

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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<u>Perpetual Adoration</u> 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: <u>tinyurl.com/STA-NEW</u> 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 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

Monday, October 21

473: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 22

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE

474: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—RICHARD KRIER

Wednesday, October 23

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

475: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

<u>Thursday, October 24</u> SAINT ANTHONY MARY C<u>LARET, BISHOP</u>

476: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Friday, October 25

477: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John and Donna Sereg

Saturday, October 26

BVM

478: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Roderigo Parra

Sunday, October 27

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

149: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Sonny Brommel

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 17- October 23

- 1) The scammers are at it again! Please know that I will never be in any situation requiring you to give me money or gift cards. If you receive a request "from me" PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE confirm directly with me or with the office. Scammers keep sending out fake e-mails, texts, and have even started being able to make phone calls (with Artificial Intelligence) so if you receive a text, an email, and even a phone call from someone claiming to be me and asking for help, please confirm with one of the staff in the office before doing anything.
- 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) The Knights of Columbus have started their Friday Fish and Chicken Dinners; please consider coming out and supporting our Knights of Columbus these next few weeks.
- 4) Lighting Project Update: The Diocese of Des Moines has given the go ahead for our next lighting project. The project will redo the lighting in our parish hall and the hallway just outside the sanctuary. We had remarkable success with the lighting outside our building and in the North classrooms. We are hoping for a similar result with this next project. This lighting project is possible thanks to your donations to the building fund. Once completed, our new lights will provide better lighting while using less electricity (which will help out our operating fund).
- 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.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Geiken family, for the death of **Sara**, the mother of Paige Geiken, a former STAT member; and family member of Claire Patin. Please remember Sara, as well as the entire family in your prayers.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon them,
may they rest in peace.
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy
of God rest in peace. Amen

Please also remember in your prayers Ann Shandley Henry, sister of parishioner John Shandley, who passed away this week. Our sincere condolences go out to her entire family.

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.

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.

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 Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at 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

INNERVISIONS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Creation Care

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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

OOPS!

We hope you enjoyed using the eco-friendly laundry strips that we passed out last week. However, my instructions were incorrect.

See these directions for proper use. Apologies-Rita Bresnan









- Detach a strip
- 2. Place strip inside washing machine, tear into smaller pieces if necessary
- Add laundry and start washing machine

This week's product is a reusable bag for fruits and vegetables to use when grocery shopping. More details can be found in the bag. By providing these products, we are hoping that you might try them and join us in reducing plastic in our community. Why? By reducing our plastic usage, we can mitigate the harmful effects of pollution and preserve the beauty of our natural world for future generations.

Operation Christmas has begun accepting donations

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!!

Social Concerns

SAVE THE DATE--MEDICARE PART D CHECK-UP

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.

MATTERS OF THE MIND

A Mental Health Adventure

All are welcome to join us for this adventure with Deacon Randy Kiel

Sunday, October 27, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Out of the vast range of topics available in mental health, Deacon Randy Kiel will address many that are highly pertinent to families and individuals in our complicated world today.

Randy Kiel, MA, LMHC is a licensed mental health counselor with 30 years of clinical experience.



Indianola Knights



Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners 4 Big Nights Oct 18 & 25 Nov 1 & 8

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall Serving Hours - 5:30 to 7:00 PM Dine-In or Take-out Service

Adults & Take-Out -\$13 Children (Ages 6 to 12) \$6 Children 5 & under are free

Boy Scout Troop 123 will host a dessert table.

Three dollars from each meal will be used to support: Helping Hand, Heal House, Hope Foundation and the Indianola Ministry Assoc.





Diocese of Des Moines



Collection for Hurricane Relief

Next weekend, Oct. 26, 27, there will be a second collection for Catholic Charities, USA, to provide assistance to the victims of Hurricanes Helen and Milton which have ripped through the South-East Region of our country. Please prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to those suffering in this area.

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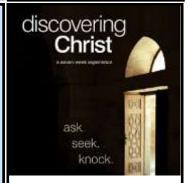
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