



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

210 S Wesley Street- Indianola, IA 50125

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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 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*

Monday, November 24

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS

503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, November 25

504: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas -David Barnes

Wednesday, November 26

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

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

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY

506: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

9:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -John & Donna Sereg

Friday, November 28

507: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Saturday, November 29

508: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Sheila Goode

Sunday, November 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— David Day

5:00 pm *Simpson Mass*

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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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

Adoration Update

FR. ADAM'S FIVE FOR NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26

1) Thank you all for the prayers while I was on vacation! I traveled north in hopes of finding snow; turns out I should have headed EAST! Oh well, I spent the week enjoying board games and watching movies with a priest friend.

2) Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Please bring an item from your Thanksgiving table to have blessed. A food item, mind you, not a piece of the actual table. There will be no Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Friday after Thanksgiving.

3) On November 20 and 21, St. Pius X and St. Thomas Aquinas will be hosting leadership from FOCUS Parish Missionaries. This visit is part of a discernment process for our parishes to see if we would be a good fit for two FOCUS Parish Missionaries. Please pray for this discernment.

4) For three 3 years, our leadership teams (Finance Council and Parish Council) have had numerous meetings discussing the best way to expand our staff with ministry in mind. If you'd like to see the most recent vision, please go to vision.mysta.org. With your support, we can provide new opportunities for ministry in our community.

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!

- Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.
- There will be NO morning mass on Friday, November 28.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.



Thanksgiving is quickly upon us and Advent begins in a week and a half. How wonderful it would be if we could have our hours for adoration filled! Thanksgiving and Advent are great times to begin spending an hour a week with Jesus as we reflect on our many blessings and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

We currently have adoration with exposition on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 9pm. We need a few more adorers on Wednesday and Thursday and are in need of just 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: 1, 2, 3, and 4 pm

Wednesday: 6 and 8 pm

Thursday: 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 4pm 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



Corner

In preparation for Advent, the Creation Care Team will be handing out bookmarks this week. Follow the steps to find prayers, reflections and scripture for each week in Advent. We hope you and your families will turn to that resource as you light your Advent candles. Together let's prepare our hearts for a Christmas filled with love and purpose!

On another topic, critical talks at the UN climate summit in Brazil (COP 30) began this week with calls to formalize a timeline for phasing out fossil fuels at the top of the agenda. Please pray for the success of this conference.

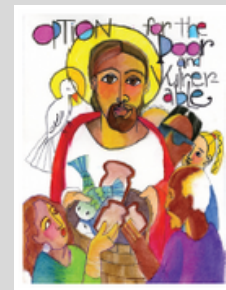
If you would like to learn more and take action, visit the Climate Reality Project.

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.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

**"If you help the poor and the needy,
God will always provide you with
the help you need."**

St. Vincent de Paul



Trivia Night THANK YOU

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone who joined us last Saturday for the Trivia Night to benefit the Hope Foundation. It was a fun night and we were able to raise over \$3,900 for this wonderful organization. Special thanks to the local businesses who supported the event with donations:

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KNIGHTS NEWS



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 30
9:00 am to 10:00 am



Pancakes or French Toast, Breakfast Sausage or Ham
Coffee & Juice

Let us prepare your Sunday meal so you can spend time with your family and friends.

The cost is a free-will donation which is used to support our scholarships.

Cash, checks or credit/debit cards accepted.



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.

Des Moines Area Reconciliation Services – Advent 2025

Tuesday, Dec 2	6:00 pm	St. Catherine of Siena, Des Moines
Tuesday, Dec 2	7:00 pm	St. Francis, West Des Moines
Wed., Dec. 3	6:30 pm	St. Augustin, Des Moines
Thursday, Dec 4	6:30 pm	Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny
Wed., Dec 10	6:30 pm	St. Theresa, Des Moines
Wed., Dec 10	6:15 pm	St. Joseph, Des Moines
Sunday, Dec 14	2:00 pm	St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines
Sunday, Dec 14	3:00 pm	St. John, Adel
Thursday, Dec 18	7:00 pm	Ss. John and Paul, Altoona
Sunday, Dec 21	4:00 pm	St. Pius X, Urbandale

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We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.