



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, 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*

Monday, October 6

461: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, October 7

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

462: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Greg Day

Wednesday, October 8

463: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

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

Thursday, October 9

464: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Bev & Rich Krier

Friday, October 10

465: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Ed Butler

Saturday, October 11

466: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

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

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

Sunday, October 12

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

144: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gary & Vivian Elbert

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 - 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 OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 8

- 1) We've had 14 new volunteers for our ministries so far- thank you! We are looking for 6 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) Please mark your calendars! October 21-25 we will be shooting photos for a new photo directory. We've been assured that the pictures will be ready for Christmas.
- 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) We are wrapping up the Ignite! Campaign, started in 2022. We are over 95% to goal. When we finish the campaign, we will fix our St. Thomas Statue- we are gathering bids right now. If you'd like to help us reach our goal, please go to give.mysta.org and select Ignite!
- 5) We are in need of 4 more catechists to go through Level I CGS training, beginning now in NOVEMBER. Please go to cgs.mysta.org for more information.

Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial October 4

b. 1182– d. 1226
Patron Saint of animals,
ecologists, families, lacemakers,
merchants, needleworkers,
peace, and zoos
Invoked against dying alone
and fire
Canonized by Pope Gregory IX
on July 16, 1228
Liturgical Color: White



St. Francis Preaching to the Birds
Giotto, Circa 1299
The Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi,
Assisi Rome

S.T.A.R.S.

Mark your calendars for our next gathering, October 20 at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose room. Join us to create a beautiful pendant with Haylee Wethe.

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.

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



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"



Corner

The Season of Creation officially ends on Sat., October 4 which coincides with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment (ecology). He is known for his deep love and respect for all of God's creations, particularly animals, and for his advocacy for the poor and marginalized. It is fitting that we celebrate his feast day as we think of our planet and how we can be better stewards of our earth.

We will be celebrating our beautiful prairie on Sat., October 11 at 5:30. We really hope you can attend. We will have lots of pizza, a great speaker and an activity for the kids. You can sign up online or on the sign up sheet in the back of the church. Hope to see you there!

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>.



Sensory-Friendly Mass at Ss. John and Paul, Altoona

In an effort to embrace and welcome the members of our community with autism, Down syndrome, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities, a Sensory-Friendly Mass will take place at Ss. John and Paul Parish on Sunday, October 19 at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend, and a special invitation is extended to any person with sensory issues. Contact Jenni Lihs, jlihs@ssjohnpaul.org, with any questions.

For more information, here is a link to our website as well: <https://ssjohnpaul.org/sensory-friendly-mass>



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.

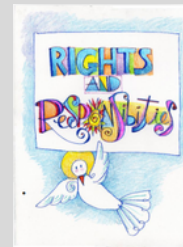
In honor of the Feast of the Rosary on October 7, the Knights of Columbus will be passing out rosaries after all the masses on October 4-5.

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

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

St. Gregory the Great



Pizza by the Prairie



Join us for a fun evening by the St. Thomas prairie, Saturday, October 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. Sign-up requested by Tuesday, October 7 (see url and QR code below). A sign-up sheet is also found in the Gathering Space.

Pizza, s'mores and drinks will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Channing Dutton, host of the Three Degrees podcast will be presenting on "Seeds of Hope" and children will be making natural bird feeders.

Sign up at bbp.mysta.org or scan the QR code



Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, October 6. 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. 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!!!



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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Dear Church Family, It's time for a New Directory!



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Connecting families.
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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.**
If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!**
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



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To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ia368** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



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

