



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

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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

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 24

290: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Nestvedt

Sunday, May 25

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

57: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

Monday, May 26

SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

291: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, May 27

292: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Michael Metz

Wednesday, May 28

293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

Thursday, May 29

294: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Arlene DeWall

Friday, May 30

295: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jack Kibbie

Saturday, May 31

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

572: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Marvin Duffy Metz

Sunday, June 1

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

58: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;

10:19-23/Lk 24:46

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Scott Peterson



Father Adam's Five for May 15—May 21

1) Our ensemble for May 31 is growing! If you'd like to be part of a one-time ensemble to honor our Blessed Mother, please attend the information session after the 4:30 Mass on May 17 or come to the special rehearsal on May 24 (also after the 4:30 Mass). You can also let Emma know you are interested by going to mary.mysta.org and filling out the form.

2) Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If so, we will be hosting meetings over the course of the summer. The first one is May 28 at 6:30 in the multipurpose room.

3) ADA update: We now have 40 families who have given or pledged 1% or more of the ADA goal (\$800.84). Thank you to my 1% givers, we've reached the goal of 40 families giving at this level! Also, we've had numerous families set up recurring donations or make one-time gifts.

In order to make our goal and complete this campaign, I need 13 more families who haven't made a gift to make a one-time gift. I also need 10 more families to set up recurring monthly donations of at least \$15. Go to ada.mysta.org and be sure to choose Indianola-St. Thomas Aquinas from the drop-down menu.

Thank you again for your help with the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

4) Please be sure to sign up for Cor Jesu (V.B.S.) It is coming soon! Go to vbs.mysta.org to register.

5) Mark your calendars for the annual St. Thomas Aquinas celebration! It will be on July 20. We will start to gather at 5 p.m. for games and fellowship, dinner served at 6 p.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)



This was taken in a Level I (ages 3-6) atrium during our Sunday session which lasts an hour and a half. The children are engaged in practical life, art (which is often a prayerful response to the presentation given that day) and working with the Good Shepherd Parable materials.



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



Camino de San Lorenzo—'The Way of St. Lawrence'

A 3-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage

May 30-June 1st, 2025

Friday: Start the pilgrimage with Holy Mass at St. Patrick's in Perry, walking the High Trestle Trail to Woodward.

Saturday: Woodward to Slater, over the High Trestle Bridge, Reconciliation as you walk and Mass in Madrid.

Sunday: From Slater on our journey to St. Luke's in Ankeny.

**Walk approximately 13 miles daily on the
Recreational Trails**

Join us for a Spiritual Journey

**Register for the 3-Day Camino or choose
one day to join us.**

**Deacon Tom for details tbradley@dmdiocese.org
Register [HERE](#)**

Prayer List

For all those in need, Judy Garrett,
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 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



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Caring for creation is living out our Catholic faith. The Church, following the teachings of Jesus, throughout time has exhorted believers to work for the common good, which calls for dignifying life in all its forms, caring for our common home, and committing to the construction of more just, supportive, fraternal and peaceful societies. These are some ways to achieve what Pope Francis calls integral ecology in his teaching letter, the Encyclical Laudato Si' (2015). Often, when we speak of creation, it is related to nature, animals, landscapes, the sun, the moon, but we are also aware that the human being is the culmination of our Father's creative work, "God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good." (Gen 1:31), the Sacred Scripture states. As Pope Francis wrote in Laudato Si', "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation'. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (LS 14).

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.

ADORATION

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6: 35)

We just have a few hours to fill to have Tuesday's and Thursday's hours for adoration filled. Please consider signing up for one of the hours below so that we can have Adoration with Jesus exposed on Tuesdays and Thursdays soon.

Tuesday: 9 am , 2, and 3pm
Thursday: 12, and 5 pm

To sign up, complete a form and place in the Adoration Box in the gathering space, by calling 515-344-7850 ,or email at spennani1976@outlook.com

Knights News June Activities

Leader: Wesley Neal 515-681-4874

Thursday June 5 InnerVisions Gala
 Contact davetrenkamp@gmail.com for information

Thursday June 12 Monthly Meeting
 Social Hour 6:30 to 7:00 Meeting 7:00 to 8:00

Sunday June 22 Annual Steak Fry
 Indianola Country Club 1:00 to 4:00 PM
 Contact Alan Harder at harderfam@yahoo.com or Wes Neal at wesleyneal515@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Let them know by June 16th if you plan to come.

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

"Every person has a fundamental right to life — the right that makes all other rights possible. Each person also has a right to the conditions for living a decent life — food, health care, housing, education and employment. We have a corresponding duty to secure and respect these rights for others and to fulfill our responsibilities to our families, to each other and to our larger society. The social message of the gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and motivation for action."

St. John Paul II

SAVE THE DATE--Welcome to Medicare Seminar

If you are approaching Medicare eligibility mark Sunday, June 29th on your calendar for a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The seminar will include the basics of Medicare eligibility, enrollment, Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage, Medicare supplement insurance and Medicare Part D drug coverage. Watch for more information in coming weeks.

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

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: vbs.mysta.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with Vacation Bible school. If you want to earn silver cord hours or just earn "Mom of the year" please contact Michelle Helm at 515-961-3026 or mhelm@stthomasindianola.com. Hours are 8:30 to noon for helpers in Pre-K and Kindergarten, or 8:30 to 2pm for upper grades with the Sisters.

Job Opportunities around the Diocese

Immediate opening for a part time person to manage the day-to-day duties of the Safe Environment program. Please go to our website at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment> to get more information about the job and how to apply.

Immediate opening for a full time, exempt person as Development Director for Planned Giving at the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa, located here in Des Moines. Please go to our website www.cfswia.org to find the link to get more information about the job and how to apply.



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