



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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Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition is available
Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the adoration chapel
and most Friday mornings in the sanctuary

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 26

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

Monday, October 28

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

666: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 29

480: Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Arlene DeWall

Wednesday, October 30

481: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Thursday, October 31

482: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Friday, November 1

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Gary, Vivian, & Becky Elbert

Saturday, November 2

ALL SOUL'S DAY

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Luke Clutter

Sunday, November 3

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

152: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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 lunch 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 24– October 30

1) Sunday October 27 we have Deacon Kiel's Matters of the Mind presentation beginning at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary. All are welcome to attend! More information is in the bulletin.

2) Our annual Trivia contest is coming up. Please consider putting together a table and joining us! Last year we had a great turnout, and it was an incredibly fun night. I'm looking forward to seeing you all as we support our Social Concerns committee and the outreach they do with the Indianola Hope Foundation. You can signup in the app or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-TRY>.

3) There will be a second collection for disaster relief this weekend to assist with the damage from the recent hurricanes.

4) The end of October and the beginning of November we are having a number of extra Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints) and honoring all souls.
Oct. 31: 7 p.m. at St. Thomas- All Saints
Nov. 1: 7 a.m. at St. Thomas- All Saints
Nov. 1: Noon at Simpson- All Saints
Nov. 2: Saturday A.M. -stay tuned for a possible Mass in the cemetery (TBD)
Nov. 2: Saturday 4:30 p.m.- All Souls Day Mass with candle presentation (It still counts as Sunday Obligation)
Nov. 3: Normal Sunday Masses

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.

Coffee with Jesus

Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun
When: Saturday, November 2nd, 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



MEMORIAL CANDLE CEREMONY DATE HAS CHANGED



This year, As All Souls Day falls on Saturday, we have decided to move the candle ceremony to **Saturday, November 2, at the beginning of the 4:30 mass.** Parishioners are invited to carry lighted candles forward in honor of their loved ones who have passed away during the past year. 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.

Thank you to the members of St. Thomas Aquinas for once again supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, **Please return your filled baby bottles to the bassinet in the gathering space this weekend, October 26th & 27th.** If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515.280.4706.

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



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.



Creation Care Corner

This weekend we will give the last of the 3 eco-friendly gifts for your household. We sincerely hope that you will try them and do some research about these types of products. There are many varieties, prices and vendors to choose from. We would love to have feedback on these products if you would like to share your thoughts. You can reach Rita Bresnan at ritabresnan@gmail.com. Thanks! Remember, each person can make a positive impact on our planet and together, we can create a more sustainable future for generations to come.

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

Trivia Night Registration Deadline Friday

The 5th Annual Trivia Night will be held to support the HOPE Foundation on Saturday, November 9th. Registration for teams is due Friday, November 1. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-TRY> or use the registration form found in the Gathering Space. Questions? Call Kris at 515-210-0169.

DON'T FORGET!!!

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.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens



Watch this space for all STAT (Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens) announcements and information for events and activities

This week NO STAT due to Beggar's Night

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide begins October 29. Join us at St. Pius X Catholic Church parish center room 103 at 6:00 pm as our facilitator's accompany the group through the next twelve weeks. If you can't make it on October 29, you can join up until November 12. Questions? Contact Bill and Ann at moorefamilysm@gmail.com.

The Catholic's
**DIVORCE
SURVIVAL**
Guide

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a ministry for divorced or separated men and women.

- Meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- This 12-week program begins Tuesday, October 29, 2024 with a break for Christmas and New Year.

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