



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

Monday, June 16

365: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42

11:30 am Mass at St. Thomas for VBS, all are welcome

Tuesday, June 17

366: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48

11:30 am Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

Wednesday, June 18

367: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

11:30 am Mass at St. Thomas— Carla Warner

Thursday, June 19

368: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15

11:30 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jack Kibbie

Friday, June 20

369: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23

11:30 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

Saturday, June 21

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

370: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Bev Elbert

Sunday, June 22

CORPUS CHRISTI

169: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Nestvedt

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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 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

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 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 12- JUNE 18

1) I've been binge listening to the Catechism in a Year by Ascension press and Fr. Mike Schmitz. While listening I heard a quote from Vatican II I'd like to share with you: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy." -Sacrosanctum Concilium 112

Our musical tradition is something going way back even to Old Testament times; we need to keep that tradition going! If you would like to share your musical talent, please consider joining our musicians for the celebration of the liturgy.

2) In cooperation with the Diocesan School Office, I'd like to share with you an event happening June 21. Please go to <https://www.inspired-life.org/schoolchoice>. There is a registration-only event which will discuss the advantages of the Educational Savings Accounts.

3) July 20 will be our annual celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas! It will be 702 years since our patron saint was canonized. We will gather on Sunday to party! 5 p.m. gather and hang out, 6 p.m. dinner. I will provide the meat. If you all could bring a side, some chips, or some dessert to share, that'd be great! Stay tuned for a form in next week's bulletin.

4) You all are cordially invited to participate in the annual Biking for Babies ride with Bishop Joensen. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more details.

5) Are you new to St. Thomas? Welcome! Are you looking to get connected? Please consider going to new.mysta.org and checking the boxes of which groups you'd like to be involved with.

DAILY MASS TIMES DIFFERENT THIS WEEK ONLY

Please note that daily mass times have changed for this upcoming week. The School Sisters of Christ the King are here from Lincoln, Nebraska to lead their summer program for our young people and will be celebrating mass with them every day at 11:30 am. ALL parishioners and especially parents are welcome to celebrate mass at this time.



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 or
mhelm@stthomasindianola.com to add or remove names from the
bulletin.

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.

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.

Corner

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.



WELCOME TO MEDICARE

If you are approaching Medicare eligibility, join us for a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar, Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose

Room. Kris Gross, who has over 30 years of experience with Medicare counseling and education, will present the basics of Medicare, including who is eligible, when to enroll, Medicare benefits, Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage, Medicare supplement insurance and Medicare Part D drug coverage. Registration is required by June 20.

Call 515-210-0169 or go to W2M.mysta.org. Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee and SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program).

Food donations needed for VBS!!

We need:

Chips Fruit

Juice Boxes

Cereal Bars

cookies



Please place them in the gray tub in the gathering space,

VBS starts June 16 (Monday!)

KNIGHTS NEWS

June Activities

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



(Saint Thomas Altar and Rosary Society)



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

Saint Anne Parish is located in the city of Carthage, in rural central Mississippi. They are the only Catholic parish in Leake County taking in 584 square miles with a county population of 26,000. It is a multicultural parish community where representatives of six different cultural groups are actively participating in the life of the parish. Among the approximately 600 parishioners, we have six languages spoken: English, Spanish, Choctaw, Visayan, Vietnamese, and Mam- the language of the Mamas Indians from Guatemala, who are a growing population here. About 90% of their parishioners live at or below the poverty line. The parish is not self-supporting now and with the daily increase in folks earning the minimum wage, their financial status will remain the same. They depend on the assistance of out-of-state donors for nearly one-half of their annual income.

Mission Appeals make it possible for over 1000 poor and underprivileged children to attend Pre-School and Elementary School in the Diocese of Jackson. Because of these programs, we are also able to feed several hundred children and young people in the summertime at our Mission Schools. Because of the generosity of people who participate in our appeals, people who have the fewest opportunities are given choices they would never experience.

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 17** at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines in the Serra Room.



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