



# 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://tinyurl.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://tinyurl.com/STA-PRAY>

**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [tinyurl.com/STA-NEW](https://tinyurl.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 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**

Monday, September 30

SAINT JEROME

455: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 1

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

456: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Wednesday, October 2

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

457: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Thursday, October 3

458: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Friday, October 4

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

459: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Thomas Phillips & Bernice Miller (birthdays)

Saturday, October 5

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

460: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Sunday, October 6

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

140: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

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

**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 26—October 2**

1) I will be gone to a priest workshop September 29-October 3. Please say a prayer for all the priests as we continue our formation.

2) Thanks to everyone who has gone through the EMHC training and commissioning. We had 22 people complete the training, with many more in the process. Stay tuned for more training opportunities.

3) There will be a Eucharistic Procession at Simpson on October 6, starting at 3:45 at Smith Chapel. We're looking to start ChristLife part 1: Discovering Christ at the end of October for Simpson students. Please keep us in prayer!

4) We recently ended the fiscal year (June 30). Finance Council and I are preparing a detailed end-of-the-fiscal-year letter, but I'd like to provide a briefer update for you all now. Thank you for your generosity!

- 2024 ADA: We've made our \$76,413 goal, and any gifts we receive now come back to the parish.
- 2022-2025 Ignite! Campaign: People have paid \$255,416.61 out of our \$355,000 goal. We still have about another year for people to fulfill their pledges. The Diocese should be sending reminder letters.
- Current amount in Building Fund (Including Reserve): \$370,034.57
- Current amount in our Operating Fund: \$64,659.61
- Current amount in STAT Mission Trip Fund (After 2024 Milwaukee Expenses): \$21,365. Mission Trip 2022 cost \$21,844.38, 2023 cost \$17,775.09, and 2024 cost \$14,105.72.

A more detailed letter will come in the near future. If you'd like to stay up-to-date on the projects we have at St. Thomas Aquinas, please go to the "projects" link on the church app or click <https://tinyurl.com/STA-BAG>. Thank you all for all the different ways you support of our many initiatives!

5) Michelle Helm, our new administrative assistant, is available Mon-Fri 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Michelle can help answer questions about the Church App, help to register new parishioners through the New Parishioner Form, help you register for events, and much more! Please feel free to stop in and say hi.

## Having trouble figuring out the church app?

You aren't alone!


Come see Michelle Helm at the admin desk or give her a call at 515 961-3026, M-F between 9am and 2:30 pm and she will be glad to help!



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**Join Us Before Mass to Pray the Rosary**

The Rosary will be said before weekend masses in October. Please join in saying the Rosary 20 minutes before mass. \*If anyone would like to lead the Rosary, please reach out to Kim DeLay or Patty Alexander.



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*Congratulations!*

InnerVisions HealthCare, a free, nonprofit medical clinic serving pregnant women at risk for abortion, honored St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner and Knights of Columbus Council #5032 member, David Trenkamp, with their annual "Knight of the Year" Award at Saturday night's Dinner Dance benefiting the life-affirming work of InnerVisions.



Join us in congratulating Dave!

## Prayer List

For all those in need. Jim Franken, Axel Hammer,  
Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kalley 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-  
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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.



## Creation Care Corner

You are cordially invited to a family celebration of our prairie held Saturday, October 5 from 5:30-7:00. Join us for hot dogs and smores, kid's activities and a presentation on the prairie with Travis Strabel. Everything is provided except for lawn chairs/blankets. Please sign up by October 1 in the back of the church, on the church app home page-sign-ups or with the QR code. This is our third year of celebrating our beautiful prairie. We hope you can join us.



## Come join us at Coffee with Jesus

**Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas  
& Fellow Christian Women Friends**  
**What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun**  
**When: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room**

**Bring a friend.**  
**Coffee, tea, juice & breakfast treats provided.**  
**Please bring your rosary, bible and fun filled spirit!**  
**Looking forward to seeing you Saturday morning.**  
**The Coffee With Jesus Crew**

## 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--*

*We come before You today, hearts open, seeking the wisdom and strength to let love lead the way. In every word spoken, every decision made, and every step taken, may Your unconditional love be our guide. Help us to see beyond the surface, recognizing Your image in the hearts of those we meet.*

*Grant us the courage to act with compassion, even when the path is difficult, and the patience to listen with a spirit of empathy. Teach us to respond to anger with gentleness, to meet indifference with warmth, and to counter hate with an unwavering commitment to love. May our actions reflect the depth of Your love for us, becoming a beacon of hope and a testament to Your grace. In moments of doubt, remind us that love is the most powerful force for change in the world, capable of transforming hearts and renewing spirits. Through our hands, may Your work be done, and through our voices, may Your words of love and peace be spoken.*

*Amen*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Thomas' Social Concerns committee will sponsor a **TRIVIA NIGHT** at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at the St. Thomas Pastoral Center. Proceeds will benefit the **Indianola Hope Foundation**.

All are welcome to come out for a lasagna supper and a fun evening of fellowship. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Gather your team today! \$125 per table of 4-6 people. Don't have a team? Sign up for \$25 and we'll assign you to a team.

### Knights of Columbus Rosary Program

In celebration of October as the Month of the Holy Rosary, the Knights of Columbus will be passing out metal rosary rings after all the masses on October 5 and 6. A rosary is a great prayer aid that will encourage this devotion to our Blessed Mother. Please consider taking one for each member of your household!



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