



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, August 9

412: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

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

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

Sunday, August 10

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

117: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

Monday, August 11

SAINT CLARE

413: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, August 12

414: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - John & Donna Sereg

Wednesday, August 13

415: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

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

Thursday, August 14

SAINT MAXIMILLIAM KOLBE

416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas- Steve Forret

Friday, August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Carol Bailey

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, August 16

418: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Evon Puetz

Sunday, August 17

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

120: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

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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 AUGUST 7- AUGUST 13

1) As we enter into the fall semester, we are looking to expand the hours we have Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are currently targeting Thursday as the day we are going to expand hours of adoration. If you would be willing to come and adore Jesus for one hour on Thursday, please fill out the slip on the kiosk in the gathering space.

2) We are trying to get a better picture of the number of active families at St. Thomas Aquinas. One of the peculiarities of the software we use for record keeping (mandated by the Diocese) is that if you haven't done one of the following in the last 5 years it will automatically shift you to inactive.

If in the last 5 years you or your children haven't registered for an event, tithed using a tithing envelope or online giving, made a pledge to the Ignite!/ADA campaigns, joined a group on our planning center app, or had a one-time sacrament performed at our church (baptism, confirmation, wedding), there is a chance you may have been made inactive, even if you attend Mass regularly. Please go to new.mysta.org and update your information to be moved to active membership.

3) One of our goals for this fall is to make sure all of our parishioners have registered. Please register by going to new.mysta.org or by talking to Michelle Helm in the office at 515-961-3026.

4) Thanks for all the prayers as Trenton Priest and I went to Washington, D.C. for a Catholic Campus Ministry conference. We came away with lots of how-to's for Simpson College and look forward to implementing some of those this fall. It is hard to believe the students start arriving in a week or two!

5) There is a great website to help establish principles for Eucharistic Revival. It is <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>. I'd encourage you to check it out!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

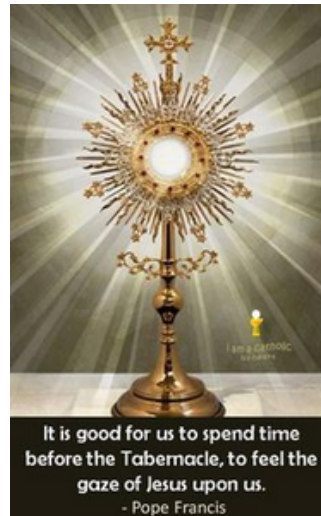
**Masses will be at
7:00 am and 7:00 pm
on Friday, August 15th**



Adoration Update

We are in need of several adorers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Father would especially like to begin exposing Jesus on Thursdays from Noon until 9pm in August and we have a few holes to cover on that day. We are still working for exposition on Tuesdays as well and are just a few short on that day as well. Oh how wonderful it would be to have Jesus exposed on the altar for adoration 3 days each week - *please God!!*

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these open hours. If it is easier, find a friend to share the coverage. If you are not able to sign up for adoration, then please offer your prayers that our hours will soon be filled.



**** note-** I made a mistake on the hours needed in the bulletin last week... please note that we just need Tuesday and Thursday hours as of right now.**

Hours needed:

Tuesday: 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 pm

Thursdays: 12:00, 4:00 and 5:00 pm

To sign up contact Anitta at 515-344-7850

or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com



Prayer List

For all those in need, Ed Butler, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Judy Garrett, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, 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

In this beautiful summer season, I offer you these prayers for the land:

O God, thank you for giving us the fertile soil to provide us with food and sustenance for many animals. Thank you for giving us the sun that shines brightly with its energy, as well as the rains to refresh and nourish the earth bringing a special scent.

Allow us to recognize that the community of the earth is a democracy of life as a whole that is based on the living economies that are the local economies of those who work the land.

(Prayers from Catholic Climate Covenant)

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.

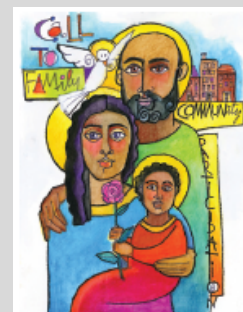


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CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

"Just as you did to the least of these, you did it to me."

Mathew 25: 45



S.T.A.R.S



Please join us for Wine and Cheese after mass on Saturday, August 16th hosted by St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society. Enjoy some fellowship and meet new friends!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!!

The early bird discount is over, but you can still register your children for religious education.

We offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for **ages 18 months to 3rd grade**, there is still plenty of room in our **toddler session** on Wednesday and our Level I and II (grades K-3rd) on Tuesdays.

Regular RE classes for grades 4 and up have plenty of room as well, so please sign your children up, we have a great year planned for them! If you are a registered parishioner of St. Thomas, use code STA26 for a \$20 per child discount. Go to FF.MYSTA.ORG to register.

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



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.



Next week our parish will distribute envelopes for a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral

projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension.

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

WE KNOCKED DOWN HUNGER!!

In February and March, the St. Thomas Social Concerns committee collected cereal boxes for the Knock Down Hunger event sponsored by the Noon Lions Club. Here's what's left at the Helping Hand from that wildly successful service project. To date, 3,200 boxes of cereal have gone to hungry families.

Congratulations and thanks to you!!!



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