



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 godparent 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 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

Monday, November 25

503: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 26

504: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Dave Barnes

Wednesday, November 27

505: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Sheila Goode

Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

506: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

9:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre & Angie Chiappine

Friday, November 29

507: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

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

Saturday, November 30

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

684: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Richard & Violet Alexander

Sunday, December 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Daniel Ripperger

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 21- November 27

1) Deacon Tom Hunkele has joined our team. He will be assisting at the 8 a.m. weekend Mass this weekend. Please say hi to him when you see him!

2) Advent starts Nov 30/Dec 1. We are planning to bring back the precious blood. Please bear with us as we work out logistics; at our busier Masses we are adding 6 EMHC positions.

3) ATTENTION EMHC'S: Please make sure your blackout dates are set and you have chosen which Masses (and how often) you are willing to serve. We will be auto-scheduling soon! A refresher- on the APP (or at tinyurl.com/sta-MAIN), please go to HOME--->LITURGY SIGNUP-->MY MESSAGES ---> SCHEDULING to find the preferences page. You can set your preferences and add blackout dates from this page. Alternatively, you can call Michelle in the office Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

4) December 9 (Monday) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be 7 a.m., Noon (Simpson), and 7 p.m. Please sign-up for the liturgical ministries you'd like to help out with.

5) Gifts to our Operating Fund are ahead of where they were last year at this time. Thank you! Our Operating Fund covers the operating costs of our parish. If we can grow our Operating Fund a little more, we can start adding new ministries which will benefit everyone. Please consider setting up recurring donations to help our Operating Fund grow. Please click "Give" on the APP, enter an amount, and then select Operating Fund (Tithing) from the drop-down. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below:



Happy Thanksgiving!

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday November 29 for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. instead of our usual 8:00 a.m. time.

We pray that you have a wonderful, safe, and blessed holiday

Living Advent

See how you can make the most of Advent with your family by checking out a variety of resources at dmidiocese.org/living-advent. We've got a fun, four-page "how to" guide that makes Advent accessible to all. It's full of simple ideas for adding meaning to family traditions and incorporating prayer and acts of kindness. Also available is a family planner, information on feast days, and suggestions for weekly Advent faith conversations.



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
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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, 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

We are so blessed to have such amazing families that were able to donate money to our collection for Operation Christmas. **THANK YOU** all so much for your continued support for this program that helps children and families of Warren County. This year our donations totaled \$4,560.00 This does NOT include the checks that were sent directly to Karey. **THANK YOU!**

Debbie McDaniel

"Food for thought"

During the concentration of celebrations between

Thanksgiving and New Years, household waste increases by more than 25% from extra food waste, packaging and items trashed when replaced with newer versions received as gifts. According to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, the result is more than one million more tons per week in landfills across North America. So, be mindful and remember to make the holidays about family, friends, food and fun - not stuff!



Creation Care
Corner

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 on 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 1: Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ 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!

Area Reconciliation Services – Advent 2024



Date	Time	Parish
Tue, Dec 3	6:00 pm	St. Boniface, Waukee
Tue, Dec 3	7:00 pm	St. Francis of Assisi, WDM
Wed, Dec 4	6:30 pm	St. Augustin, Des Moines
Sun, Dec 8	4:00 pm	St. Pius X, Urbandale
Wed, Dec 11	6:30 pm	St. Theresa, Des Moines
Wed, Dec 11	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Des Moines
Sun, Dec 15	2:00 pm	St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines
Sun, Dec 15	3:00 pm	St. John, Adel
Thur, Dec 19	6:30 pm	OLIH, Ankeny
Thur, Dec 19	7:00 pm	Ss. John and Paul. Altoona

Christ the King, Des Moines, has Confession every day of the week, Monday-Friday at 6pm, and Saturday- Sunday 4:30pm

The Diocese of Des Moines is currently recruiting for a full time Administrative and Accounting Assistant at the Pastoral Center. For more information, please use this link <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/d1b1206d-4fdc-4b2a-9e86-e7cbdb9b8214/Diocese-of-Des-Moines>

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the parish for your participation in the InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign! The final tally is in and you raised \$1,319.29 for InnerVisions HealthCare! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by the compassionate medical staff at InnerVisions HealthCare on a daily basis. God bless you and your generosity God Bless,

Dcn. Dan Maxcy



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