



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 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

Monday, December 2

175: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, December 3

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

176: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Wednesday, December 4

177: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Thursday, December 5

178: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Friday, December 6

179: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Evangeline Mangold

Saturday, December 7

SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

Sunday, December 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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 28– December 4

1) During the month of Advent, we will be working on how best to bring back the precious blood. The flow of the communion lines may change slightly. I ask for your understanding as we tweak the process throughout Advent until we hit our new rhythm (hopefully by Christmas).

2) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Mass survey. The Christmas Masses will be:

Tuesday Dec 24, 4:00 p.m. (Light Incense)

Tuesday Dec 24, 6:30 p.m. (Full Incense)

Wednesday, Dec 25, 9:30 a.m. (Full Incense)

3) If you have provided us with your address, you should be receiving a letter in the mail with an update about our 2024 goals. We are close to hitting all of them, and we'd like to grow a bit in 2025. If you'd like to find the letter online, you can access the link under the "More" button of the church app. You can also go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-24NOV>.

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) This Advent the Social Concerns Committee is partnering with the Knights of Columbus to help keep Warren County kids warm. The Knights are collecting money to buy coats and Social Concerns' Advent Tree is loaded with hats and mittens. Please consider taking one or more item off the tree, buy the item(s) and place it in the Christmas box in the Gathering Space by December 22. Thank you!

Adoration Hours Expanding!!!

We are looking to expand Eucharistic Adoration and need to fill several hours. We need 2 adorers from different households for each hour to ensure we always have coverage. Below is a list of hours and the number of adorers needed for each hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week in Eucharistic Adoration.

Tuesday: 1 adorer each at 9am, Noon, and 4pm AND 2 each adorers at 2pm and 3pm

Wednesday: 1 adorer each at Noon, 1pm and 6pm

Thursday: 1 adorer each at Noon and 1pm

Please contact Anitta Spenner to sign up for one of these hours at spennani1976@outlook.com or call 515-344-7850

*****CORRECTION*****

The amount collected in donations for Operation Christmas was **\$4,560.00**, not \$4.56 as reported in last week's bulletin. Apologies for the incorrect information and the sloppy typing work!



Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, December 2. As we give thanks for all we have this season, please consider those who are less fortunate and who so appreciate the meals we provide. We have been serving large numbers so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the walk in refrigerator or freezer early.

You can sign up on the Church App on the Home page or at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>

Thank you for supporting this important ministry to our community.



LOST AND FOUND ALERT!!!!

Did you misplace an epi pen?



We have it in the office. It was found in the sanctuary, as well as a pouch containing some other diabetic supplies, if this is yours, please contact or come by the church office. We would love to get it back to the rightful owner!

We also have several sets of keys that have been found.

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



Creation Care Corner

For the next 4 Sundays of Advent, the Creation Care Team will suggest some tips to maximize holiday festivities while minimizing environmental impact.

- **Gifts and Wrap** - Give a waste-free nature-loving gift like something we gave out to avoid plastic or ask for "presence" instead of "presents." Try wrapping gifts in cloth gifts, i.e. use a dish towel to wrap a kitchen item. If using paper, consider paper that will decompose, avoiding foil wrapping paper. Perhaps give a gift that needs no wrapping, such as free babysitting, tickets to a show or a hand-made gift. For kids' gifts, think of activities that you can do together instead of toys or more "stuff" they don't need.
- **Cards** - Send an e-card to save paper and postage. Personalize them by adding pictures, music, graphics and/or video messages. If you love writing letters or notes in cards, try making them yourself with paper made from 100 percent recycled paper.
- Remember to make your holidays about family friends, food and fun - not stuff!

Indianola Knights Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, December 1
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

As a reminder, the Knights of Columbus 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. We will also have some Knights who will be happy to collect your donations after all the masses during those weekends. 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 annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest begins on Wednesday, December 4 with a deadline of Wednesday, December 18. 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.

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>

Share the Warm Fuzzies for Advent

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