



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 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)

5:00pm Simpson Mass

Monday, November 18

497: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 19

498: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Wednesday, November 20

499: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Albert Basler

Thursday, November 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

500: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Friday, November 22

SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

501: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Saturday, November 23

502: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

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

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

Sunday, November 24

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

161: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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 November 14- November 20

1) Thanks to everyone who has generously supported our many initiatives in October and November, with the gift of their time and/or financially. Operation Christmas, InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign, Social Concerns Trivia, and Fall Fish and Chicken Dinners were all successes.

2) Currently we have over 90 people who are either commissioned EMHC's or in the training process to become commissioned EMHC's. Thank you to everyone who has signed up! We are on track to bring back the precious blood during Advent Masses.

3) If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-OCIA>

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) If you are looking to support a charity for year-end giving, please consider St. Thomas Aquinas! We are hoping to expand our ministries in 2025, offering more to our ever growing parish. If you would like to help us grow, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-GIVE> and setup recurring donations to the Operating Fund. Alternatively, you can use the QR code here:



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>



Who has time in the midst of the many Christmas Preparations to also prepare their hearts? WE DO!!
Join us for an evening of Christmas Violins, IHS Acapella Group, Silent Night Singers and Jodi Lockwood, our guest speaker, to steal away from the busyness of the season and hear some simple steps to treasuring our Lord more dearly this Christmas and in the year to come!!

Get your friends and family together (all are welcome) and **Get your table, you won't want to miss this faith filled evening.**
Call Kim DeLay 515-681-7526 for more information
Or see the flyer in the bulletin or on the church app.

Hosted By

Coffee With Jesus

St. Thomas Friends & Fellow
Christian Friends

We invite you to an evening of
Christmas Music, Fellowship,
A message that will warm your heart
And a festive dessert

When: Sunday, December 1st
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
St. Thomas Aquinas Great Hall

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 creat-
ed. 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

THANK YOU! YOU MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Thank you to the St. Thomas Social Concerns Committee for all their planning, cooking, arranging and generosity to help the students in the Indianola Schools meet their basic needs with a fun and profitable night raising funds for the Indianola Hope Foundation! All of the proceeds raised will go directly to help the families!

Janis Strong, Jackie Ward, Connie Larsen and Lynn Cory

If you would like to reduce your personal consumption of plastics, here are a few more suggestions:

Creation Care Corner

- Think about buying bars of soap/shampoo instead of plastic pump bottles.
- Refuse Styrofoam food and drink containers. Urge your local restaurants to switch to eco-friendly take-home containers.
- Say no to single-use plastic, such as drinking straws, knives and forks and plastic-lined drink cups.
- Aim to purchase things in glass jars and bottles instead of plastic containers – i.e.: drinks, jams, spreads, vitamins, etc.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

We are in need of adorers for several of our Wednesday hours when Jesus is exposed. We need an adorer from Noon to 1:00 pm, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 6:00-7:00pm.

Please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or at spennani1976@outlook.com to sign up for one of these hours or on of the hours we have available on other days.

Upcoming Events for Knights of Columbus

- ◆ November 28-December 8: Coats for Kids Fundraising Drive
- ◆ December 4-December 18: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- ◆ Month of December: Consecration to the Holy Family

Coats for Kids Program

The Knights of Columbus are excited to announce that we will be holding our annual Coats for Kids fundraising drive from November 28-December 8, 2024. In the past 4 years, this drive has raised over \$9500 and provided over 320 coats and 220 sets of hats/gloves to children in need in Warren County. Donations can be given via the Church App, dropped in the donation box in the gathering space, or just specially mark an envelope and place it in the collection basket at church. Please consider donating to this worthy cause and give the gift of warmth to our local youth in need this holiday season!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus announces their annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for 2024. The contest begins on Wednesday, December 4 with a deadline of Wednesday, December 11. Materials (poster paper and entry sheets) are available for distribution to students at their religious education classes or on the table outside the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Hall. Rules and conditions are on the entry sheet and a parent's/guardian's signature is required to participate.

Contest winners will be awarded for Grades K-2 (ages 5-7), grades 3-5 (ages 8-10), and grades 6-8 (ages 11-14). Each winner will receive a \$25 award and all contestants will have their art work displayed in the gathering space during the Christmas season. Please encourage your children to take part—creating a work of art is a great opportunity to express themselves and to engage in the upcoming Advent/Christmas season in a meaningful way!

Trivia Night Thank-Yous

The Trivia Night for the HOPE Foundation was a big success with 20 teams participating and over \$4,500 raised to help the children and families of our community.

A special thanks goes to our four sponsors:

Copper Fringe Indianola Veterinary Clinic
Optometric Associates People's Bank

And the 19 businesses/organizations who were supporters, providing prizes and other support for the night

Roots	McCoy True Value
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Crouse Cafe	Lula Belle
Crimson Anchor Coffee Roasters	Pamela's Place
Feed and Foster	Subway
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Sports Page	MishMash
Brickhouse Tavern	Knights of Columbus
Tina's Homemade Goodies	

JOB OPPORTUNITY– Janitorial Services Right here St. Thomas Aquinas!



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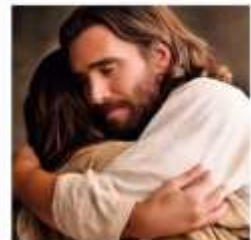
- Vacuum entire facility at least once weekly
- Clean sanctuary as needed
- Clean nave weekly, removing bulletins, kleenex, cheerio crumbs, etc.
- Clean bathrooms after every major event or at least three times weekly.
- Remove trash with every shift
- Wash windows in main entrances and the sanctuary glass weekly
- Identify areas in need of deeper cleaning, and clean those areas as time allows
- Work with business manager on setup/teardown for rentals and events at parish

Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/STA-JOB>

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

Have I put God at the center of my life?

STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION
1. EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE
2. BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS + "BLESS ME FATHER FOR I HAVE SINNED" THEN SAY HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE YOUR LAST CONFESSION
3. MENTION ALL YOUR SINS
4. LISTEN TO THE PRIEST
5. SAY THE PRAYER OF SORROW
6. RECEIVE ABSOLUTION
7. FULFILL THE PENANCE THE PRIEST GAVE YOU



MY GOD, I AM SORRY FOR MY SINS WITH ALL MY HEART, IN CHOOSING TO DO WRONG AND FAILING TO DO GOOD, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU WHOM I SHOULD LOVE ABOVE ALL THINGS. I FIRMLY INTEND, WITH YOUR HELP, TO DO PENANCE, TO SIN NO MORE, AND TO AVOID WHATEVER LEADS ME TO SIN.

7:00pm multipurpose room
dinner, reconciliation & an activity

RECONCILIATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

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