



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, 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

Monday, June 2
297: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, June 3
ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
298: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

Wednesday, June 4
299: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Family of Jin Park

Thursday, June 5
ST BONIFACE
300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Nestvedt

Friday, June 6
301: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Saturday, June 7
302: 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—Larry Cutts

Sunday, June 8
PENTECOST
63: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8
-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Pauline Ripperger

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: 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



Father Adam's Five for May 29—June 4

- 1) **Friday, June 6 there will be no Mass** at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please go celebrate Msgr. Bognanno's 60th anniversary of priestly ordination by attending a noon Mass at St. Augustin's in Des Moines.
- 2) Last chance to register for Cor Jesu Rex (VBS) at St. Thomas! Please go to vbs.mysta.org to register.
- 3) Saturday, May 31 we will have a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 4:30 Mass.
- 4) We are looking for high schoolers and adult parishioners to attend the SEEK conference in Ohio in January. SEEK is hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) but high school students are welcome. If you are interested, please reach out to Fr. Adam at office@stthomasindianola.com.
- 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.

Happy Anniversary!!

*Celebrate Msgr.
Bognanno's 60th
anniversary of priestly
ordination on June 6, 2026.*

*He invites everyone to
celebrate with him
on Friday, June 6 with
noon Mass at St. Augustin
in Des Moines followed by
a reception in the parish
center.*

*There will be no daily mass at St. Thomas this day, we encourage you
to attend this celebratory mass instead.*



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Catholic Charities

- Serves the people of southwest Iowa with a mission to empower individuals and strengthen families.
- Counsels individuals and families
- Provides sexual abuse and domestic violence programs including shelter
- Welcomes refugees and assists them in acclimating to life in Iowa
- Feeds and clothes individuals in need
- Houses families experiencing homelessness and provides services

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Did you know?

Every Good Shepherd Catechist has taken at least 90 hours of instruction by an accredited formation leader in order to receive certification as a catechist for Good Shepherd. Toddler and Level One require 90 hours each, Level Two: 96, Level III : 120 . By the time a catechist is certified in two levels they have taken the equivalent of a bachelor's **and** master's degree in credit hours. Several of our catechists are certified in three or four levels, so they have put doctorate level hours into training! (our own Elizabeth Williams is certified in all four)

This training is not only in the "method" of Good Shepherd, but also in theology, childhood development, and Montessori education. When you bring your child to an atrium, you can be confident that their catechist knows the Faith and understands how to guide and respond to your child in their particular stage of development. The level One child, aged 3-6, experiences relationship with God in a different way than the Level Three child, aged 9-12. By creating an environment where the children can experience and understand God and Jesus in a unique way appropriate to their stage of development, they not only gain knowledge but *relationship* with Him, which is essential to the Faith. When a Parish invests in a Good Shepherd program, they are investing in the youngest among them, who are the future of the Church.



Prayer List

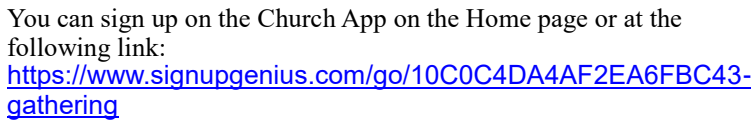
For all those in need, JoAnn Sayre, Judy Garrett, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, John Schletzbaum & all the Souls in Purgatory

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.

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, June 2nd. Please consider those who are less fortunate and so appreciate the meals we provide. We have been serving around 130 so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the walk in refrigerator or freezer early if you can't come by on Monday. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.

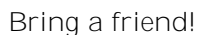


We just have a few hours to fill to have Tuesday's and Thursday's hours for adoration filled. Please consider signing up for one of the hours below so that we can have Adoration with Jesus exposed on Tuesdays and Thursdays soon.

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

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow
Christian
Women Friends

Where: Fireside Bistro @ First Assembly of God Church
NW Entrance, 1700 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA 50125
(We will not meet at the church)



We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning
The Coffee With Jesus Crew

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 wesley.neal515@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.

“The social message of the gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and motivation for action. “

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.



Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi

Msgr. Elvin Sunds of the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, will be with us on June 21-22 to appeal for help for the Diocese of Jackson, the largest diocese east of the Mississippi River. Their Catholic population is around 50,000. The Diocese of Jackson has nine counties without a resident priest. An appeal came recently to hire a sister for one of these priestless counties. **They had to say “We’re sorry. There’s not enough money.”** And so that leaves another county without Catholic presence of **any kind. Won’t you help to make the church present in the diocese, which is less than 3% Catholic?**

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.

PINK TRACTOR FOUNDATION COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Proceeds Benefit Local Families Dealing with a Cancer Diagnosis

June 14, 2025

3:30 PM

16315 20th AVENUE
ST. CHARLES

Carnival Games * Food Trucks * Silent Auction * Live Auction



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*WANT TO DONATE OR
VOLUNTEER? CONTACT US!*

pinktractorfoundation@gmail.com

EVENTS

3:30 - 6PM

Carnival Games & Silent Auction

6:15PM

Survivor Photo

6:30PM

Program & Survivor Recognition

7:00PM

Live Auction- Followed by Music

FOOD TRUCKS

3:30 - 8 PM

Smokin' Train BBQ * Magoo's Pizza
The Farm Creamery * The Donut Den



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16)

Coffee with Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Fireside Bistro @ First Assembly of God Church

NW Entrance, 1700 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA 50125


(We will not meet at the church)

Bring a friend!

Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning,

The Coffee With Jesus Crew



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