



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 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

Monday, November 10

SANT LEO THE GREAT

491: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, November 11

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

492: Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Jack Kibbie

Wednesday, November 12

SAINT JOSAPHAT

493: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Bill Thomas

Thursday, November 13

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

494: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Bess Basler

Friday, November 14

495: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - John & Donna Sereg

Saturday, November 15

496: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Richard & Violet
Alexander

Sunday, November 16

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

159:Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Daniel Miller (birthday)

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

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Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition is available Wednesdays and Thursdays 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

FOR NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 12

1) We have several open jobs at St. Thomas Aquinas. We are in need of a part-time bookkeeper, a full-time administrative assistant, and a part-time facility maintenance person. We will begin interviews the week before Thanksgiving. If interested, or for more details, please go to jobs.mysta.org.

2) I'm super excited- I'd like to extend my personal welcome to the 4 families who asked to join our church! Thank you to our entire community for welcoming them! You all are amazing. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the Catholic faith at St. Thomas Aquinas, you can register at our parish by going to new.mysta.org.

3) On November 20 and 21, we will be hosting leadership from FOCUS Parish Missionaries at St. Thomas Aquinas to discern whether or not we would be a good fit for two Parish Missionaries. Please pray for this discernment.

4) I had a request to publish the names of our finance council and pastoral council members. I didn't realize they were not listed anywhere (including the website and app) but we are working on a new website and they will be there. In the meantime, you can go to our links page in the app and find a link to the finance and parish council rosters.

5) Please remember St. Thomas Aquinas in your end-of-year giving. We are hoping to build a few new ministry positions in 2026 and your year-end giving is the foundation that allows us to grow. To give to St. Thomas Aquinas, please go to give.mysta.org. You can set up your own ACH transactions or donate by credit card. Your gifts are appreciated!

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

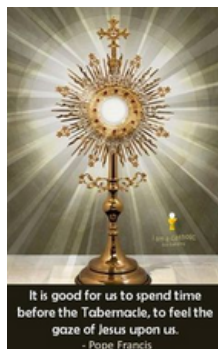
Thursday 12 and 7 pm

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, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandle, 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.



Ordinary time is running out- TWO more Sundays and Advent begins. If you have a child in the CGS atrium, you might hear strains of "purple is for preparation..." being sung around the house. To help you get the most from this beautiful liturgical season, the church has purchased Advent copies of the the WORD among us® for you!

These are located in baskets on a table in the gathering space, be sure to pick one up today!



Creation Care



Corner

We have many great coffee shops here in Indianola. When visiting your favorite coffee shop, ask for a real cup or glass, not paper. You can decline a straw if it is offered. Each year an estimated 138 billion straws are thrown away in the U.S. Enjoy your latte but be mindful of the earth!

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.



If you missed signing up for the Trivia Night November 15, you can still sign up through Monday, November 10. Fliers with registration information can be found on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. This is a good opportunity to help support a valuable community resource, the HOPE Foundation.

Coats for Kids Program



As a reminder, the Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual Coats for Kids fundraising drive from November 28-December 7, 2025. In the past 5 years, this drive has raised over \$11,400 and provided over 400 coats to children in need in Warren County. Donations can be given via the Church App. We will also have some Knights who will be happy to collect your donations after all the masses during those weekends. Please consider donating to this worthy cause and give the gift of warmth to our local youth in need this holiday season!



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.

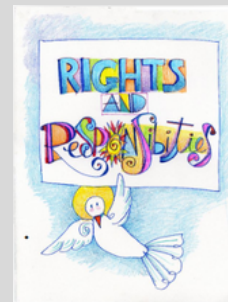
Three dollars from each meal will be used to support: Helping Hand, Heal House, Hope Foundation and the Indianola Ministerial Association

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

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor, so that they are not abandoned to the laws of an economy that seems at times to treat people as mere consumers."

Pope Francis



We are so blessed to have such amazing families that were able to donate money to our collection for Operation Christmas. **THANK YOU** all so much for your continued support for this program that helps children and families of Warren County. This year our donations totaled \$2,845. This does NOT include the checks that were sent directly to Karey. **THANK YOU!** Debbie McDaniel

Fraud Presentation

Thank you!



Thank you to Peoples Bank for co-sponsoring the presentation on fraud and scam protections this past Sunday. The two staff from Peoples, Michaela Johns and Lexie McLain gave a very informative presentation based on their direct involvement with fraud and scams at the bank. If you missed the presentation Peoples Bank has a Facebook page and posts fraud protection tips regularly.



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!

All supplies provided- bring a friend!



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



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Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention!

Wanted Cookies, Holiday Treats and Specialty Items!



Our annual Cookie Walk and Vendor Fair is fast approaching! This annual event is a great example of promoting Catholic action by giving to others. This event will help fund our Scholarships, Altar and Church needs, music and liturgical needs, spiritual books and religious events. Finally, we hope it will fund our ultimate goal: a beautiful Rosary garden

<https://tinyurl.com/STA-GIVE>

that will foster a love for the Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary. We need your help in making this event a huge success!

Any and all cookie donations are welcome and appreciated, but as we often run out quickly, we recommend a donation of at least 6-8 dozen. Too busy to make treats? Monetary donations are a great way to still help our cause. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas Altar and Rosary or you can click on this link to donate through the church app <https://tinyurl.com/STA-GIVE>. Please bring your donations to the St. Thomas Room on **December 3 through December 5th**! Please pick up a Thank You coupon for \$2.00 off your purchase at the Cafe or Holiday Treats!

Gratefully in Christ!

St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society (STARS)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR

Free Admission



**DEC. 6
8am-11am**

See Vendor List



**Purchase Festive Holiday Treats, & unique, local
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giant cinnamon rolls and cider. Meet our special
guest Jolly 'ol St. Nick!**

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