



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, November 9

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre & Joe Chiappine

Sunday, November 10

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

155:1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 r 12:41-44

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

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

5:00pm Simpson Mass

Monday, November 11

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

491: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 12

SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

492: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Wednesday, November 13

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

493: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bess Basler

Thursday, November 14

494: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Thomas

Friday, November 15

495: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

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

Saturday, November 16

496: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Mark & Don Gross

Sunday, November 17

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

158: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Daniel Miller (birthday)

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 November 7- November 13

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"- Lk. 14: 28-30.

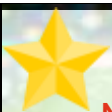
1) We are nearing completion of the initial rebuilding of our EMHC program- we have over 60 people active in the EMHC ministry, and 20+ yet to be commissioned. We still need about 10 more people to go through. <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EMHC> There are multiple trainings in this coming week, and there will be commissioning the weekend of the 16/17. We are on track to bring back the precious blood the first weekend of Advent (hopefully at every Mass).

2) Recently the United States Bishops revamped the process for becoming Catholic. We are currently working on what that means for our parish- but starting December 1, the new guidelines take effect. We are calculating and planning the best way to build a program going forward. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-OCIA>

3) Are you interested in helping us build/expand our C.G.S. program in the coming year? We need people willing to assist in the atrium, and to go through a Level 1 training. If you are interested, please talk to Michelle Helm- mhelm@stthomasindianola.com. We need more Level 1 catechists. Are you already trained in CGS? We are looking for Levels 2 and 3 trained catechists who are willing to help us build our program. We are working toward starting a Level 3 atrium, but we need more people willing to help with Level 1 and 2 before we can build Level 3.

4) We've been laying the foundation to build up/expand our music ministry. Our most pressing need is a music director. Would you be willing to take a one-question survey? <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MUSIC>

5) We've been expanding our use of technology. If you want to stay up to date on communications, including last minute Mass announcements, please make sure you have the Church App installed on your phone. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> on your phone's browser. Also, please signup to receive text messages on the app home screen.



S.T.A.R.S. Cookie Decorating Workshop! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

November 18th @ 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose room. Learn how to create beautiful, hand-decorated cookies! Bring a friend!



Follow this link for more information and to register or scan the QR code .

<https://tinyurl.com/STA-COOKIE>



Adorers Needed

We are currently in need of adorers for several of our hours on Wednesdays. We are trying to have 2 persons for each hour on days that when Jesus is exposed on the altar and need an additional adorer at the following times:

- Noon to 1:00 pm
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week at one of these times. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus are inviting the adult men of our parish to join our local Council 5032! We will be holding an Exemplification after the 10:15 am mass on Sunday, November 17 and the ceremony is open to families and to the public. Current First Degree Knights may also attend this ceremony to attain their Third Degree. Contact Adam Naughton (515-401-2672) for more information.

Prayer List

For all those in need. Clara Hill, 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 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

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and help break the cycle of poverty in the United States by returning your donation envelope *next weekend*, November 17.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
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Medicare Part D Check-Up Coming November 14-15

The Social Concerns Committee will once again sponsor a Medicare Part D Check-Up this fall. The Check-Up will be Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15. After Masses on Nov. 2-3 you will be able to sign up for a time to have your Part D/Medicare Advantage comparison done. If you will not be at Masses that weekend, or will not be available on November 14-15 but want a comparison done, please call/text Kris Gross at 515-210-0169.

In November we Remember...



"All Soul's Day in the Cemetery" by Ludwig Friedrich Wilhelm Riefstahl

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

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| ◇ Richard Alexander | ◇ Lisa Hoffman |
| ◇ Carol Bailey | ◇ Jolene Jauron |
| ◇ Linda Bartling | ◇ Marcia Kafar |
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| ◇ Ann Henry | ◇ Jim Williams |

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers." (CCC, 962).

We offer this excerpt from a newsletter prepared by CGSUSA in hopes you find it a useful aid to living liturgically at home.



Parent Pages from CGS USA *Words of Thanksgiving from the Holy Bible*

This month we hear and give voice to the following words: "thanksgiving", "blessing", and "gratitude". We pause within our day, and in our prayer, to reflect upon how God has blessed us, and the lives of our children.

We find words of thanksgiving woven throughout the Holy Bible. It is good to remind our children as we gather at the family prayer table or when we pray before or after a meal, that we hear beautiful words in the Bible about our relationship with God.

This month we invite you to simply choose one of the scripture passages below and share it as a family. Perhaps this will become part of your prayer ritual for the month of November.

- * Light a candle.
- * Slowly and solemnly read the words from the Bible.
- * Allow for a moment of silence.
- * Ask the children, "What did you hear?"

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." Psalm 100:4

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

"I thank my God every time I remember you," Philippians 1:3

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

Sofia Cavaletti writes in The Religious Potential of the Child: Experiencing Scriptures and Liturgy with Young Children (p.152) "For the most part, children's prayer is expressed with few words, in short and essential phrases."

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

Hey! St. Thomas Aquinas Teens!!!



Have you signed up for Meals From the Heartland?

It's not too late, registration closes Sunday, Nov 10. Scan the QR code and sign up now!



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