



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

210 S Wesley Street- Indianola, IA 50125

515-961-3026

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm - Sunday 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Daily Mass: Wednesday-Friday 8:00 am and Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Mass at Smith Chapel on Simpson Campus: 5:00 pm on Sundays

while school is in session

First Tuesday of the month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am

Saturday, January 25 **THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**

519: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Charlene Fisher,
Gerald & Delphine Schneider

Sunday, January 26 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

69: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Naomi Gross
5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

Monday, January 27 317: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 **NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

Tuesday, January 28
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
318: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—John and Donna
Sereg

Wednesday, January 29
319: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Lori Frueh

Thursday, January 30
320: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Loretta Petersen &
Wilma Hill

Friday, January 31
SAINT JOHN BOSCO
321: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carol Bailey

Saturday, February 1
322: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—John and Donna
Sereg

Sunday, February 2
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
524: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald O'Meara
5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

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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 6:30 in the church as we pray for peace, families, and your special intentions. The rosary is also prayed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:40 a.m. before Mass.

Liturgy of Baptism: Pre-baptism classes are the third Saturday of every month. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Prayer Chain: To be put on the prayer chain, call Kris Gross 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 515-240-2029 or follow this link: pray.mysta.org

Care of the Sick & Homebound: Call the office to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist, or follow this link: care.mysta.org


Newcomers/Change of Addresses: new.mysta.org 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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Parish Office: 515-961-3026

Website: stthomasindianola.com

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

For Sacramental Emergencies: call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7



Father Adam's Five for January 23– January 29

1) Please spend a few extra minutes in prayer each day this week. I think the Holy Spirit is about to work in remarkable ways at St. Thomas Aquinas, and I would like us to be open to His inspirations.

2) Please continue to pray for ChristLife at St. Thomas. We are growing and are looking forward to completing 3 Discovering Christ sessions this spring. ChristLife part one: Discovering Christ kicks off for our Simpson students on January 26, and for the Parish on March 6. To keep an eye on Simpson ministry opportunities, please visit sc.mysta.org. To sign up for ChristLife part one: Discovering Christ at St. Thomas, please go to dc.mysta.org.

3) If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas, please consider registering by going to new.mysta.org. To become Catholic, please consider joining our Discovering Christ sessions beginning March 6. Completing the ChristLife process is part of the program for becoming Catholic.

4) Please bring your candles to be blessed at the Masses Feb 1 and 2.

5) Please consider signing up for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas Aquinas. We need adorers! There will be a Celebratory Reception for current/past adorers on Sunday February 16th at 2pm

Simpson ChristLife
Part One: DC



Parish ChristLife
Part One: DC



New Parishioner and
information update



**St. Thomas Aquinas,
1225-1274**

Patron saint of Universities, Teachers, Philosophers, Theologians and Students and of course, our very own church!

Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.



St. Thomas Aquinas, Fountain of Wisdom by Antoine Nicolas 1648— gifted to Notre Dame de Paris by the Dominican convent of the Annunciation on Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré in Paris on the anniversary of St. Thomas's death in 1974

Adoration Sign up

Lent is just over 4 weeks away! What a great time to begin Eucharistic Adoration. We would love to have our adoration spots filled in time for Lent and to support our efforts to do so, there will be information and sign-ups after all masses next weekend, February 1st and 2nd. Please stop by the table at the back of the church to get additional information or to sign-up.

If you are unable to make it and are interested, please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or by email at spennani1976@outlook.com

We are in need of new adorers for several hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are also looking to add substitute adorers and specifically need substitute adorers who can cover hours for those adorers who leave for the winter and during spring break.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was told by Jesus "I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament."

Jesus wants you there, please prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry.



"Eucharistic Adoration will make you soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Prayer List

For all those in need, Clara Hill, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, John Schletzbaum & all the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at jward71@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 or remove names from the bulletin



Creation Care Corner

Did you realize????

- A billion **plastic** toothbrushes are thrown away each year in the U.S.
- 50 million pounds of plastic toothbrushes are added to landfills.

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- Charcoal bristles naturally have antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral properties.
- They can be found on Amazon (12 for \$8.00).



S.T.A.R.S



Saint Thomas Altar And Rosary Society



Thank you !!!!!

to everyone that attended Monday's Christmas In January.

A special thank you to our Religious Education students who presented a wonderful skit about St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe- they did a great job!



Our next meeting will be February 17th and will feature presentations by Aimee McDonald from Dorothy's House and Stacy Besch, who will present the film Gridshock: A Film about Sexual Trafficking in Iowa. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and the film will begin at 7pm.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



News from the Knights

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS

KC Breakfast- Sunday Feb 2-9-10 AM
Monthly Meeting-Thursday Feb 13-6:30 PM
KC Breakfast- Sunday Mar 2-9 to 10AM
Lenten Fish Fries- Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11



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

"Through the power of the Holy Spirit, YOUTH 2000 seeks to raise up a new generation of saints to evangelize the nations."



YOUTH 2000 RETREAT SCHEDULE

St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines, IA

Friday, February 21 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Saturday, February 22 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, February 23 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Program:

- Praise & Worship
- Daily Mass
- Daily Rosary
- Faith Talks by National Catholic Speakers
- Daily Adoration

Registration fee is \$60 per person and includes Saturday lunch and dinner. Scan the QR code to learn more and register or visit www.dmdiocese.org/youth2000



Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

STAT - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH
7:00-8:40

CHRISTLIFE - MEET IN THE HALL

PRaise & WORSHIP



DINNER



MESSAGE



SHARING



DESSERT

Topic:

What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?

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**God did His part,
now it is time to do
ours**

**Adore Him Who died
for love of us and
Who remains present
with us in the
Most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar**

Sign Ups for Eucharistic Adoration will be held after each Mass
on **Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2**

Stop by the table at the back of the church to sign up or get
additional information

***The greatest love story ever written is
contained in a tiny white host
(Ven. Fulton J. Sheen)***

If you cannot make it, contact Anitta Spenner to sign up at 515-344-7850
or by email at spennani1976@outlook.com



Indianola Knights



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday February 2

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.