



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 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

Monday, October 13

467: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, October 14

468: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Winston Sayre

Wednesday, October 15

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

469: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Rowan Bee (birthday)

Thursday, October 16

470: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

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

Friday, October 17

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

471: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

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

Saturday, October 18

SAINT LUKE

661: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Ed Butler

Sunday, October 19

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

147: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jack Kibbie

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele ext 208

Caring Hands: Patty Alexander ext 207

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 - mhelmstthomasindianola.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

FOR OCTOBER 9 - OCTOBER 15

1) Thank you to everyone who signed up for the pictorial directory!

We've had over 160 families sign up so far.

Please go to schedule.ucdir.com to signup.

Enter Church Code: ia368

Enter Password: photos

We are hoping to open more times with the photography company on Nov 4 and 5. In order to get those open, we need to have our current sessions each day 80% filled. That means when you log in and see how many spaces are available, if there are 8 or more, we'd prefer you choose those days. It'll convince the company to open more dates for us.

If one of the new dates is a more convenient time for you to have your photographs, please feel free to switch your time.

Reminder- families of 6 or more are asked to sign up for two slots.

This is going to be awesome! Thanks again for your participation.

2) We've had 16 new volunteers for our ministries so far- thank you! We are looking for 4 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. We do need more people to signup to help teach CGS. Please go to cgs.mysta.org.

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) Say some prayers for us as we negotiate with a potential Director of Music Ministry. We should know more by October 15.

5) This weekend, I will be at the annual Canon Law Society of America Convention in Orlando. I will see you all next weekend!

Please join us for the 64th Annual Dowling Catholic Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 26th in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. This time honored DCHS tradition runs from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and supports the student activities endowment.

Purchase tickets online: <https://www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast>

JOIN US!



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

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.

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

It looks like we might be having some fall weather and with that the leaves will be turning and coming down. What to do with all those leaves????? The following is an excerpt from last Sunday's Des Moines Register taken from an articles from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison's horticulture department.:

- Since leaves have nutrients that are good for the soil, if you have just a few leaves, such as 20% of the lawn, you can just ignore them. They will break down on their own.
- If you have a moderate coverage (up to 50%), you can run your lawn mower over them to chop them up where they will decompose over time and provide nutrients for your lawn.
- If you have a thick layer of leaves, rake or remove at least half of them.
- If you do rake, take them to the brush dump. Do not throw them in the trash.
- Avoid gas-powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers, since they are big producers of air pollution.

Happy Fall!

Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App 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

First Fall Fish & Chicken Dinner

Friday, October 24

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.

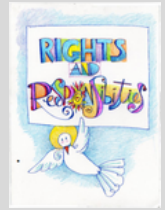
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its Coats for Kids Drive again this year. Donations will be accepted from November 28-December 7. More details on this program will be found in future bulletins.

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

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The universal destination of goods holds that "The goods of creation are destined for the entire human race"

Catechism of the Catholic Church



Medicare Part D Check-Up

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15-December 7. Once again the Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring Medicare Part D Check-Up sessions to help individuals review their current Part D and Medicare Advantage plans and plans that are available for 2026. The Check-Up dates are Tuesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 20. You can sign up for a time to get a comparison done after Masses October 25-26. Remember, Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans can change their premiums, coverage and providers every year so it is critical that you check to be sure you are in a plan for 2026 that works best for you.

St. Thomas Social Concerns



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Thomas' Social Concerns committee will sponsor a TRIVIA NIGHT at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at the St. Thomas Pastoral Center. Proceeds will benefit the Indianola Hope Foundation. Sign up by Nov. 7. All are welcome to come out for a lasagna supper and a fun evening of fellowship. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Gather your team today! \$125 per table of 4-6 people. Don't have a team? Sign up for \$25 and we'll assign you to a team.



The Catholic Mirror

Sign up for The Catholic Mirror newsletter – a new bi-weekly digital newsletter launching this Advent. Every issue will feature Catholic news & events from around the Diocese of Des Moines plus additional news stories out of the Vatican and USCCB.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.dmdiocese.org/newsletter



Operation Christmas



Operation Christmas is now accepting donations. The funds collected will be used to provide gift and food vouchers for families that have completed applications for assistance at Helping Hand. If you place donations in the collection basket please make sure they are marked with Operation Christmas. **Make checks 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.

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