



## 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, 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

**Monday, October 20**

473: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

**Tuesday, October 21**

474: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Bill Thomas

**Wednesday, October 22**

475: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Richard Krier

**Thursday, October 23**

476: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

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

**Friday, October 24**

477: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

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

**Saturday, October 25**

478: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - John & Donna Sereg

**Sunday, October 26**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

150: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Rodney Fee

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

## St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

**515-961-3026**

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest ext 203

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**Deacon Support:** Rev. Mr. Dave O'Brien ext 204

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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)


**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026

**Website:** [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

**For Sacramental Emergencies:** call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

## FOR OCTOBER 16 - OCTOBER 22

1) This weekend is world Mission Sunday. Pope Leo XIV recorded a brief message asking us all to participate in supporting the missions. To watch his video appeal, please [click here](#) or go to [mysta.org](http://mysta.org).

2) We have over 220 households signed up for our pictorial directory. Our parish goal is 250. This weekend will be the last weekend to sign up in person at Masses; please consider doing so. The November 5 date is now open!

Photography sessions will happen Oct. 21-25, 30, and Nov. 4 and 5.

Please go to [schedule.ucdir.com](http://schedule.ucdir.com) to signup.

Enter Church Code: ia368

Enter Password: photos

If you are unable to make it to one of these sessions, please e-mail the office at [office@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:office@stthomasindianola.com)

Also, if you are willing to help check people in (on paper) when they arrive for a photography session, please e-mail the office for more information.

For more information or to read the answers to frequently asked questions, please visit [pic.mysta.org](http://pic.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](http://jobs.mysta.org).

4) Director of Music Ministry update: Negotiations continue. My next conversation with our potential DMM is scheduled for October 26. Your prayers are appreciated!

5) Please pray for the participants of the ChristLife retreat this weekend. As many of you know, the retreat weekend is an opportunity for a powerful encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

## 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, 4 and 5 pm

Wednesday 6 and 8 pm

Thursday 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](mailto: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 note: The North doors of the church are locked after 4:30 pm on Wednesdays. all adorers/visitors must enter through the main doors and sign in.\*\*

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](mailto: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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com) to add or remove names from the bulletin.

## 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.



## Creation Care



Corner

Wow! Our Pizza on the Prairie event was absolutely beautiful. The weather was perfect, the pizza and s'mores were great, but most of all the people were very engaged and made the evening a huge success. Our speaker, Channing Dutton, was excellent and our kids got to make pine cone bird feeders, learn about our bird friends that stay all winter and learn about the importance of taking care of our birds that need our help to survive. Many thanks to those who attended and those who helped!



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.

### Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

## KNIGHTS NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners

4 Big Nights Oct 24 & 31 --Nov 14 & 21

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall

Serving Hours 5:30 -7:00 pm

Dine-In or Take-Out Service

Adults & Take-Out- \$13 Children (Ages 6 to 12) \$6

Children 5 & under are free

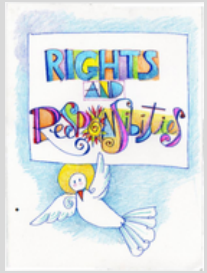
Boy Scout Troop 123 will host a dessert table.

Three dollars from each meal will be used to support: Helping Hand, Heal House, Hope Foundation and the Indianola Ministerial Association

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



Lord of Wisdom,-- awaken us to our duty to care for the basic needs of all people. Strengthen with hope people denied their human rights and freedoms. Provide us all with the voice to cry out for justice for the poor and the oppressed.



### 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.

### IT'S PANCAKE TIME!

The 64th Annual Dowling Catholic Pancake Breakfast will take place 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>



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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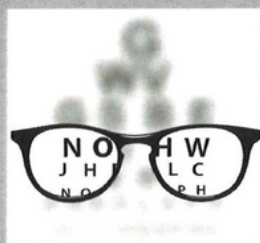
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