Diocese of Des Moines. I've been sworn in as an Ecclesiastical Notary and Assessor of the Tribunal. Basically, I will be spending some time each week putting my canon law degree to use. Your prayers are appreciated!

## O Come, Let Us Adore Him...



**We need adorers to fill several hours. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week.**

Wednesday: Noon - 1 pm, 1 - 2 pm, 2 - 3 pm and 6 - 7 pm

Thursday: Noon - 1 pm and 5 - 6 pm

To sign up contact Anitta at (515) 344-7850 or at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com)



**Our Lost and Found box** is overflowing! Please stop by the usher's closet this weekend and see if any of these items belong to you.

## REGISTER NOW!

The third annual "Family Celebration of Our Prairie" will be held Saturday, October 5, 5:30-7 p.m. by the St. Thomas prairie. Come for a speaker, supper, s'mores, and a children's craft; and learn how our prairie and experiencing God's creation can enrich your faith and give you peace, comfort and joy. Please bring lawn chairs.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-Prairie> or scan the QR code



### Prayer List

For all those in need. Jim Franken, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz, Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman, Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com) or 515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 515-210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 515-240-2029

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 Michelle Helm (515-961-3026) to add and remove names from the bulletin

## Money Counters Needed!!

The parish is in need of two or more money counters to serve on Monday mornings, ASAP. Training will be Provided. This service involves a one hour commitment, once a month, starting time flexible between 7:30 and 8:00 am. Call the office or email Michelle Helm at [mhelm@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com) to volunteer or if you have any questions.



## The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

### OCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic faith, prayerfully consider joining the OCIA program (formerly called RCIA) which will begin again sometime in late September. To register or for more information, call the church office at 515-961-3026

## Social Concerns

### Cultivating Kindness

During the month of September the Social Concerns Committee is going to share prayers about cultivating kindness. We hope these prayers bring you new thoughts or reminders about the value of kindness and caring in our lives.

*Dear Lord, in the whirlwind of life's demands, I seek the stillness of Your presence to instill in me a heart of understanding and patience. Like a river that gently shapes the rock with persistence and softness, may Your love work within me, shaping my heart to reflect Your compassion and kindness.*

*Grant me the grace to listen before speaking, to understand before judging, and to offer patience where there is haste. In moments of frustration, remind me of Your enduring patience with humanity, teaching me to see beyond the surface, recognizing Your image in everyone I meet.*

*Help me to embrace the slow growth of understanding, trusting in Your timing for all things. May my words be seasoned with grace, my actions fueled by love, and my patience be a testament to the work You are doing in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

The Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Des Moines is looking for a receptionist to work 4.5 hours per day M-F. Please go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment> for more information.

## Creation Care Corner

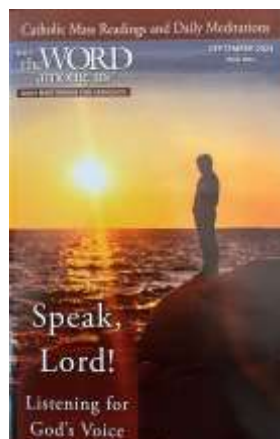


This is the monthly prayer intention of Pope Francis. We hope you can add it to your daily prayers.

*"We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."*

## The Word Among Us Daily Meditations for Catholics

*The Word Among Us* magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more. St. Thomas Aquinas has purchased copies of these for our parishioners, which can be found in a basket on the table under the picture of Pope Francis in the church entrance. We invite you to take advantage of this gift and take one today. September's issue will be removed soon, so grab one while you can!



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