



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 19

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

3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Keith & Mary Joslyn

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)

Monday, July 21

395: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, July 22

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

603: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Carol Bailey

Wednesday, July 23

397: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Pat Miller

Thursday, July 24

398: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Friday, Jul 25

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

605: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

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

Saturday, July 26

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

400: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Bill Thomas

Sunday, July 27

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

111: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Ann Puetz

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

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 17 - 23

1) This weekend we celebrate St. Thomas Aquinas! We have had well over 200 people RSVP YES for the event. It should be a grand old time!

We will have a scrap book to sign for Msgr. Bognanno, thanking him for his many years of service to St. Thomas Aquinas. Please stop by after Masses this weekend.

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) Letters are going out to the parish soon; we are hoping to provide a calendar to you all. One thing to mark your calendars for- We are getting a new parish printed directory! The photos will be taken October 21-25. If you order the portraits, they should arrive in time for Christmas. If you'd like to supply us with fun parish pictures, please mail them to mhelm@stthomasindianola.com. Stay tuned for details.

4) We are looking to expand our ministry to our care facilities by offering a monthly Mass. 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) St. Thomas Aquinas is planning on having a float in the parade on July 26. Please look for us and take some pics if you see us driving by!

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.

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

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 Shandle, 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



More ways to conserve water:

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- Water your lawn less frequently: Adjust your schedule based on weather conditions using a timer.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down: This simple change can save a lot of water.
- Consider a rain barrel: Collect rainwater for watering plants.

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.

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KNIGHTS NEWS

August Events

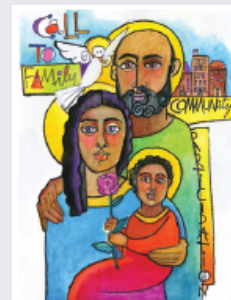
Thursday August 14	Monthly Meeting	7 to 8PM
Thursday August 14	CPID Day at the Iowa State Fair	

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



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

“As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.”



The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society- in economics and politics, in law and policy-directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undetermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and the vulnerable.

Saint Pope John Paul II

Welcome to Medicare Seminare Rescheduled

The Welcome to Medicare seminar previously scheduled for June has been rescheduled for:

Sunday, August 17
4 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

This seminar is for individuals approaching Medicare eligibility 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 Friday, August 8. Call 515-210-0169. Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee and SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program).



Now Hiring: Director of Faith Formation

St. Joseph Parish is seeking a passionate and faithful leader to serve as Director of Faith Formation. This vital role oversees all spiritual and educational programming, working closely with the pastor and parish staff. The mission is threefold: to deepen parishioners' understanding of the Catholic faith, to evangelize those beyond the Church, and to foster ecumenical outreach. The goal is to help every member of our parish community—young and old—encounter Christ and grow as active disciples in Des Moines.

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