



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 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*

Monday, October 27

479: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, October 28

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

666: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Sonnie Brommel

Wednesday, October 29

481: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Arlene DeWall

Thursday, October 30

482: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Loretta Petersen &
Wilma Hill

Friday, October 31

483: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

7:00 pm All Saints Vigil Mass at St. Thomas- Gerald
O'Meara

Saturday, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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

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

Sunday, November 2

ALL SOULS DAY

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

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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 - 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 23 - OCTOBER 29

1) We have made some modifications to the Administrative Assistant position. We are now making that position FULL TIME. It will include benefits such as paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, optional insurance, and paid maternity leave (after 9 months of employment). If interested, please go to jobs.mysta.org

2) We are still needing a few more households to have their photos taken for the directory- we had 250 sign up, but a few have cancelled, and now we are short by 5 families.

Please review the available times and sign up for your photo session today!

Go to schedule.ucdir.com, use church code ia368 and password photos.

3) We are gearing up for the SEEK conference in Columbus, OH. This is open to the ENTIRE PARISH. SEEK is run by F.O.C.U.S., and while college students were the original target of F.O.C.U.S., the organization has now branched out to parishes. For more info, please go to seek.focus.org. If you'd be interested in travelling with us, please e-mail us at office@stthomasindianola.com

4) Please pray for our Drake and Simpson college students who are on retreat this weekend.

5) Please mark your calendars for the upcoming sessions of ChristLife- we are going to be running all three modules SIMULTANEOUSLY beginning in January.

All Souls Day

Next Saturday, Nov.
invited to carry
forward in
their loved
have passed
during the past
will take place
evening vigil Mass



first, people are
lighted candles
honor of
ones who
away
year. This
at the Sat.
at 4:30 p.m.

You may honor any family member or friend this way, whether or not he or she was a member of this parish. if you would like to participate contact Michelle at 515-961-3026 or email mhelm@stthomasindianola.com no later than Thursday, October 30.

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

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 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



Here are a few suggestions to make your Halloween more eco-friendly:

1. Give away alternate treats for Halloween, such as environmentally-themed stickers, polished stones, temporary tattoos or friendship bracelets. For those who want to give out more traditional treats, there are many organic and all natural options—from organic and fair trade chocolate to sustainable chewing gum and dried apple slices.
2. Consider swapping costumes with friends, relatives and neighbors. Or try making your own with your child's help.
3. You can do the same with Halloween decorations. Get friends together and swap out your old decorations for something new (to you).
4. Buy local pumpkins.

Enjoy this fun time and help out the planet at the same time!

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.

S.T.A.R.S. Cookie Decorating Workshop!

Everyone Welcome!

November 17th @ 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose room. Learn how to create beautiful hand decorated cookies!

We provide all of the supplies needed! Bring a friend!



<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/203502134>

KNIGHTS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners

4 Big Nights Oct 24 & 31 --Nov 7 & 14

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

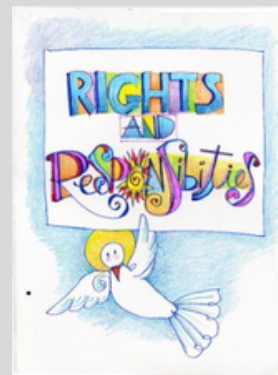
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its Coats for Kids Drive again this year. Donations will be accepted from November 28-December 7. More details on this program will be found in future bulletins.

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

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"The common good is chiefly guaranteed when personal rights and duties are maintained. The chief concern of civil authorities must therefore be to ensure that these rights are acknowledged, respected, coordinated with other rights, defended and promoted, so that in this way everyone may more easily carry out their duties."

Pope John XXIII



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.



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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.



Protecting Yourself from Scams

Have you or someone you know been a victim of a scam? Join us Sunday, November 2 at 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room for a presentation on protecting yourself from fraud. Michaela Johns and Lexie McLain, fraud prevention specialists from Peoples Bank, will share timely information on current scams and how to protect yourself. A dessert bar will follow the presentation. Peoples Bank and the St. Thomas Social Concerns Committee are co-sponsoring the event.

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