



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 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

Monday, December 16

187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, December 17

193: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Wednesday, December 18

194: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Daniel Ripperger

Thursday, December 19

195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Friday, December 20

196: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Saturday, December 21

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

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

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

Sunday, December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland & Judy
Pierson

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 12– 18

1) I'd like to extend a special welcome to Andrea Ooms, who will be taking on janitorial responsibilities at St. Thomas Aquinas. It'll be great to have her as part of the team!

2) Simpson Mass is out for the season, we will begin again on January 12.

3) YEAR END GIVING UPDATE! Please pay attention to these special dates.

To receive credit for your donation:

- If you drop off a donation at the office, please bring it in no later than **December 30. Our offices close early in anticipation of the new year.**

- If giving online, you may give through **December 31.**

- If you mail in your gift, the envelope must be postmarked by **December 31.**

Thank you for thinking of St. Thomas Aquinas in your year-end giving!

4) I've made it easier to find the APP home page on the internet. Just go to mysta.org, and it will redirect to the App homepage.

5) Please join us for the Christmas Program Sunday, December 15. It is Sunday at 5 p.m. Thanks to all our volunteers who made this program possible!

ChristLife Part 1:
Discovering Christ



Operating Fund



Visioning Process



Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve, December 24: 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day, December 25: 9:30 a.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God masses will be December 31 at 6:00 p.m. and January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

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!

Adoration Hours Expanding

As noted in last week's bulletin, 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. If you struggle committing to a weekly hour, consider signing up for an hour with a friend/friends to share the hour.

Spending time with Jesus in Adoration is so peaceful. You don't really need to do anything. Just rest with him, gaze upon him or just bring your needs to him. 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** (*we are especially in need of someone to cover our 6pm hour*)

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

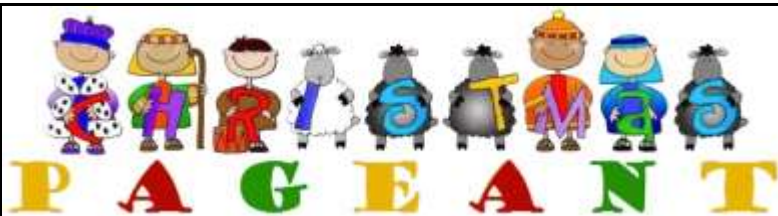
Prayer List

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, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Karen Van Buskirk & 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



YOU ARE INVITED to The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! (or at least this year)

Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers, the Christmas Pageant is back!

Come see the youth of St. Thomas Aquinas in our Children's Christmas program is this **Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

The children will read the Christmas story from the Gospels while acting out the nativity but YOU get a part too! The audience will join in singing the lovely Christmas carols that proclaim Jesus' birth.

It will be a beautiful, fun-filled evening, and won't last longer than an hour.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest– Deadline this week!

It's not too late for you child to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest! Materials (poster paper and entry sheets) are available on a table at the North entrance near the religious education classes. Rules and conditions are on the entry sheet and a parent's/guardian's signature is required to participate.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of long-time parishioner Duffy Metz this past week. Visitation will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas on Sunday, December 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed immediately by the recitation of the rosary at 7:00.

The funeral will be Monday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m., also at St. Thomas. Please keep the Metz family in your prayers.

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



The Lessons, Carols, and Reflections of Christmas

Umeri, the Drake University alumni choir (Aimee Beckmann-Collier, conductor) will present The Lessons, Carols, and Reflections of Christmas at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at St. Ambrose Cathedral in downtown Des Moines. This concert will feature music of the season which, along with poetry, will illuminate the Christmas narrative of light in darkness and hope in challenging times. We invite you to join us for an afternoon of reflection and celebration featuring Drake's alumni singers and a professional brass quartet, along with readers representing our community. There is no admission charge.

One More Week to Give!

**Just one week left to donate hats and mittens/
gloves for our parish Advent Tree collection.**

Please place new items in the Christmas box by the Advent tree in the Gathering Space by Dec. 22.



Looking for a Midnight Mass?

The Assumption Shrine in Churchville, Iowa will celebrate a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.



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

If you are bringing your **year-end gift** to the office in person, please have it in by **4:00 p.m. December 30th**. We will be closing the office early for the holidays. Thank you!

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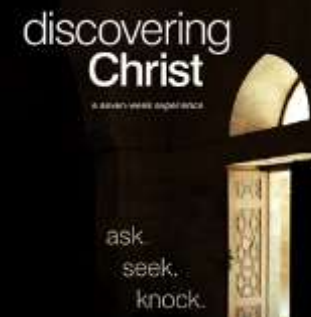
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