

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 8:00 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 28

376: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, June 29

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

591: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mary Brown

Monday, June 30

377: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, July 1

378: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Grace Phillips (birthday)

Wednesday, July 2

379: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, July 3

593: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - John & Donna Sereg

Friday, July 4

381: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, July 5

382: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

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

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

Sunday, July 6

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

102: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
or 10:1-9

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

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Business Manager: Leasa Garrett

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Administrative Assistant: Michelle Helm

ext 205

Director of Religious Education: JoAnn Sayre

ext 202

Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trent Priest

ext 203

Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall

ext 209

Maintenance: Jack Slinker

Housekeeper: 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 6:30pm 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 26 - JULY 2

1) We have a new phone system at St. Thomas Aquinas! We are slowly adding extensions to the system. When all is said and done, you will be able to reach the coordinators for STAT and Caring Hands, Diane and Patty respectively, by calling the office phone.

2) Thank you everyone! I am humbled by your generosity and your willingness to help us with the ADA. We've made our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal, crossing the finish line way ahead of where we were last year.

I'm writing this a week before it is published (check mysta.org for more up-to-date info), and as of June 19 we have met several of our secondary goals, which are as follows:

- a. GOAL: 40 families giving 1% or more
ACTUAL: 49 families giving 1% or more
- b. GOAL: 160 families giving any amount
ACTUAL: 165 families giving any amount
- c. GOAL: 20 families giving recurring monthly gifts
ACTUAL: 19 families giving recurring monthly gifts

There is still time for us to make our secondary goal of 20 families giving monthly recurring donations, and right now 100% of what we raise comes back to St. Thomas Aquinas. We need just one more family to set up a recurring monthly gift to meet this secondary goal.

3) Bailey Petersen will be joining us this weekend after Sunday Mass to talk about her missionary training and work with FOCUS. If you'd like to hear her story, stop on by! If you'd like to help her out financially, you may make a donation at focus.mysta.org.

4) We are finalizing our calendar for Fiscal Year 26, ending June 30, 2026. I hope to be sending out a mass mailing the first part of July to let you know about all the exciting things we have happening at St. Thomas Aquinas.

5) There is still time to let us know if you are coming or not to the 702 celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas. Please go to 702.mysta.org to RSVP.

ADORATION

Precious Body, Precious Blood - Jesus I Trust in You.

We still have several hours of adoration on Tuesdays and Thursday that need to be filled. 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 spennani1976@outlook.com.

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

"When we spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, we are allowing Jesus to work within us and mold us into His image. It is in His presence that our faith is strengthened and our souls are nourished." St. Faustina Kowalska

Prayer List

For all those in need, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, 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.

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. There will be another informational meeting on Wednesday July 23 at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines in the Serra Room.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR THE 4TH
OF JULY**



Creation Care



Bees are in trouble, and so are we.



We are facing a potential collapse of the natural systems that have sustained human civilization. Habitat destruction, pesticide use, disease and climate change are pushing bees to the brink. Without bees, the crops we rely on, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, could disappear from our plates.

Corner

This is the crisis we're facing: If we don't act, we risk losing the bees forever. And when they go, so does so much of life as we know it. The time to act is now. Here's how you can make a difference:

1. Choose sustainable brands: Look for companies that prioritize ethical sourcing and bee-friendly farming. Your purchase has the power to shape the future.
2. Advocate for sustainable policies: Support laws that promote bee-friendly agriculture and reduce harmful pesticide use. Your voice can influence change.
3. Plant bee-friendly gardens: Create safe spaces for bees at home. Plant native flowers and reduce pesticide use to help local pollinators thrive.
4. Spread awareness: Educate your community about the importance of bee health and sustainable agriculture. The more people who know, the more change we can make together.
5. Support bee conservation efforts: Get involved with organizations working to protect bees and their habitats. (from the Australian Bee Conservation)

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.

Good Shepherd Open House

Come to the Multi-Purpose room on July 12 right after 4:30 mass and learn all about our Good Shepherd program! Catechists will be on hand until 7:30 to answer questions, show you materials, and give you a peek into how the Good Shepherd program works. If you are a parent, grandparent, thinking about becoming a catechist, or just curious, please come! All are welcome!



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"Any human society, if it is to be well-ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation the 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



Peter's Pence Collection- Be A Sign of Mercy

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

All Abilities Camp



For the first time, the St. Thomas More Center in Panora will offer an all-abilities camp on July 12. This family camp program is designed for inclusion of persons with disabilities (of all ages) along with those who are Deaf and

Hard of Hearing. Activities will have adaptive equipment available including adaptive bicycles and social drumming. A breakout session for parents will be presented by Barbara Graham, a licensed independent social worker with Heartland Christian Counseling. Full and partial scholarships are available. Get more information and register at dmdioocese.org/events or reach out to the St. Thomas More Center and ask for Jason Alexander.



RE/STAT/Good Shepherd registration opens July 1

Registration will open for all religious education on July 1st (this coming Tuesday)

Good Shepherd will be offering a **second night of Level I and Level II on Tuesdays** instead of Sundays this year. so check your registration carefully. Sessions fill up quickly so if you want your child in a certain time slot, be sure to register early.

You can also register to be a catechist or helper through the same form. To register, go to ff.mysta.org

KNIGHTS NEWS

July Events

Thursday July 10	Monthly Meeting	7 to 8PM
Thursday August 14	Monthly Meeting	7 to 8PM
Thursday August 14	CPID Day at the Iowa State Fair	

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

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