

SO PETER AND THE OTHER DISCIPLE WENT OUT  
AND CAME TO THE TOMB. THEY BOTH  
RAN... THEN THE OTHER DISCIPLE ALSO WENT  
IN... AND HE SAW AND BELIEVED."

JOHN 20: 1-4A, 8



The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection, Eugène Burnand, 1898

# HAPPY EASTER

from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic  
Church

*He is Risen!*



## Father Adam's Five for April 17 – April 23

1) He is risen! He is risen indeed.

Happy Easter to all of you. As we begin the 8-day celebration of Easter, let's ask God for the special joy he has for us this season. Thanks to everyone who put so much time and energy into Lent and Easter so that we all can benefit from such beautiful liturgies. You all are awesome!

2) Thank you all for your generous response to my letters over the past few years. We've really turned things around financially. When I came to St. Thomas Aquinas in 2022, our operating expenses were exceeding our operating revenue by a significant margin. Now, nearly 3 years later, we are experiencing an operating fund surplus.

Because of your generosity, and because we are carefully managing our limited resources, we are able to share some exciting news! We are putting together a hiring team for a Music Director and will begin the search in May and June. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks again for your support!

3) Our stained-glass committee continues to meet with companies to generate ideas for our future project. This week we will meet with representatives from Bovard studios to talk about the scope of the project.

4) One question the Diocese will ask us when we want to begin our stained-glass project is, "How are you doing on your ADA?" Annual Diocesan Appeal giving is one measure of financial stability the Diocese looks at before a parish begins a massive project. Please consider helping us to reach our goal by going to [ada.mysta.org](http://ada.mysta.org) and choosing "Indianola- St. Thomas Aquinas" from the drop-down menu.

5) Bailey Petersen has been accepted as a FOCUS missionary, and we'd like to help her as she journeys to this next stage of the walk with the Lord. In addition to praying for her and wishing her well, we'd like to take care of a part of her fundraising quota. Each missionary is required to raise a certain amount of money for FOCUS before being sent to a campus, and St. Thomas would like to help Bailey with her goal. If you'd be interested in supporting her, please go to [focus.mysta.org](http://focus.mysta.org) and fill out the form. Thank you for your support!

## Creation Care



**NEXT WEEKEND:** In honor of Earth Day (April 22) our Creation Care Team will be handing out a packet of wildflower seeds along with information on pollinators to each family. Please enjoy them and help our beautiful earth.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Tuesday, May 13, John Huynh, Director of Social Justice in the Des Moines diocese, will speak about Caring for God's Creation from 7-8 p.m. at our parish. He has been doing a series of talks on the Catholic church's teaching on social justice at parishes around the diocese. He will end his session with "Care for the Earth" here at St. Thomas. We will have some visitors from the Ankeny parishes. It would be great to have many of you attend. I will send a reminder closer to the date.

Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App here: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/groups/cause-oriented-groups/creation-care> and request to join

Corner

## Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens



## Prayer List

For all those in need, Alex Lynch, 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 [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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 at 515-961-3026 to add or remove names from the bulletin.



## News from the Knights Upcoming events



**May Meeting— Thursday May 8—7:00 to 8:00 PM**

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



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

210 S Wesley Street—Indianola, IA 50125  
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**Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm—Sunday 8:00 am & 10:15 am**

**Daily Mass: Wednesday –Friday 8:00 am and Tuesday 6:00 pm**

**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**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21**

**Saturday, April 19**

## HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL

41: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or  
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-  
15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/  
Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

8:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Carol Bailey

**Sunday, April 20**

## EASTER SUNDAY

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor  
5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas

Noon Mass at St. Thomas (light incense)

**Monday, April 21**

261: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

**Tuesday, April 22**

262: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Dorothy Hastie

**Wednesday, April 23**

263: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

**Thursday, April 24**

264: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Clyde & Nancy  
Slick

**Friday, April 25**

265: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Frueh family

**Saturday, April 26**

266: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

3:30 pm—4:15 pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Ann & Evon  
Puetz and Naomi & Mark Gross

**Sunday, April 27**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

45: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn  
20:19-31

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

## St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

ext. 4

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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:** Parents must attend Pre-baptism classes. 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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)


**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)


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

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026

**Website:** [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com) or [mysta.org](http://mysta.org)

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