



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 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

Monday, September 1

431: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, September 2

432: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Richard & Violet Alexander

Wednesday, September 3

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

433: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Evangeline Mangold

Thursday, September 4

434: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

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

Friday, September 5

435: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Carol Bailey

Saturday, September 6

436: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

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

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

Sunday, September 7

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

129: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

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.

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 28- SEPTEMBER 3

1) We're hiring! We are in need of a part-time administrative assistant. Michelle Helm will serve in the role until a replacement is found. If you are interested, please go to jobs.mysta.org for more information.

2) We are in need of more people to go through training to become Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists. We are hosting a training beginning in October. For more information and to register, please go to cgs.mysta.org

3) Thank you so far to the 50+ people who have cast votes for their preference of our St. Thomas Aquinas statue. Please go to survey.mysta.org to see the two leading contenders and to cast your vote. Or use the QR code at Masses this weekend. The image will be used on an upcoming T-Shirt.

4) Please be sure to sign up for the upcoming sessions of ChristLife. Discovering Christ begins September 18. More details are at dc.mysta.org. We will also have paper registrations available at Mass this weekend, or you will be able to call the office.

Following Christ is also starting in September; everyone who has completed 5 or more sessions of Discovering Christ should have received an invite via e-mail. If not, please call the office.

5) A reminder: RE/CGS/STAT kickoff with special activities on September 3rd. If you have registered for RE/CGS/STAT, please check your e-mail for more information.

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

St. Charles Catholic Pilgrimages

Register at

www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/fontanini

Connor Lynch

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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

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis Assisi (Oct. 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Let's begin this Season of Creation with the following prayer:

A Prayer for Our Earth by Paul O'Neil

Inspired by and adapted from the Pope Francis prayer of the same name.

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters harming no one.

Oh God of the poor help us rescue the abandoned and forsaken on this earth so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us everyday.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

If you would like more resources to celebrate this season, go to catholicclimate.org and download the eco-spirituality resource "Spreading Seeds of Peace and Hope for Creation."

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>.

CGS/RE/STAT EVENTS THIS WEEK

September 3rd: 6pm confirmation meeting for students that are just beginning confirmation classes

September 3rd: 6pm CGS/RE/STAT Potluck in the Great Hall- meet your catechists and find your room!

September 3rd: 7pm STAT Kickoff in the parking lot by the garage

September 4th: 7pm CGS **mandatory** Parent meeting *Parents only*



KNIGHTS NEWS September Events



Tootsie Roll Drive

K of C Pancake Breakfast

K of C Monthly Meeting

September 4, 5 & 6

September 7

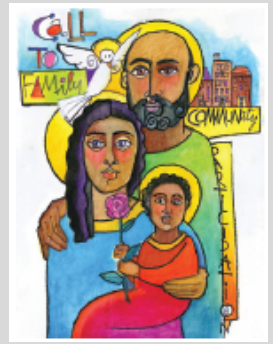
September 11

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

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

"It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



Gathering Table on Labor Day



Our next Gathering Table is Monday, September 1. We will be giving out meals on Labor Day. Please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the walk in refrigerator early if you can't come by on Monday. With that day being a holiday we are in special need of servers if you could spare 1- 1 1/2 hours. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.

You can sign up on the Church App on the Home page or at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>

Thank You!!!

MAGNIFICAT

If you would like to renew your Magnificat or you are interested in a new subscription, please make a check payable to Christ the King Church for \$30 (this is a \$1 increase but still a savings of \$20!). You may also pay cash.

Please **put your payment along with your name (or the name you want on the subscription) phone number and email in an envelope labeled CTK Magnificat**. CTK would like all orders by Sunday, September 14th. The yearly subscription starts with the November issue.

Orders/envelopes can be dropped off at the STA reception desk ONLY between 8am to 3pm, M-F, or given directly to Jackie Ward or Lois Taber.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



St. Thomas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS)

Cordially invite you to become a member! Join us for our **Kickoff Event on Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room**

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