



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 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, 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*

Monday, July 7

383: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, July 8

384: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

6:00 pm *Mass at St. Thomas - Winston Sayre*

Wednesday, July 9

385: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas - Keith & Mary Joslyn*

Thursday, July 10

386: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas - Gary & Vivian Elbert*

Friday, Jul 11

SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

387: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas - Bev Elbert*

Saturday, July 12

388: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

3:30pm — 4:15pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas - Carmen Koth*

Sunday, July 13

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

105: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—For the People*
10:15 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz*

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal	ext 201
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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 JULY 4 - JULY 10

1) Msgr. Bognanno let me know that due to health reasons he is no longer able to serve as sacramental support for St. Thomas Aquinas. He will be joining us for the celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas on July 20, and we will be wishing him well at that celebration. If you'd like to join us, please fill out the simple form at 702.mysta.org.

2) Faith Formation is registering for the fall- St. Thomas Registered Parishioners, please be sure to enter the code STA26 at checkout to receive a \$20 per child discount. Go to ff.mysta.org to sign up.

3) We're working on a final draft of a year-long calendar for St. Thomas Aquinas, which will show events from July 2025-June 2026. If any groups wish to have their events added, please get the information to us no later than Monday, July 7. E-mail us at office@stthomasindianola.com

4) ChristLife registration is open! Discovering Christ will start in September. We will have child care available. Please go to dc.mysta.org for more information and to register.

5) Thank you to everyone who met with Bailey Petersen and to all those supporting her with prayer and financial resources.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

"Waiting to begin religious education until the child is six or older (as has been customary in the Church in recent years) means that the focus will naturally tend to be on behavior, on what one is supposed to do or not do in one's relationship with God... the knowledge that is acquired by the older child tends to be on a more abstracted level, and thus, can be somewhat superficial rather than the deep knowing that is characteristic of the younger child." Religious Potential of the Child 6-12 Years Old, Sophia Cavalletti.

Sophia is one of the founders of Catechesis of The Good Shepherd. She was a Catholic laywoman and theologian who received a doctorate in Hebrew and Comparative Semitic Languages and was a biblical scholar. The methodology was approved by the Diocese of Des Moines more than 10 years ago and has 13 active programs in the Diocese. We offer sessions for children aged 18 months through third grade.

ADORATION

We still have several hours of adoration on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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
Thursday - adorers needed at 10, 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".

"Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him."

St. Clare of Assisi

Prayer List

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

Creation Care

With our planet heating up, we all know it is important to conserve water. In the next few weeks, we'll give some tips as to how to do that.



Corner

In the Bathroom:

- Shorten showers: Even a few minutes shaved off your shower time can save significant water.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators: These devices reduce water flow without sacrificing water pressure.
- Turn off the tap: Don't let water run while brushing your teeth, shaving, or soaping up.
- Check for leaks: Regularly inspect faucets, showerheads, and toilets for leaks, and fix them promptly.
- Consider a low-flow or dual-flush toilet: These toilets use less water per flush.

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.

With Deepest Sympathy



Rodney Fee

It is with deep sadness, but with hope in eternal life, that we share with you all the news of the recent passing of two of our parishioners, Rodney Fee and Larry Vanderpool. May the Lord receive them into eternal life, and may the Holy Spirit bring consolation to their family and friends.



Larry Vanderpool

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House

Come to the Multi-Purpose room on July 12 right after 4:30 mass and learn all about our CGS program!

Catechists will be on hand until 7:30 to answer questions, show you materials, and give you a peek into how the CGS program works. If you are a parent, grandparent, thinking about becoming a catechist, or just curious, please come!

All are welcome!



KNIGHTS NEWS

July & August 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.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

"But God did not create man as a solitary, for from the beginning "male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). Their companionship produces the primary form of interpersonal communion. For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others, he can neither live nor develop his potential."



Gaudium et Spes

Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, July 7. 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. With people traveling and school out we are in special need of servers if you could spare 1- 1 1/2 hours. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.



You can sign up on the Church App on the Home page or at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>



RE/STAT/CGS registration now open!

Registration for all religious education is now open with an **early bird discount**. Sign up before August 6 to receive \$15 off each student registration. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Thomas, use code STA26 for a \$20 per child discount.

CGS will be offering a **second night of Level I and Level II on Tuesdays** instead of Sundays this year, please read the registration selections 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

If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact Michelle Helm (mhelm@stthomasindianola.com or 515-961-3026)

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Catechesis of The Good Shepherd

OPEN HOUSE

Open to ALL parishioners, not just those with children

A chance to engage with the materials, ask questions,
and learn how you can help our program into the next
stage of growth



Join us for an open house on Saturday,
July 12 in the multi-purpose room
From right after mass until 7:30pm