



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, 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

Monday, June 9

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

572a: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, June 10

360: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Donald & Evangeline Mangold

Wednesday, June 11

SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE

361: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas— Steve Forret

Thursday, June 12

362: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26/2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—David Miller (birthday)

Friday, June 13

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

363: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Courtney Bonner

Saturday, June 14

364: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas— Luke Clutter and Steve Forret

Sunday, June 15

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

166: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal	ext. 4
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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



Father Adam's Five for June 5—June 11

1) Thank you to everyone who participated in the May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary this year! The music and special ceremony were wonderful. Definitely something we will repeat in the future.

2) Emma DeVries' last weekend at St. Thomas Aquinas is this weekend. She will be getting married on the June 14 and then be settling into family life in the later part of the summer. Thank you Emma for helping out throughout May, and we wish you well as you start this next chapter in your life!

3) July 20th will be the annual St. Thomas Aquinas celebration. We will gather around 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to volunteer their time to provide festival style entertainment. Does anyone do face painting? We'd love to have you. How about balloon animals? That'd be neat. Any trapeze artists or human cannonballs out there? Our parish hall could use some flair. Anyone interested please e-mail office@stthomasindianola.com.

4) We have already registered 8 people for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students' SEEK conference in January, and we are looking for more! I'm hoping we can get at least 6 high-school students to attend, especially those going into senior year. We could also use adult chaperones. We'll have a parish sign-up soon, but for now if you'd like more information, please go to seek.focus.org. We'll be attending the conference in Ohio.

5) We are excited to announce we have filled a new position at St. Thomas Aquinas! Trent Priest will be joining us as our Campus Ministry and Special Projects Coordinator. Trent will be leading our Simpson outreach, and will be coordinating ChristLife and FOCUS initiatives. He will also be helping out with STAT under Diane DeWall's leadership.

We have also opened up the Music Director position at St. Thomas Aquinas, and are hoping to have an update for you all soon. Stay tuned!

Thank you all for your continued support, you all make it possible for St. Thomas Aquinas to fulfill our mission. Blessings to you!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

The last several bulletins have had a few informative points about Good Shepherd, but there is so much more! Take a moment and ask yourself:

- Do I love my Catholic Faith?
- Do I feel passionate about helping the youngest among us understand and connect with God and our Faith?

Then you might be a perfect Good Shepherd Catechist! We will be hosting a Level 1 and Level 2 training here at St. Thomas starting in the fall— if you are interested please contact Michelle Helm at mhelm@stthomasindianola.com for more information. She would LOVE to talk to you!

ADORATION

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful.
Enkindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created
And You shall renew the face of the earth.



Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a deeper devotion to Jesus? We have several hours of adoration on Tuesdays and Thursday that need to be filled. As we celebrate the coming of the promised Advocate into our hearts, please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week.

Tuesday - adorers needed at 2 and 3 pm

Wednesday - adorers needed at noon, 4 and 5 pm

Please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani19762outlook.com

You may also fill out a form in the gathering space and place it in the box marked "Adoration"

Prayer List

For all those in need, JoAnn Sayre, Judy Garrett, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Axel Hammer, 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

As you've probably noticed, our St. Thomas Aquinas prairie is green and growing. We have placed new reflections in the prairie signs and we encourage you to take some time to visit our prairie and reflect on our beautiful world. The children's artwork from the signs can be picked up in the gathering space.

Prayer: O God, pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Amen

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

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



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 is open. Go to mysta.org and click on signups or use this link: vbs.mysta.org

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Father Ray McHenry, retired pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines, will be taking his 11th annual mission trip to South Africa with Blessman International January 15-27, 2026. If you have been discerning going on a mission trip this is an opportunity to live the Corporal Works of Mercy as we are taught in Matthew 25:34-40. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines in the Serra Room.



Knights News June Activities

Leader: Wesley Neal 515-681-4874

Thursday June 12
Social Hour 6:30 to 7:00

Monthly Meeting
Meeting 7:00 to 8:00

Sunday June 22
Indianola Country Club

Annual Steak Fry
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.

S.T.A.R.S.



Please join us for Wine and Cheese after mass on Saturday, June 14, hosted by St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society. Learn about opportunities to get involved and meet new friends.

Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi

Would you like to help a school? Sr. Thea Bowman School in West Jackson, founded in 1945, serves an African American community. They provide quality education in a Catholic environment. There are presently 32 students in Grades Pre-K to 6. The great tradition of Sister Thea Bowman is continued in the Sister Thea Bowman Memorial Choir. The school emphasizes computer-based instruction in every classroom and offers an Advanced learning System. Tuition from student families only provides one-third of the financial resources needed to run the school. The remaining funds come from the Mission Fund of the Diocese as well as independent fund-raising efforts. The annual tuition is \$6,225.00. Please help sponsor a child at St. Thea Bowman School.

Msgr. Sunds will be here on June 21 -22 to appeal for help for the Diocese of Jackson.

Open House For Fr. Larry Hoffman's 80th Birthday

All are welcome to come to an Open House to celebrate Fr. Larry's 80th Birthday on Sunday July 6, 2- 4 pm at St. Theresa's Parish Hall in Des Moines. No gifts please. Cards can be sent to 1390 Buffalo Road West Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

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@sithomasindianola.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.

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FREE SEMINAR

Welcome to Medicare

A free seminar offered by the State of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and St. Thomas Aquinas Social Concerns Committee

"Welcome to Medicare" will cover:

- » Medicare Parts A & B benefits
- » Prescription Drug Benefits (Part D)
- » Medicare Advantage Plans
- » Medicare Supplement Insurance
- » Identify Medicare Fraud, Errors, and Abuse

SESSION DATE

Sunday

June 29, 2025

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic
Church

210 S Wesley St
Indianola, Iowa 50125

REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED BY JUNE 20,
2025

call (515) 210-0169
or register online at
W2M.mysta.org

Seminar will be held in the
St. Thomas Aquinas Multi-
Purpose Room

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