



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

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal	ext. 4
Business Manager: Leasa Garrett	ext. 3
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Director of Religious Education: JoAnn Sayre	ext. 5
Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall	
Maintenance: Jack Slinker	
Housekeeping: Andrea Ooms	

Deacon Support: Rev. Mr. Dave O'Brien and Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele

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

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, May 10

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

278: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas— Frank Colella

Sunday, May 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

51: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/

Jn 10:27-30

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carol Bailey

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

Monday, May 12

279: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, May 13

280: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre

Wednesday, May 14

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Scott Peterson

Thursday, May 15

282: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

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

Friday, May 16

283: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas— Bess Basler

Saturday, May 17

284: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

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

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

Sunday, May 18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

54: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a,

34-35

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 May 8—May 14

1) Emma DeVries is putting together an ensemble of singers and musicians for a one-time event at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are going to do a May crowning at the 4:30 Mass on May 31. If you are interested in joining the ensemble, please go to mysta.org and click the form linked to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2) The conclave is underway! Please pray for the Cardinals discerning the will of the Holy Spirit as they elect the next Pope. Check mysta.org for a link to a conclave explainer and for a link to a live video feed of the Cistine Chapel smoke stack.

3) The last Simpson Mass of the summer will be May 18.

4) We are making huge strides in reaching our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. Thank you to those who have contributed or made pledges! We still have some work to do, please consider helping by going to ada.mysta.org and making a donation. Be sure to choose Indianola- St. Thomas Aquinas from the drop-down menu.

5) I will be out of the office through May 10, enjoying some post-Easter vacation.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Have you ever wondered what actually goes on in the room when you bring your child to "CGS"? Just as the rooms look different from a Religious Education "classroom", our teaching method is also different!

The good news of God's Love requires a **personal** response from us— we see this in the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 27: "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself". The atrium— what we call the room where children gather for CGS, is an environment especially curated for the child to foster that personal response.

The environment is prepared with child-size and child-safe items that appeal to the senses and stages of development. The catechist reads excerpts from scripture and liturgy that have been proven to "call forth" a response from the child. Rather than teaching, the catechist listens alongside the child and **together** they ask "**God, who are you? How do you love us?**" Then the child is free to choose an activity (art, prayer, materials that focus on the scripture) that encourages inner dialogue with God, thus deepening and enriching that relationship.



ADORATION

We still need adorers for the following spots:

Tuesday: 9 am , 2, 3, and 4 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm

Thursday: 12, 4 and 5 pm

To sign up or if you have questions, contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com or at 515-344-7850

Join us for "Vacation Bible School" with the School Sisters of Christ the King and learn about the Sacraments!



St Thomas Aquinas Parish
INDIANOLA JUNE 16-20

Open to children who have finished grade 1-8, the program will run from 9am to 2pm every day from June 16-20. A separate program will be offered for pre-k and kindergarten children.

Cost is \$25, registration opens on April 1. Go to mysta.org and click on signups or use this link: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2850500>

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL MAY 14— only \$10 a child!

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 McE Iroy, John Schletzbaum & all 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.

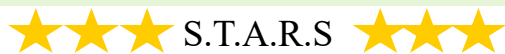
Please contact Michelle Helm at 515-961-3026 to add or remove names from the bulletin.

Creation Care

REMINDER– JOHN HUYNH SPEAKING EVENT

We are privileged to have John Huynh, the Director of Social Justice for the Diocese of Des Moines speak to our parish on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. He has been talking about Catholic Social Teaching Principles at different parishes during the year and will wrap up his series with "Caring for God's Creation" here at St. Thomas. So, if you missed the recent session on the social justice principle of Care for the Earth, or just want to know more, please join us for this event. We will also be hosting 10-15 people from Ankeny. It would be great to have many people from St. Thomas attend.

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.



Please join us for Wine and Cheese after mass on Saturday, May 17th, hosted by St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society. Learn about opportunities to get involved and meet new friends. To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary before all weekend masses in May. Please join us! We'll begin in approximately twenty minutes before mass.

*If anyone would like to help lead the Rosary, please reach out to Kim Delay (delayedacres@gmail.com) or Patty Alexander (pseregalexander@gmail.com).

The church office will be closed on
May 26 for Memorial Day

St Dymphna mini-retreat

Calling all those currently serving in mental health ministry, or those who wish to begin. Join us in encountering Christ in a deeper way, refresh your soul, and strengthen your ability to accompany those you

serve. St. Dymphna has inspired people for centuries as the patron saint of mental health. Her story reminds us that our response to mental health challenges should be rooted in empathy, love, and compassion while upholding the dignity of every person. Bishop William Joensen will celebrate a Mass on May 15 for attendees at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. For more information or to register, go to dmdiocese.org/events and look up St. Dymphna mini-retreat or contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5073.

Knights News

Happy Mother's Day!

You are the backbone of our faith and our families.

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

"Any human society, if it is to be well-ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation this principle, namely. That every human being is a person, that is, his nature is endowed with intelligence and free will. Indeed, precisely because he is a person, he has rights and obligations flowing directly and simultaneously from his very nature."

Pope John XXIII



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Adult Evangelization and Leadership Formation

- Provides resources & support for parish adult faith formation
- Provides lay ministry formation— catechetical leaders and catechists, directors of youth ministry, and adult faith formation directors with includes OCIA (Becoming Catholic) team formation.
- Oversees catechetical services resources for use in parish and school formation for children and teen programming.

Come, Let Us Adore!



Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40, curious about religious life, to a Monastic Experience weekend July 18-20 in Clyde, MO. Learn about monastic life, Eucharistic Adoration, and discernment. There is no cost to attend. Details are available at www.Benedictinesisters.org under the Vocations tab. To register or for more information, contact Sr. Nancy Rose at (660)944-2221, ext 142, or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org

Job Opportunity

St. Anthony parish in Des Moines, IA seeks a Business Manager who supports the mission of the parish by managing the day-to-day business operations including accounting, human resources, facilities, safe environment, and general administration. Working closely with the pastor and parish leadership, the Business Manager ensures responsible stewardship of parish resources and the smooth functioning of parish operations. Hours negotiable. Complete job description available on request. Send resume and letter of interest to:



Fr. Michael Amadeo
15 Indianola Road
Des Moines, IA 50315

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Happy Mother's Day

A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS
ALMIGHTY GOD HAS BROUGHT
YOU
THE JOY OF MOTHERHOOD:
MAY HE NOW BLESS YOU.
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD
AND THE INTERCESSION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MAY YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN
ONE DAY
COME TO SHARE IN THE
UNENDING JOYS OF HEAVEN.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN.



“Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus papam”

“I announce to you a great joy:
We have a pope.”



Please pray for our new Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Pope Leo IVX. May the Holy Spirit be with him and guide his mission as our new leader.

Vivat Papa!
Long live the Pope!

