



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 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

Monday, August 25

425: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, August 26

426: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Pat Miller

Wednesday, August 27

SAINT MONICA

427: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Dick Krapfl

Thursday, August 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE

428: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

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

Friday, August 29

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8/29/Mk 6:17-29

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Courtney Bonner, Clare Phillips (birthday)

Saturday, August 30

430: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Lily Strable (birthday)

Sunday, August 31

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

126: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/

Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Bev Elbert

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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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.

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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 21- AUGUST 27

1) Last week we bid farewell to JoAnn Sayre. Michelle Helm has accepted a position leading our CGS and RE programs for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to JoAnn, and congratulations to Michelle!

With the change in Michelle's position at St. Thomas Aquinas, we have an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please go to jobs.mysta.org for more information.

2) Did you happen to see the front-page article on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the Catholic mirror? We were mentioned! Please visit mirror.mysta.org to see a copy of the article.

3) We had a number of responses to our request for an image of St. Thomas Aquinas based on our original statue. Now it is time to vote! Please go to survey.mysta.org to see the two leading contenders and to cast your vote. The image will be used on an upcoming T-Shirt.

4) Bishop Joensen will be at 10:15 Mass on Sunday, August 24th to celebrate confirmation. Please pray for the 19 confirmandi who will be receiving the sacrament.

5) Simpson Mass resumes on August 24th, at 5 p.m. Please see sc.mysta.org for more information about Simpson ministry.

A 10-Day Pilgrimage to ITALY

with Fr. Christopher Fontanini
for the anticipated Diaconate Ordination of St.
Thomas's very own Mr. Connor Lynch
September 28- October 7, 2026

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Adoration Update

We are still in need of adorers to fill hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are so close!! We only need a few more adorers on Tuesday and Thursday to have Jesus exposed on those days and we need a replacement for 1 hour on Wednesday. We work to have 2 adorers each hour so that adorers always have a back up when they can't make their hour. Additionally we have many who have sign up to fill in when needed.

We are so blessed to have an adoration chapel. The Dynamic Catholic reports that parishes that have an active adoration ministry see many benefits including an increase in Mass attendance, greater participation in the sacraments (especially reconciliation), an increase in vocations and even a return of fallen away Catholics to the church. Additionally those who regularly spend time in adoration have an increase in inner peace and healing.

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

Wednesday: 9:00 am

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

To sign up contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com

Prayer List

*For all those in need, 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



Corner

Freezing and canning are both excellent ways to preserve garden vegetables, each with its own advantages. Both are good for the environment and healthier for your family. Freezing generally offers better flavor and texture, while canning is more space-efficient and can be more economical.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers resources and workshops to help Iowans safely preserve garden vegetables. They emphasize the importance of using tested recipes and following proper procedures to prevent foodborne illnesses like botulism.

So, enjoy the taste of corn on the cob and loads of other marvelous foods all year round.



DON'T MISS OUT!! Registration for Religious Ed closes Monday!!

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 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 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 to register.

Contact Michelle Helm (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

"Sacred Scripture continually speaks to us of an active commitment to our neighbor and demands of us a shared responsibility for all of humanity. This duty is not limited to one's own family, nation, or state, but extends progressively to all. . . so no one can consider himself extraneous or indifferent to the lot of another member of the human family."

St. Pope John Paul II



Thank you for your generous support for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa, who face many challenges from poverty and unemployment to inadequate health care and forced

migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/africa. The #iGiveCatholicTogether website also accepts donations for the Solidarity Fund at usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-africa.

St. Thomas parishioners *Joined the* CELEBRATION!



On July 26, members of the Christ Life Core team rode a float and passed out candy in the Celebrate Warren County parade.

The float was driven by Fr. Adam and St. Thomas was the only church represented in the parade. Thanks to Kim and Jason DeLay for the use of their hayrack!



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