



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, 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

Monday, December 9

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

689: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas— Frank Colella

Noon Mass at Simpson

Tuesday, December 10

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

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Wednesday, December 11

183: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Thursday, December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

690a: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Friday, December 13

SAINT LUCY

185: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Thomas

Saturday, December 14

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Carmen Koth

Sunday, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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 December 5– 11

- 1) Deacon Tom Hunkele will be preaching at Fr. Adam's Masses this weekend; please come and say hello!
- 2) December 9 (Yes, Monday December 9) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception was transferred from December 8 to December 9. Mass times will be 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, and Noon at Simpson.
- 3) For those who did not receive my November letter by mail, you can pick up a copy in the back of the church. You can also go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-24NOV>. If you'd like to listen to Fr. Adam reading the letter, please click here.
- 4) I've added 3 more dates for APP TRAINING for all liturgical ministries. We will continue to build our liturgical ministries throughout 2025. Thanks for helping us out! If you'd like to be a part of any of our liturgical ministries, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-LM>.
- 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!

ChristLife Part 1:
Discovering Christ



Operating Fund



Visioning Process



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

\$\$\$\$ REMINDER \$\$\$\$

Your **year-end giving** needs to be in the office by **4:00 p.m. December 30th** in order to be posted on your **year-end statement** for tax purposes.



Christmas Poinsettias

The deadline to contribute to the memorial Christmas flowers and have their names listed in the bulletin is **Wednesday, December 18**. Please get your donation and requests in to the office by then. Thank you!

Share the Warm Fuzzies for Advent

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 mittens. Take 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. The spirit of Advent giving warms hearts and hands!

The Nativity Play Returns to St. Thomas!!!

If you would like to sign your child or grandchild up, or know someone else who would love to participate, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-NAT> for information and to register. If you have any questions call Andrea Ooms at 515-402-7518 or email her at aeooms@gmail.com

Even if you don't have anyone to register, please come on December 15th at 5:00 pm and be part of our lovely audience and sing along.

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

Continued ways to be environmentally friendly during the holidays:

LIGHTS AND SOUNDS

- Choose Led Lights. They have a longer life span and use less energy.
- Use a timer so your lights are only on when needed. Turn them off whenever possible.
- Use locally made beeswax or soy candles. Conventional candles are made from paraffin wax which comes from petroleum, coal or oil shale and can be toxic.

DECORATIONS

- Borrow or swap decorations with friends and family.
- For your tree, consider shopping from a local, organic tree farm or buying a live tree you can replant outside.
- Use what you already have at home - tablecloths, cloth napkins, fabric scraps or unconventional materials.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him,
may he rest in peace. May his soul an the
souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our condolences go out to the Cutts family, for the death of Larry Joe Cutts, who passed away on Sunday, November 24. Services were held December 4. Please keep the Cutts family in your prayers, especially as we enter this holiday season.

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

Great news! The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that we have collected almost \$1100 this past weekend for our Coats for Kids program. We will continue to collect funds all this week through the weekend masses. You may give to this program 24 hours a day via the Give function on the Church App. We will also have some Knights who will be happy to collect your donations after all the masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity as we provide our needy local youth with needed coats as the weather turns colder in these winter months.

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 and will be 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
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

Awesome!
Amazing!
Incredible!



On behalf of the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society, we want to extend our gratitude to the bakers, volunteers, STAT group, St. Thomas Parishioners and Fr. Adam for the prayers, countless hours, financial donations and support to make the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society Cookie Walk Vendor Fair a huge success! Your dedication, faith and generosity are truly appreciated. What an amazing faith community you are!

With *heartfelt* gratitude,

Kim DeLay & Patty Alexander

Did you or someone you brought to church 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!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
7:00-8:30PM

Freshman
Multi-
purpose
room
class

Sophomores St.
Thomas room
class
Confirmation
paperwork will
be collected!

STAT "CLASS NIGHT"

Juniors
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"Gifts for the poor"
Great Hall

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