



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 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

Monday, November 17

SANT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

497: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, November 18

498: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Donna & John Sereg

Wednesday, November 19

499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

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

Thursday, November 20

500: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

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

Friday, November 21

THE PRESENTATION OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

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

Saturday, November 22

SAINT CECILIA

502: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Gary & Vivian Elbert

Sunday, November 23

CHRIST THE KING

162:2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carol Bailey

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal

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Administrative Assistant: Michelle Helm

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Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest

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ext 208

Caring Hands: Patty Alexander

ext 207

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 13 - NOVEMBER 19

1) I will be on vacation Through November 18. People asked me where I am going on vacation, and honestly I never really know until it comes. This time around I'm heading north in search of snow to bring back with me when I return. Pray for me, and know of my prayers for all of you!

2) I am excited to announce that Nicola Brummer has agreed to join our team and serve as St. Thomas Aquinas' Facility Rental Coordinator. She is completing the onboarding process now, and we hope to have her up and running in her new position Nov. 19. She will be reachable at nbrummer@stthomasindianola.com. Welcome, Nicola! Also, we have had some responses to our open positions at St. Thomas Aquinas, and will begin interviews when I return from vacation. If you are interested, please go to jobs.mysta.org.

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

4) I made reference last week to a new website we are developing. My hope is that it will be ready to launch by Thanksgiving; there are still a few more things we want to do with it, however. In the meantime, you can see a few screen shots by following the link under the "links" button on the app or by going to mysta.org and clicking "links".

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!

St. Elizabeth of Hungary July 7, 1207-November 17, 1231

Elizabeth was born a princess in the kingdom of Hungary and became a landgravine (a noble ruler) in Thuringia, Germany when she wed Louis IV in a political match, though they were said to have a happy marriage. At a young age, Elizabeth learned about the ideas of Francis of Assisi and began to live them herself, supported by her husband. She used her dowry to build a hospital and personally cared for the sick. She became renowned for her Christian charity and compassion.

Elizabeth was declared a saint in 1235 by the Catholic Church. As an early member of the Third Order of St. Francis; she is honored as their patroness.

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

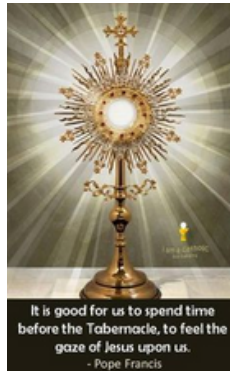
Thursday 12 and 7 pm

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 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



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Look for ways to recycle protective materials from packages you receive. Some local package-shipping offices will accept materials such as plastic peanuts and bubble wrap. Bubble wrap also can be packaged in a plastic grocery bag and placed in your recycle cart. UPS accepts the packaging you receive from UPS. Find out where to recycle in your area at www.earth911.com

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.



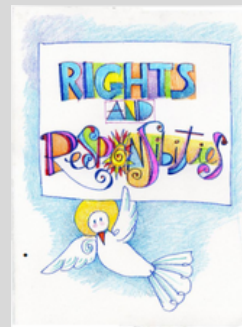
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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Catholics can in no way convince themselves that so enormous and unjust inequality in the distribution of this world's good truly conforms to the design of the all-wise Creator."

Pope Pius XI



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>

KNIGHTS NEWS

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!

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

VOLUNTEERS needed

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to sign up and
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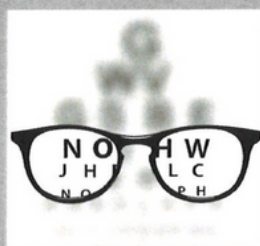
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