

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, 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

Monday, September 22

449: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, September 23 SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

450: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Richard & Violet Alexander

Wednesday, September 24

451: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Carol Bailey

Thursday, September 25

452: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Bill Thomas

Friday, September 26

453: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Ron Day

Saturday, September 27 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

453:Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Carol Bailey

Sunday, September 28 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

138: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People 10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz 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

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Father Adam's Five

FOR SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 24

- 1) Thank you to everyone who helped get our Fall ministries launched! We've had a great start to our RE/CGS/STAT programs, and our most recent launch of Discovering Christ kicked off with resounding success. God is good!
- 2) St. Thomas Aquinas needs volunteer help. Lots of it. Please go to <u>serve.mysta.org</u> to see the list and to volunteer.
- 3) We are still in need of an administrative assistant; the hours fit perfectly into a schedule of someone who has children to dropoff/pickup. If you know someone who is interested, please have them go to jobs.mysta.org.
- 4) I had a wonderful weekend last weekend going through the ChristLife Strengthen conference. We had 160 people from several countries joining us, and it was great to see how ChristLife has impacted hundreds of thousands of people. Thank you all for the prayers!
- 5) We've been having problems with our estthomasindianola e-mail this past week. We're working on it, but if you happened to send something to us and it bounced or we didn't respond, please consider sending it again. Thank you!

Adoration Update



Our prayers were answered and we began adoration with exposition of Jesus on Thursdays this past Thursday.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and to those who have signed up to spend an hour with Jesus each week.

We are continuing to fill hours on Tuesdays so that we may have adoration with exposition 3 days each week.

Below are the hours that we still are in need of adorers.

Tuesday
2, 3 and 4 pm
Wednesday
9 am and 6 pm
Thursday
9 am, noon and 7 pm

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these hours. Call or text, 515-344-7850 or email spennani1976@outlook.com



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

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to



year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 . when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

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

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

Questions for reflection......

- Where in my daily life do I see the "wounds of creation," and how am I being invited to respond with hope instead of indifference?
- What inner changes attitudes, habits, or perspectives- am I being called to embrace so that my choices reflect greater love for creation?
- What concrete step can I take this week to sow a "seed of change" for the good of my community and our common home?

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





Thank you for your generosity, we *really* appreciate your time and hard work. God bless you all!

Doug and Char Andreasen



Be sure to listen to Iowa Catholic Radio Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 for special programming highlighting local stories of

hope as we seek to be fully funded for the remainder of this Jubilee Year of Hope! Prayerfully consider a financial gift to our Fall Fundraiser, so together we can keep hope alive on every frequency!



KNIGHTS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



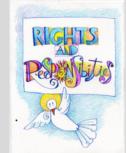
Log Cabin Days Parade
KC Breakfast
Monthly Meeting
First Fall Fish & Chicken Dinner

Saturday, September 27 Sunday, October 5 Thursday, Oct 9 Friday, October 24

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

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life"



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be

protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to the life and a right to those things required for human decency. Religious Freedom enters here. Corresponding to these rights are duties and r responsibilities- to one another, to our families, to the larger society.

Pope Benedict XVI

Pilgrims of Hope: A Pastoral Reflection on Immigration

Often, the issue of immigration is viewed through the lens of politics or economics. What if we look at it through our **faith**? Bishop William Joensen, in collaboration with the lowa Catholic Conference, wrote a pastoral letter called "Pilgrims of Hope" to boldly and clearly share what the Catholic Church teaches about immigration and why it teaches that. Take some time to read the pastoral letter and the reflection questions at dmdiocese.org/immigrationletter or en Espanol dmdiocese.org/blog/peregrinos-de-esperanza-una-reflexin-pastoral-sobre-inmigracin

The new pastoral letter called "Pilgrims of Hope," written by the four Catholic bishops of lowa, is rooted in the Gospel values of justice and human solidarity. It's a message of hope. Our Church stands as a beacon of God-given hope. And hope demands that we respond with courage and solidarity. In defending the dignity of migrants, we proclaim the Gospel. In advocating for justice, we reflect God's love. To put it simply, we are called to welcome the stranger, to be good Samaritans for those whom life has left stranded along our path. Read Pilgrims of Hope. Take the time to learn what our Catholic Church says about immigration, about advocacy efforts, and about ministries that serve migrants and refugees.

Bishop William Joensen, along with the other three bishops of lowa, have issued a pastoral letter, called "Pilgrims of Hope," to convey and remind Catholics and all people of good will about the teaching of the Catholic Church regarding migration. As Catholics, we are called to respect the life and dignity of every person. This is a fundamental teaching of our faith. We respect life and dignity of each person because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. How does this relate to immigration? It means we are called to welcome the stranger, defend the oppressed, and stand in solidarity with those who are displaced because of tragic circumstances.



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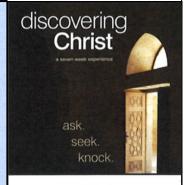
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Pray for our catechists



As we begin another year of Faith Formation at St. Thomas, a heartfelt "**Thank You**" for your service to our children and young people discover their relationship with God and their place in His plan... we couldn't do it without you!

Brian Adams Marcia Konrad

Amanda Adams Donna Krizmanic

Patty Alexander Camille Ledford

David Alexander Leah Maeder

Katie Bee Val McPheron

Mindy Blanchard Adam Naughton

Andrew Brazie Deacon Dave O'Brien

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Michelle Helm Kathy Trail

Maddie Kampf Elizabeth Williams

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