



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 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

Monday, July 14

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

389: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, July 15

SAINT BONAVENTURE

390: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Jack Kibbie

Wednesday, July 16

391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, July 17

392: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Bernie Rehbein

Friday, Jul 18

393: Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8

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

Saturday, July 19

394: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, July 20

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

108: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Liam Strable (birthday)

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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Director of Religious Education: JoAnn Sayre ext 202

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Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall ext 209

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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 JULY 10 - JULY 16

1) We have 160 people who have responded YES to the 702 celebration. Please let us know by Thursday, July 17 if you are able to attend. If you'd like to join us, please fill out the simple form at 702.mysta.org.

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.

2) We are in need of RE teachers for the fall. If you are interested in teaching, please contact JoAnn Sayre at 515-961-3026. If you teach, St. Thomas Aquinas will cover the cost of your RE/CGS student.

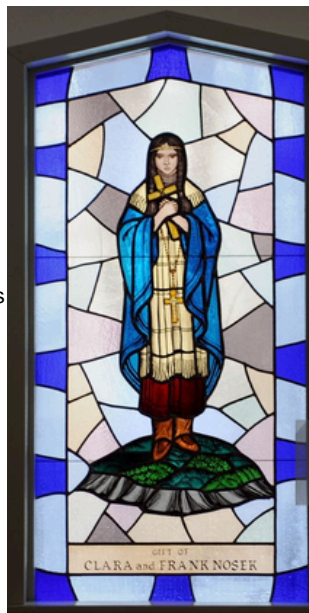
3) I heard an update from Bailey Petersen- she says St. Thomas Aquinas helped her out immensely. She is close to reaching her fundraising goal, thanks to your generosity! If you'd like to support her, please consider going to focus.mysta.org.

4) I am wondering if any of you are employed at one of our senior care facilities in Indianola. If so, would you mind reaching out to office@stthomasindianola.com?

5) This weekend after the 4:30 mass we will have a CGS open house. Please stop by and explore one of the atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd- stay as little or as long as you like.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, feast day July 14

St. Kateri was born around 1656 in a Mohawk village in New York. She contracted smallpox around age four and it left her face badly scarred and discolored, as well as damaging her eyesight. Her given name, Tekakwitha, meant "she who bumps into things". She spent much time with the Jesuit missionaries and was baptized with the Christian name "Catherine", or Kateri, as pronounced by the Mohawk. Her Christianity as well as her refusal to marry was scandalous to her Mohawk relatives, forcing her to flee her family and village. She died at 24, her last words being "Jesus, Mary, I love you." Minutes after her death, her face was transformed- no longer scarred but radiant, signifying she was at home in heaven.



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.

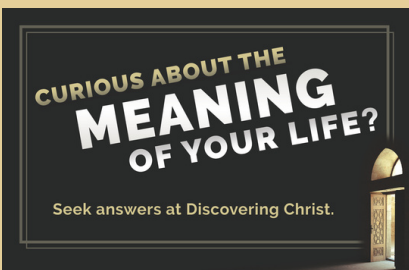
Please contact Michelle Helm at 515-961-3026 or mhelm@stthomasindianola.com to add or remove names from the bulletin.



Ways to save water in the kitchen:

- Run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machines: Avoid partial loads to maximize water efficiency.
- Scrape dishes instead of pre rinsing: This simple step can save a surprising amount of water.
- Use the microwave or refrigerator to defrost food: Avoid using running water to defrost items.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator: Instead of running the faucet to get cold water.

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.



Life can be overwhelming. Too many worries, too many places to be, too many items on the to-do list. Do you ever wish for some way—any way—to slow down and really consider what it's all about?

Where do you currently find your meaning?
Where do you want to find meaning?
Is it possible to be fulfilled?
These are questions worth asking.

Discovering Christ is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish). It's all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment.

Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed, and free.

Childcare is provided.

for more information and to register, go to mysta.org and click on signups or scan the QR code



KNIGHTS NEWS

August Events

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



Loving God--We give thanks for our talents. May all people have the chance to participate in the decisions that impact their own lives and in creating a just and peaceful society

Spend time with God

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite young women considering religious life to a monastic experience July 18-20 at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri. Join the sisters for daily Mass, Divine Office, and adoration. Hear presentations on Benedictine wisdom, pray with Scripture, and Eucharistic adoration. Enjoy the quiet beauty of the monastery grounds. For more information or to learn about upcoming opportunities, contact Sister Nancy Rose at vocation@benedictinesisters.org or call 660-944-2221.



S.T.A.R.S



Please join us for Wine and Cheese after mass on Saturday, July 19th hosted by St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society. Enjoy some fellowship and meet new friends!



ROCK ON!



Five top-notch musicians, who just happen to be priests, are coming to the Val Air Ballroom on Aug. 4 for a one-night-only concert. For the low, low price of \$10 a ticket, you can enjoy the all-priest band at the Concert for Life, and know that proceeds are going to benefit two prolife organizations in our Diocese: Pulse Life Advocates, and Gabriel's Corner in Council Bluffs. The show is open to all ages and appropriate for the whole family! Order your tickets at dmdiocese.org/events.

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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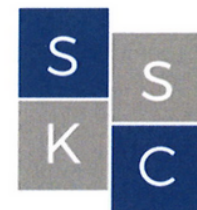
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