



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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

Monday, September 29

**SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS**

647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, September 30

SAINT JEROME

456: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Wednesday, October 1

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

457: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Thursday, October 2

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

48: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Friday, October 3

459: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Mary Brown

Saturday, October 4

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Thomas Phillips (birthday)
& Bernice Miller (birthday)

Sunday, October 5

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

141: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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 SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

1) We've had 10 new volunteers for our ministries so far- thank you! We are looking for 10 more. Please go to serve.mysta.org to offer to help. I will be contacting all of our ministers in October with a training schedule for our new and our current ministries.

2) I haven't written much over the last 3 years about our Ignite! campaign that we started at the end of 2022. It has been going remarkably well; we are at ~95% of goal. Donations are still trickling in (I'm one of the households still paying on my pledge). I'm hoping we can cross the goal line by the end of the year; would you consider helping? Please go to give.mysta.org and select Ignite!

We are just lining up bids for some of the final projects. So far your contributions to the Ignite! campaign have covered lighting, security cameras, and wi-fi throughout our entire campus. In addition, Ignite! contributions have allowed us to get a projector system in the parish hall.

I've been receiving bids to fix the St. Thomas Aquinas statue; and as we advertised at the beginning of the campaign as soon as we cross the goal line of the campaign, we will fix the statue. I'd love to have this done by Christmas- it would be a great Christmas gift to the parish to have our St. Thomas Aquinas statue restored.

We still need about \$14,000 to finish our Ignite! campaign. If you've given already, would you consider giving 5% more? If you've already given a gift of \$1000, that would be an additional \$50. For me, I just gave a little bit more through the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines- so I will be receiving an Iowa Tax Credit for my contribution and St. Thomas Aquinas will receive credit on Ignite!. E-mail Sue@smcentee@cfswia.org for more information about earning a tax credit for your gift.

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) Our e-mail system is up and running again. Thank you for your patience as we worked through some technical issues.

5) There will be no weekday Masses Tuesday-Thursday next week. I will be at a priest workshop with the priests of the Diocese of Des Moines (we're going to Omaha) and we couldn't find coverage for the Masses. We will still have adoration- the Deacons have generously volunteered their time to come and help keep that ministry going.

Adoration Update

We currently have adoration with exposition on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 9pm.
We are in need of 4 adorers on Tuesdays in order to consider adoration with exposition on that day also.
Below are the hours that we still are in need of adorers.

Tuesday 2, 3 and 4 pm
Wednesday 6 pm
Thursday 9 am, 12 and 7 pm

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

For those unable to commit to an hour each week, please come and visit Jesus anytime your schedule allows.

He is present in the tabernacle at all times and exposed on Wednesday and Thursdays.

You may visit any time the church doors are open.

Please continue to pray that our hours will be filled

Coffee with Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends
What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, October 4th, 2025 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: St Thomas Aquinas Church Multi-Purpose Room

Bring a friend!

Coffee, juice & breakfast treats provided Please bring your rosary, bible, and fun filled spirit!

We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning
The Coffee With Jesus Crew



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

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

This month, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray "for our relationship with all of creation." Inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, he invites us to experience our interdependence with all creatures loved by God and worthy of respect and love.

Pope Leo XIV is encouraging us to discover God's presence in creation and to feel responsible for our common home. Let us together pray through the video produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This 2 min. video can be found on Youtube. Enter "Pope Leo season of creation prayer" in the search, then click on the video called "For Our Relationship with all of creation."

We hope many of you can make it to our annual prairie event to celebrate our relationship with our beautiful prairie.

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.

S.T.A.R.S.

The S.T.A.R.S. will be leading the Rosary prior to masses in October. All are welcome to join together in prayer! We'll begin twenty minutes before mass times.



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

KC Breakfast
Monthly Meeting

First Fall Fish & Chicken Dinner

Sunday, October 5
Thursday, Oct 9
Friday, October 24

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

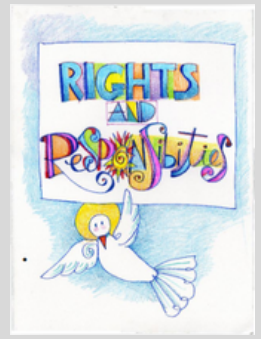
In honor of the Feast of the Rosary on October 7, the Knights of Columbus will be passing out rosaries after all the masses on October 4-5.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its Coats for Kids Drive again this year. Donations will be accepted from November 28-December 7. More details on this program will be found in future bulletins.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"It can happen that one country surpasses another in scientific progress, culture, and economic development. But this superiority, far from permitting it to rule others unjustly, imposes the obligation to make a greater contribution to the people."

Pope John XXIII



Pilgrims of Hope: A Pastoral Reflection in Immigration

Father Adam discussed the Iowa Bishop's letter on immigration at Masses last weekend. If you would like to read the entire letter you can find it at: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/blog/pilgrims-of-hope-a-pastoral-reflection-on-immigration>. As you read the letter, you might reflect on the letter using these questions offered by the Bishops:

- The letter says immigration is a "deeply moral matter." What makes it so?
- How does the Church balance the right of nations to regulate borders with the dignity and rights of migrants?
- What responsibilities do we bear as citizens and Catholic Christians when laws or rhetoric undermine human dignity?
- How does this teaching challenge or affirm your current understanding of immigration?
- The letter insists that "the Gospel demands action." What might that look like in your life or parish?
- In what ways is Mary a model for our response to migrants today?



Operation Christmas will begin accepting donations the weekend of October 11/12. This program began almost 40 years ago when it was discovered some residents in Warren County needed help provide assistance for food and presents for children. The funds collected will be used to provide gift and food vouchers for these families that have completed applications for assistance at Helping Hand. If you are able to make a donation, please place it in the collection basket marked for Operation Christmas. If you write a check, please make it payable to Helping Hand with Operation Christmas in the memo. December 7th will be the night for the gift distribution. Questions about this program, please contact Debbie McDaniel, 515-240-2029.

Thanks!!

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Please join us for our annual
prairie celebration

PIZZA BY THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, October 11
5:30-7:00 p.m.

"Seeds of Hope"

Presentation by Channing Dutton
Host of Three Degrees podcast

Bonfire with **pizza, s'mores and drinks** provided
(Please bring lawn chairs or blankets)

Kid's Activity: Natural Bird Feeder

Sign-up requested by October 7

Friends welcome, but sign-up required
for food & materials preparation

- Back of church
- url: pbp.mysta.org
- QR code





Indianola Knights



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday October 5
9:00 to 10:00 AM

Pancakes or French Toast, Breakfast Sausage or Ham
Coffee & Juice

Let us prepare your Sunday meal so you can spend time
with your family and friends.

The cost is a free-will donation which is used to support
our scholarships.

We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.