



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
January 21st 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, January 4

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

207: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

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

Sunday, January 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

Monday, January 6

212: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, January 7

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Wednesday, January 8

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Thursday, January 9

215: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev & Rick Krier

Friday, January 10

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Albert Basler

Saturday, January 11

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Charlene Fisher, Gerald & Delphine Schneider

Sunday, January 12

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Nancy Slick

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.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 January 2– January 8

1) Merry Christmas! The Christmas season runs through the Baptism of the Lord on January 12.

2) Thank you to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas seasons so special, and to all of you who participated in our liturgies! The 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass had people sitting all the way to the back of the Multi-purpose room. Like good Catholics, however, we still had a few empty seats in the front :). We are a growing community! Next year I imagine the 4:00 p.m. is going to be packed.

3) 2025 is a year of Jubilee; the invitation from our Holy Father Pope Francis is to go deeper into the hope provided by our faith. There will be extra opportunities throughout the year to take full advantage of the Jubilee.

4) I'm currently at SEEK with our Simpson students, please pray for us! Also please pray for Bailey Petersen, a Simpson senior who is joining FOCUS this fall as a campus missionary.

5) If you made a tax-deductible gift in 2024, we will be mailing those letters out around January 20. Thank you for your support!

ChristLife Part 1:
Discovering Christ



Operating Fund



Visioning Process



Adoration of the Magi, Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, Rome

Newly Baptized– Congratulations!

- ♦ Jason Oatea Chei, son of Ronald and Melissa Rosemond
- ♦ Forest Rodger Teasdale, son of Samuel and Grace Teasdale

MASS DATE CHANGE!!

This month's mass at **Good Samaritan Nursing Home** will be on **January 21st** instead of the first Tuesday, January 7.

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. 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 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, Martin Wernimont & 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

As a new calendar year begins, we offer the following prayers for your daily prayers:

- That we make room to experience God's loving presence through the intense beauty of His Creation and be inspired to act to make justice and peace flow like a mighty river....We pray to the Lord.
- That we may implore God's help to become aware of our role in the sufferings of the earth and the poor and ask his pardon when we fail to act with love, compassion, justice and peace for all of Creation....We pray to the Lord
- That we may come together to thank God for the magnificent handiwork of his creation and show our gratitude by serving Him as stewards of this earth for the generations to come....We pray to the Lord
- That we may live a life of love and simplicity and respect the fundamental rights of every person and every creature....We pray to the Lord

Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, January 6. Please consider those who are less fortunate and 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 if you can't come by on Monday. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.

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

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



Thank you for supporting this important ministry to our community.

Attention! Parents and Teens



Ben Tracy

Founder of Safe Social Network will be speaking at Holy Trinity Church and School

Monday, January 13th , 7-8pm

Ben will share his story about how teenage social media impacted his life and discusses cyberbullying, online predators, the relationship between social media and mental health, drugs on social media and he encourages students to use technology in a positive way.



Indianola Knights



Pancake
Breakfast



Sunday January 5

9:00 to 10:00 AM

**Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Egg Bake,
Coffee & Juice**

**Let us prepare your Sunday meal so you can spend time
with your family and friends.**

**The cost is a free-will donation which is used to support
our scholarships.**

We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.

News from the Knights



Indianola Knights



January Events

KC Breakfast – Sunday Jan 5 – 9 to 10 AM

Monthly Meeting – No meeting scheduled

**Christmas Party – Sunday Jan 12 - 1 to 4 PM
Multi-Purpose Room**

**Pro-Life Novena Jan 16 to Jan 24
Watch the bulletin for
details**

**All male parishioners 18 and over are always
invited to attend our monthly meetings and
learn about the Knights of Columbus.**

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

Class Night

Wednesday, January 8th – 7:00-8:30pm

Food provided



9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade

Confirmation Class – Multi purpose room

Confirmation Class – St Thomas room

TBD

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Look for a verification text Monday, January 8th

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See what Fr. Adam and the Simpson Gang have been up to at SEEK in Salt Lake City this past week!



Seek 2025



Ran into some friends from
ChristLife



out on the town



FUN AND GAMES



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