



## 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 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

### Monday, August 18

419: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

### Tuesday, August 19

420: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Kay Bethards & Garry  
Collins

### Wednesday, August 20

#### SAINT BERNARD

421: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Sonnie Brommel

### Thursday, August 21

#### SAINT PIUS X, POPE

422: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Bill Thomas

### Friday, August 22

#### THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

423: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

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

### Saturday, August 23

424: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - John & Donna Sereg

### Sunday, August 24

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

123: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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

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

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

## St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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**Deacon Support:** Rev. Mr. Dave O'Brien and Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele

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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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)

**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026

**Website:** [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

**For Sacramental Emergencies:** call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

# Father Adam's Five

FOR AUGUST 14- AUGUST 20

1) This weekend we are having a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd open house on Sunday. Please stop by after Mass and check out this innovative method for conveying the Catholic Faith to young people.

We are still accepting registrations for our Faith Formation programs, including R.E., C.G.S., and S.T.A.T. Please go to [ff.mysta.org](http://ff.mysta.org) to sign up.

2) We are missing one of our new deacon vestments. The green dalmatic has vanished. If anyone has any knowledge about what happened to it, please let the office know. Thank you!

3) We are starting to organize meals for our upcoming ministries- ChristLife, STAT, and perhaps a meal train for various occasions. Please fill out the survey at [food.mysta.org](http://food.mysta.org) if you'd be willing to help with meals on occasion.

4) Pope Benedict XVI once described the Eucharist as "the genuine reality." Nothing and no one is more real than Jesus in the Eucharist, and it is through Jesus in the Eucharist that we learn to see ourselves as we truly are.

We are looking to expand our hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Please consider signing up for Thursday- so we can have more opportunities for encounter with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

5) Confirmation is August 24 at the 10:15 Mass. Please pray for the 19 confirmandi who will be receiving the sacrament.



## Confirmation Mass

Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday, August 24, during the 10:15 a.m. mass. Please pray for our young people as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

## Adoration Update

We are still trying to fill adoration hours on Tuesday and Thursdays so that we can have Jesus exposed on those 2 days in addition to Wednesdays. We are so close!! We only need 1 additional adorer for each of the 4 the hours listed on Thursday below and we will have 2 at each hour. For those of you who have been hesitating because you are concerned that you may not be able to be there each week, this should help knowing that you have a partner to help cover the hour.

As Father has been sharing during recently homilies, spending time with Jesus in adoration is such a blessing. He along with countless other adorers have shared that they have such a sense of peace having spent an hour with Jesus in adoration. Who can't use a little "peace" in our lives, especially as school and crazy schedules are soon to start up again.

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.

Hours needed:

Tuesday: 9:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00, 1:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

To sign up contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or via email at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com)

## Prayer List

*For all those in need, 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](mailto: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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com) to add or remove names from the bulletin.



## Creation Care

### Pope Leo XIV calls for ecological, social justice

Ahead of the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo XIV delivered a compelling call to action, urging Christians and all people of goodwill to address the escalating challenges related to environmental and social justice.



His message, titled [\*Seeds of Peace and Hope\*](#), was made public on July 2 in preparation for the observance scheduled for September 1, 2025. His message can be read by clicking on this link.

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.

Don't  
Forget!

### Register NOW for Religious Education!!

Make sure you register your children for religious education for the upcoming year!

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

Regular RE classes for grades 4 and up are on Wednesday evenings. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Thomas, use code STA26 for a \$20 per child discount. Go to [FF.MYSTA.ORG](http://FF.MYSTA.ORG) to register.

Contact Michelle Helm ([mhelm@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com) or 515-961-3026) with any questions.

### First Communion Parent Meeting

If you have a child that will be receiving their First Communion this year, there is a **mandatory** parent meeting on **August 27 at 6pm** in the St. Thomas room. This is where you will receive information regarding dates, dress code, formation sessions, etc. At least ONE parent or guardian is required to attend this meeting.



## KNIGHTS NEWS September Events



Tootsie Roll Drive  
K of C Pancake Breakfast  
K of C Monthly Meeting

September 5 & 6  
September 7  
September 11

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

## CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

"Each person lives and develops in community. Our inherently social nature makes pursuit of the "common good" an important goal and measure of society."



Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers USCCB



This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs

to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today. To learn more, visit today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

Our deepest condolences go out to the Butler family, for the death of Edwin Park Butler, Jr., the husband of Derry Butler. Please remember Edwin, as well as the entire family in your prayers.

Visitation will be from 5pm to 7pm at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola. The Rosary will be recited at 7pm, immediately following the visitation. The funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at St. Thomas, with burial following in the IOOF Cemetery in Indianola.

Eternal rest, grant unto him, o Lord  
And let perpetual lights shine  
upon him, may he rest in peace.  
May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen.





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