



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, September 13

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Richard Krier

Sunday, September 14

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

638: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Scott Peterson

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

Monday, September 15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

443: 1 Tm 2:1-8 /Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, September 16

SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

444: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Gary & Vivian Elbert

Wednesday, September 17

445: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -David Day

Thursday, September 18

446: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Bev Elbert

Friday, September 19

447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

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

Saturday, September 20

**SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL
CHONG HA-SANG**

448: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Carol Bailey

Sunday, September 21

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

135: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Evangeline Mangold

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

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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 - mhelmestthomasindianola.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 SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 17

1) Monday, September 15 is the last day to register for our upcoming sessions of ChristLife. Discovering Christ starts on September 18, and you are able to register by going to dc.mysta.org, by going to the signups button on the app, by filling out the paper registration form in the back of church, or by calling the office. Following Christ is on Wednesdays and is open to anyone who has gone through Discovering Christ. You can register for Following Christ by following the invitation link or by calling the office.

2) I will be gone this weekend to a ChristLife conference on the East Coast. Please say some prayer for me, I will be praying for you and for our ChristLife launch.

3) We are still in need of an administrative assistant. If you know someone who is interested, please have them go to jobs.mysta.org.

4) We will be starting 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. adoration on Thursdays beginning September 18. Thank you to everyone who signed up!

5) We will be expanding our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in the fall of 2026. We need two more people who are willing to help serve as a catechist in our atrium to sign up for our Level I training starting in October. There is 90 hours of training provided over the course of the next 8 months, and makeup sessions are possible. Registration is available in the church app or by going to cgs.mysta.org.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

As well as celebrating the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates two historical events. The first is the discovery in 320 AD of the True Cross, of Calvary, and of the tomb of Christ by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, which the Romans had buried under a Temple to Venus. The second is the dedication of a church on the site in 335 AD. Today this church, in continuous existence since then, is known as the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, and houses the Calvary, the Tomb of Jesus, and the cistern in which St. Helena found the instruments of the Passion, including the Cross.



Saint Helena, oil on panel by Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano, 1495; in the collection of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

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 signed 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



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"Season of Creation" -- "Seeds of Peace and Hope for Creation"

In keeping with this special season, the Creation Care Team is changing out the prairie meditation signs. Take your rosary with you and enjoy the "Ecological Rosary---The Luminous Mysteries during this beautiful fall season.

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>.

Save the Date--Pizza by the Prairie

Mark your calendars for Pizza by the Prairie, Saturday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., St. Thomas' annual celebration of our prairie. More information will be coming soon.



This month, take a closer look at the lives of saints with Fr. Ken from St. Luke's in Ankeny. He will give us an introduction to some of these ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives. Learn why the saints are important role models and intercessors in our church.

Adults of all ages are welcome to attend an evening of faith and fellowship in a casual environment. There is no cost and no registration needed. Come as you are! Food and drinks are available for purchase. Sponsored by Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church.

September 28: "The Saints" with Fr. Ken Halbur
7-7:30pm - Social
7:30-8:30pm - Speaker
The King's Head (1610 SW Main Street, Ankeny)



KNIGHTS NEWS September Events

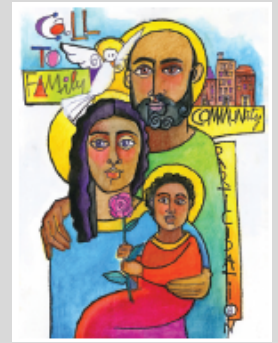


K of C Monthly Meeting

September 11

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

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION



"Each of us has a mission...each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a cultured forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person."

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

Pope Benedict the XVI



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Iowa Catholic Radio will be hosting our Fall Fundraiser the week of Tuesday, September 30 through Friday, October 2. We are in need of volunteers! Initially we make a pre-Fall Fundraiser Non-Solicitation Phone Call to previous donors and remind them of the upcoming fundraiser. You are given a short script to share. Also, the phones will need to be answered and all donor information recorded. Not knowing when the phone will ring, we would like you to fill your time being the receptionist, reading a book you bring with you or one of the many selections in the library, praying in the chapel, or other activities that allow you to answer the phone and record the very important pledges. There will be food and beverages available for you to enjoy and a Catholic radio station to tune in! We are asking for the gift of your time between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Tuesday through Friday of Fundraiser week. Please join us for the amount of time that works for your schedule. A three hour shift would be super, but we will welcome you for whatever time you are available! Please contact Jackie Ward at 515-250-7385 if you are interested and able to help with phone calls prior to fundraising week or answering the phones the week of September 30 through October 3.

Most importantly, please pray for the successful fundraising for ICR to connect listeners to Christ!

St. Thomas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS) invites you to become a member! Join us for our **KickOff Event on Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room**



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