



## 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, 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—Michael Metz

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

### Monday, November 3

485: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

#### NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

### Tuesday, November 4

#### SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

486: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Pat Miller

### Wednesday, November 5

487: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Mike Metz

### Thursday, November 6

488: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

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

### Friday, November 7

489: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Dan Ripperger

### Saturday, November 8

490: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Mark Gross

### Sunday, November 9

#### DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

ext 201

Business Manager:

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Helm

ext 205

Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest

ext 203

Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall

ext 209

Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Michelle Helm

ext 205

Maintenance:

Housekeeper: Andrea Ooms

**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 30 - NOVEMBER 5

1) There will be a farewell reception for Leasa Garrett on Saturday, Nov 1 after the 4:30 Mass. Leasa has accepted the Business Manager position at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Thank you to Leasa for your dedicated service the last 10 years, we will miss you! Good Luck and Godspeed on the next steps of your career.

2) Thank you everyone for participating in the Novena to St. Cecilia for a new music director- our prayers were answered! Emma Lynch (formerly DeVries) will be our Director of Music Ministry beginning June 1, 2026. Please do keep Emma in your continued prayers.

3) 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](http://jobs.mysta.org)

4) I am working with our Trustees, the Parish Council, and the Finance Council to revamp some of our staffing structures. Please keep us in prayer as we discern together the best way to meet the needs of our growing community.

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

### *All Saints Day/ All Souls Day: What's the Difference?*

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are not the same; they are two separate but connected observances.

All Saints' Day, on November 1, honors all the saints and martyrs in heaven, while All Souls' Day, on November 2, is a day to pray for the souls of all the departed, especially those in purgatory. All Saints' Day is considered a day of celebration, while All Souls' Day is a day for mourning and prayer. All Saints Day is normally a holy day of obligation, but since it falls on a Saturday this year that obligation has been lifted. The liturgical color for All Saints day is white, which symbolizes the holiness and purity of the saints in heaven.

All Soul's Day is not a holy day of obligation, but is a perfect time to pray for all the faithful departed - those close to you and those unknown to you. You can light a candle at mass in honor of a loved one- here at St. Thomas we have candles to memorialize all our parishioners that have passed in the last year as well as any loved ones you request to be honored.

## 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

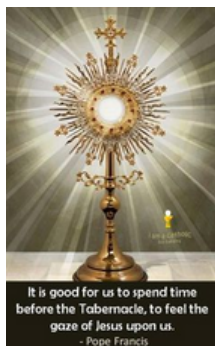
Thursday 12 and 7 pm

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 Andreassen, 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.





## Creation Care



Corner

As you know, migratory birds are on their way to warmer climates for the winter. They face many dangerous man-made obstacles on their journeys. Here are a few ways you can help.

Make your windows obvious - About 1 billion birds die annually from colliding with reflective glass surfaces. Collisions can be reduced by using decals, films with dots, strips of translucent tape or UV stickers. Any of these will help birds avoid lethal impacts.

Go Lights Out - Light pollution is a problem for the birds. They can become disoriented and collide with buildings, etc. By keeping household and external lights off from dusk till dawn, we can help up to a million migrating birds stay on course.

Become an Advocate - You can drive substantial change by writing letters raising awareness about light pollution's threat to birds. Go to <https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out> to encourage reforms..

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

### 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.

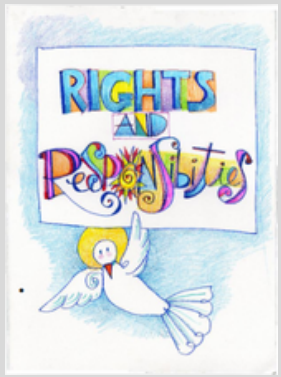
Three dollars from each meal will be used to support: Helping Hand, Heal House, Hope Foundation and the Indianola Ministerial Association

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

"Every Person has a right to life and to the material and spiritual support required to live a truly human existence. The right to a truly human life logically leads to the right to enough food to sustain a life with dignity. The poverty and hunger that diminish the lives of millions in our own land and in so many other countries re fundamental threats to human life and dignity and demand a response from believers."



Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers  
USCCB

### 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.

### GATHERING TABLE

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, November 3. Please consider those who are less fortunate and so appreciate the meals we provide. We have been serving 100-130 meals so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. **There is one change for this month. The walk-in refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen are being replaced and will not be available to store food that requires refrigeration for us. Please bring your food to the kitchen between 3:30 and 5:00 Nov. 3. There is no cold storage available this week.**

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>



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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.



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# All Souls Day

Please join in prayer for our parishioners who have passed  
away in the last year

*“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them. May  
their souls and all the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.”*

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