



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 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

Monday, January 13

305: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, January 14

306: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 15

307: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre

Thursday, January 16

308: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

Friday, January 17

SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

309: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

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

Saturday, January 18

310: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

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

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Sara Geiken

Sunday, January 19

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

66: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Dhiraj Kumar Gupta

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 9– January 15

1) As we wrap up the Christmas Season on Jan 12, St. Thomas Aquinas is looking to extend our meditations on Christ. We will be launch THREE ChristLife part 1: Discovering Christ sessions in the next 60 days. Please keep all of our leaders in prayer as we reach out to our STAT group, Simpson College, and our parish. The Discovering Christ open to all parishioners begins on March 6 (the Thursday after Ash Wednesday). To sign up go to dc.mysta.org

2) Deacon Hunkele will be preaching all the Masses the weekend of January 11/12.

3) The lighting project in the parish hall is underway, and we've replaced the lights in the gathering space and hallway leading from the church towards the great hall. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Ignite! Campaign and the Building Fund, your contributions made this renovation possible.

4) Beginning in February, the First Thursday of the month we will have adoration, praise and worship, and confessions at Simpson College Smith Chapel. Stay tuned for more details or check sc.mysta.org for future updates on Simpson College ministry.

5) January 26 I'd like to meet with all the St. Thomas Aquinas EMHC's in the parish hall between Masses. It'll be about a 45 minute meeting to go over the EMHC program and discuss growth for 2025.

ChristLife Part 1:
Discovering Christ



Operating Fund



Visioning Process



Domenico Ghirlandaio. Baptism of the Lord, fresco, 1486-1490.

GOOD SAMARITAN MASS DATE CHANGE!!

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

REMINDER!!

Year end statements will be available
after January 20th



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 each
Wednesday:	1 adorer each at Noon and 1pm
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

Living the Mystery of the Eucharist

After so much renewed devotion of the Eucharist, we are invited Jan. 18 to reflect on how God is inviting us to live out the Mystery as individuals and as a Church. How do we as believers become what we have received?

Date: Saturday, January 18

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (lunch provided)

Cost: \$50.00 (scholarships available, see website for additional information)

Location: Emmaus House 3315 70th Street, Urbandale IA

Facilitator: April Young, M.A., director Emmaus House

Register: <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/living-mystery-eucharist>

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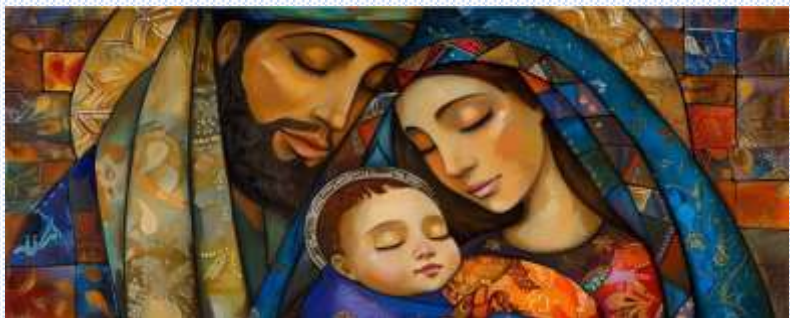


News from the Knights

The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating a Novena for Life during the month of January. The Novena will begin January 16 and continue through January 24. Knights will gather at various places to reflect on the gift of human life and pray the rosary. The dates, times and places are as follows:

- 1-16: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-17: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-18: 4pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (prior to mass)
- 1-19: 7pm at Simpson
- 1-20: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-21: after the 6pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-22: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-23: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- 1-24: 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Also, a concluding rite to the Consecration to the Holy Family will take place at the Tuesday evening mass on January 14.



Social Concerns

Collection for Backpacks 4 Hunger

One of the organizations supporting children and families in our community is Backpacks 4 Hunger. Through the program food and snacks are sent home with students for the weekend, so they do not go hungry until they get to school on Monday.



At Masses this weekend the Social Concerns Committee is handing out shopping cards with items we are collecting to support Backpacks 4 Hunger. If you didn't get a card, extras will be on the kiosks in the Gathering Space.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Items can be placed in the gray tub in the Gathering Space through Sunday, January 26.

Youth 2000 Retreat

YOUTH 2000 is an international spiritual initiative established to draw young people to a deep and lasting union

with Jesus, placing the Eucharist, "the source and summit of the Christian Life" at the center of its mission.

All junior high and high school-age youth are invited to attend the retreat coming to central Iowa!



While adults cannot attend as participants, there will be a need for a variety of adult volunteers as chaperones and small group leaders. The retreat is Feb. 21-23 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. Cost is \$60 per participant. Teens can register through dmdioocese.org/youth2000

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

STAT - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH
7:00-8:30

LARGE GROUP NIGHT - MEET IN THE HALL

PRAISE & WORSHIP



DINNER



MESSAGE



SHARING



DESSERT

"Come and see"

John 1:39

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