



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

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

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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

Saturday, February 15

334: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Larry Cutts

Sunday, February 16

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

78: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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

Monday, February 17

335: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, February 18

336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Jimmy Franken

Wednesday, February 19

337: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas

Thursday, February 20

338: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Lauren Strable
(birthday)

Friday, February 21

339: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1

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

Saturday, February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

535: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

Sunday, February 23

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

81: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass



Father Adam's Five for February 13– February 19

1) Due to multiple Wednesday evening cancellations, the STAT ChristLife retreat is moved to MARCH 1st, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

2) LET IT SNOW! :) I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the snowy weather. If you have pictures of your family enjoying the snow, please share for the bulletin. You can e-mail office@stthomasindianola.com.

3) There will be a Celebratory Reception for current/past adorers on Sunday February 16th at 2pm.

4) Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our "What Next" survey. Our Buildings and Grounds committee plans to meet this week to discuss your ideas. Any ideas proposed before Sunday 2/16 will be considered. If you'd like to participate before then Click here if you are on a digital device or go to mysta.org for the survey link.

5) Please bring your palms from last year into the church to be burned for our Ash Wednesday services. Ash Wednesday is March 5.

Parish ChristLife Part
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New Parishioner and information
update



The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle:

This feast places the Chair or "Cathedra" of Saint Peter at the center of our attention – or rather the specific mission Jesus entrusted to Peter. The feast dates back to the 3rd century and is to be distinguished from the day of Peter's martyrdom celebrated on 29 June. The feast originated around the "cathedra" of Peter, the place where the Bishop of Rome resided and governed. The "cathedra", was a fixed "seat" of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of the Diocese – hence the word "cathedral" – which was the symbol of the Bishop's authority who, as a successor of the Apostles, is called to protect the flock and transmit the teaching of the Gospel to the Christian community. We can say that the first "cathedral" was the Upper Room where Jesus gathered His disciples for the Last Supper and where they, along with the Virgin Mary, received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Later, Peter moved to Antioch, the city evangelized by Barnabas and Paul, where Jesus' disciples were first given the name "Christians" (cf. Acts 11:6). Peter was the first Bishop of Antioch which explains why they celebrated the Feast of the Chair of Peter on 22 February. Later, Peter arrived in Rome where his life ended in martyrdom. Precisely for this "glorious" death, it was decided to consider Rome as the official location of the "Cathedra" of Saint Peter, with a celebration fixed on 18 January. Pope John XXIII united these two feasts, abolishing the latter. (from the [Vatican news](#))



The Chair of St. Peter in 2024 at St. Peter's Basilica, exposed for the first time since 1867

ADORATION

Lent begins in less than a month away (Ash Wed. is March 5th). We are still in need of adorers for the hours below- Only 4 more adorers and we can have Jesus exposed on Tuesdays!!! Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour each week with Jesus.

Here is an updated list of hours we need to fill.

Tues: 1 adorer at each of the following hours: 9am, noon, 3pm and 4pm

Wed: 1 adorer at each of the following hours: 11am, 12 pm and 1pm

Thurs: 2 at noon, 1 at 1 pm and 1 at 4pm

To sign up for one of our open hours or if you have questions, please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com

Reminder for past or present adorers: There will be a celebratory reception/open house for past and present adorers including substitute adorers on Sunday, February 16 from 2-4. Please RSVP to Anitta if you are able to attend.

"There is no doubt that the flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration." St. Pope John XXIII

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 McE Iroy, 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



Bring In Your Palms!

We will start collecting your blessed palms from previous Palm Sundays this week. Put them in the box marked "Palms" underneath the black offering box in the

gathering space, across from the reception desk. We will burn these blessed palms and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 5, so be sure to bring them in before then!

Register Now



Men's Conference

FORGE, a new Des Moines apostolate, will host its first conference on Saturday, March 1 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. FORGE aims to empower 1,200 Catholic men to fight for the Church's view of the family. Featured speakers include Matt Birk, Father Boniface Hicks, Pete Burak, Dr. Leonard Sax, and John Bishop, Ph.D. (and more). Get more information at www.myforge.com/conference

Renown biblical scholar coming

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in West Des Moines is excited to host Dr. Scott Hahn on Saturday, March 1. A former Presbyterian minister turned Catholic, Dr. Hahn is one of the most respected Bible scholars and theologians in America. With over 40 books to his name, he brings profound insights into Scripture and Catholic theology. Don't miss this FREE event! For the full schedule, visit sfaprays.com/hahn



News from the Knights

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS

KC Breakfast— Sunday Mar 2-9 to 10AM

Lenten Fish Fries— Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11

Monthly Meeting— April 10— 6:30 to 8:00

IVHC Bake Sale— April 12 & 13—After all masses

All male parishioners 18 and over are always invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2025

2926 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA. 50310
March 20, 9am-5pm | March 21, 9am-5pm |
March 22, 9am-Noon

Please pick up your coasters

There are still several sets of coasters made by Fr. Adam that need to be picked up in our gathering space. You will find them on the small round table by the reception desk in a box with your name on it. Thank you !



Learn more about how you can help connect people to Christ at IowaCatholicRadio.com

Listen to Iowa Catholic Radio Feb. 25-28th for special programming throughout the day, "Proclaiming Truth. Providing Hope." You will hear inspiring stories and messages of hope during our semi-annual fundraiser.

A Night of Irish Fun in Support of Catholic Charities



Don your Irish greens and join your fellow parishioners for a night you won't forget at Catholic Charities' annual fundraiser: Shamrocks & Shenanigans! The fun takes place on Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Mainframe Studios (900 Keo Way, Des Moines). All proceeds benefit the vital programs and services of Catholic Charities. Tickets and information available at: catholiccharitiesdm.org/

Returning for Lent!

This magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more. St. Thomas Aquinas will have these available for Lent— keep an eye on the table under Pope Francis in the Gathering Space for them.



Job Opportunity at St. Francis Join the vibrant team at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church! We're seeking a mission-driven individual to inspire and lead faith formation programs for middle and high school youth. Be a part of our exciting potential partnership with NET Ministries, hosting a Discipleship Team all year to evangelize and build lasting relationships with our youth. Ready to make an impact? Apply by February 28, 2025! Visit www.saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/job-opening for more details.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

STAT - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
7:00-8:40

CHRISTLIFE - MEET IN THE HALL

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MESSAGE




SHARING



DESSERT

Topic:
Why Do We Need a Savior?

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