



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 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

Saturday, October 12

466: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Sunday, October 13

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

143: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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

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

5:00pm Simpson Mass

Monday, October 14

SAINT CALLISTUS, I, POPE

467: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 15

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

468: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Wednesday, October 16

SAINT HEDWIG, SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

469: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Thursday, October 17

470: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Friday, October 18

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

661: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Daniel Ripperger

Saturday, October 19

SAINTS JOHN DE BREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES

472: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

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

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

Sunday, October 20

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

146: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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

Facebook: **St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA**

For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Father Adam's Five

for October 10– October 16

1) Thank you to everyone who participated in the procession at Simpson. It was a small but mighty group; hundreds of people saw us and many were taking videos of our prayer walk through the campus. If you could, please say a prayer for us as we gear up to launch ChristLife at Simpson on October 20.

2) If you are part of our liturgical ministries (EMHC, Lector, Usher, Altar Server parent, etc.) we are hosting trainings on how to use the church app to sign up for the various ministries. I will be leading two of them in the near future- October 22nd at 7 p.m., and October 24 at 6 p.m. If you are looking to be commissioned as an EMHC, the level 1 formation will follow the app training.

3) I will be out of town at a canon law convention this weekend and most of next week. Say a prayer for me and my fellow canonists as we meet in Albuquerque.

4) ADA COASTER UPDATE: I've delivered over 30 sets of coasters, but still have around 20 sets to hand out to the families who generously supported the ADA by July 1. I will work to get everyone their coasters by the end of October.

5) Our organizations are gearing up for the holidays and are answering the many needs of our community. Please check <https://tinyurl.com/sta-give> to support Operation Christmas, Coats for Kids, the Indianola Ministerial Association's Emergency Fund, and others as they seek to meet the needs of our community.

MEMORIAL CANDLE CEREMONY



As we have traditionally done for **All Souls Day at St. Thomas**, on *Sunday, November 3rd*, parishioners are invited to carry lighted candles forward in honor of their loved ones who have passed away during the past year. This will take place at the 10:15am Mass.

You may honor *any family member or friend in this way, whether or not he or she was a member of this parish.*

If you would like to participate, please contact Michelle Helm at 515-961-3026 or email Michelle at mhelm@stthomasindianola.com no later than Tuesday, October 29th.

Job opportunity: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

The Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools Office has an immediate opening for a CAO. Please find more information about this position and how to apply at our website <https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment>

Prayer List

For all those in need. Clara Hill, 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 Shandle, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at jjward71@gmail.com or
515-250-7385,

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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

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.



Dowling Catholic's 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast
October 27th, 7:30 am - 12:00 p.m.
Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds

Proceeds support the new student activities endowment. Purchase tickets online at www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast. Take advantage of the group discount and invite family & friends!

INNERVISIONS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



St. Thomas Aquinas is once again supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. During the weekend of **October 19th & 20th**, you'll find baby bottles in the gathering space; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and **return** it on the weekend of **October 26th & 27th**. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515.280.4706. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org. We're grateful for Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home for underwriting the InnerVisions baby bottle campaign this year!



Creation Care Corner

DID YOU KNOW?????

One of the Church's social teachings is to care for God's creation.

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Champions!

IST Academy Boys U9 won the Spring Creek FC's annual Fall Classic tournament last weekend— way to go!



Coaches Jordan McPherson and Dillon Phillips with players Oakley Hill, Carlos Hernandez, Steele Brummer, Beckett McPherson, Niles Bienneman and Thomas Phillips— all from St. Thomas Aquinas. These coaches and players have worked hard honing their skills and sharing their faith!

Social Concerns

SAVE THE DATE--MEDICARE PART D

The Social Concerns Committee will once again be hosting a Part D Check-up on November 14, 15. Sign up after Mass on November 2 and 3rd for a time slot.



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.



OPERATION Christmas

Operation Christmas will begin accepting donations the weekend of October 12/13.

This program began almost 38 years ago when it was discovered some residents in Warren County needed help, providing assistance for food and presents for children. The funds collected will be used to give gift and food vouchers to these families that have completed applications for assistance at Helping Hand.

If you are able to make a donation, please label it "Operation Christmas" and place it in the collection basket. If you write a check, please make it payable to *Helping Hand* with *Operation Christmas* in the memo. December 8th will be the night for the gift distribution.

If you want to work the night of the 8th to help distribute the vouchers, please contact Jan Gunnarson at 515-205-3748. Questions about this program, please contact Debbie McDaniel, 515-240-2029. Thanks!!

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