



“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those  
on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:14

*Merry Christmas!*  
*2025*

*from Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church*

8:00



## Fr. Adam's Five For Christmas



1) Merry Christmas Everyone! I wish you all the best this Christmas season, and I want to express my gratitude to you all. Please see the insert in this Christmas bulletin.

2) "The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear." -Buddy

The music for this time is so beautiful, we'd encourage you to join us in singing our Lord's praises during our liturgies this Christmas season. Also, we are always looking for more voices to help with our choir. If you are interested in joining our musicians, please talk to one of them after Mass.

3) We have books available for you as a present for the Christmas season. We invite each family to take one..

4) Starting in January, we are launching our next run of ChristLife. There is a free meal, prayer, fellowship, and teaching, and we provide childcare! Please signup by going to [dc.mysta.org](https://dc.mysta.org), or by checking your e-mail if you've already attending Discovering Christ or Following Christ.

5) We are looking to expand our ministry offerings in 2026, but need to be sure the parish supports our growth. Your year-end gifts help us to plan for the future. Please consider making a year-end gift to our tithing fund at [give.mysta.org](https://give.mysta.org).

For more information on year-end giving, please go to [yearend.mysta.org](https://yearend.mysta.org).

For more information about what we have planned for future growth, please go to [vision.mysta.org](https://vision.mysta.org)

Don't forget The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God on January 1. Mass will be at 9:00 am and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## Eucharistic Adoration

The mission is simple- to adore Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, offering a profound chance for quiet prayer, thanksgiving, and petition; fostering a deeper, personal relationship with Him. It's an act of love and recognition of God's presence, distinct from Mass, allowing believers to simply *be* with Christ.

Our adoration hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 9pm, with hopes of extending to Tuesdays.

**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. You may visit any time the church doors are open. Please continue to pray that our hours may be filled.

## S.T.A.R.S. (Saint Thomas Altar and Rosary Society)

Our mission is to promote devotion, love, prayer and service of Catholic women. We work to save souls and grow closer to the blessed Mother of Jesus.

Meetings are the third Monday of every month from September through May at 7:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. We would love to see you!



**To request to join, scan the QR code**

## Caring Hands

We aim to be a reflection of Christian hospitality and ensure all parishioners are cared for and that their spiritual and faith needs matter. We are here to serve as Jesus did by helping those in need and to bring joy to comfort to others by bringing the Eucharist to the elderly, homebound, ill, hospitalized, lonely and bereaved. **If you are interested in getting involved, call 515-961-3026.**



To request care for someone in the hospital or a facility, scan the QR code at the right.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights have a long history of empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. We enjoy fellowship and friendship while supporting our church, local, and wider communities.

We meet monthly on the second Thursday from 7-8pm in the Great Hall.

**Scan the QR code to join and to see our calendar of events.**



## Gathering Table

Food insecurity in Warren County, Iowa, is a significant and growing concern, with challenges like rising costs, food deserts, and increased demand at food pantries. We provide, free of charge, a hot meal to those in Indianola and the Warren County area.

We serve the first and third Mondays of each month from 5pm until the food runs out. **You can get involved by showing up to serve, scanning the QR code to sign up to bring food, or call the church office at 515-961-3026 for more details.**



## Social Concerns

We work to identify the needs for support in our parish, community, and society and then respond by working directly to serve and advocate for the voiceless and overlooked, deepening our faith by serving others. We sponsor an activity every month of the school year. **Our meeting times vary according to member's schedules- to request to join scan the QR code.**



## Creation Care

Our goal is to educate parishioners about the climate and our planet and to promote good stewardship of the earth. We meet the first Sunday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose room across from the sanctuary.



**To join scan the QR code or email [ritabresnan@gmail.com](mailto:ritabresnan@gmail.com)**

## Coffee With Jesus

Good days start with Coffee and Jesus... and Fun! We combine Faith, Fellowship, and Fun as we recite the Rosary and grow closer to the Blessed Mother of Jesus.



Meetings are the first Saturday of every month, except December, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room with coffee, juice and breakfast items. We would love to have you at our next meeting! **Scan**

**the QR code to become part of this fun-loving group.**

## Prayer Chain

*Let us pray for you!*

Whether you are facing illness, emotional, spiritual, or financial battles, we can lift one another up in prayer as a community and help one another through.

**To add someone to the prayer chain, scan the code or email [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com)**



**Out of respect for privacy, PLEASE have the person's permission before requesting**

## S.T.A.T. (Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens)

Our parish is proud to have one the most active and engaging youth ministry programs in the area and it takes the hard work and dedication of many parent volunteers to make it happen. We do many service projects, but the biggest is going on Mission Trip with two other faith communities- Sacred Heart in Chariton and St. Patrick's in Clear Lake. We welcome all parish teens and visitors- the more the merrier to keep our group growing and strong. To join, simply scan the QR code and register for STAT. Call the office at 515-961-3026 for more information.



## Men's and Women's Weekly Scripture Study

Deacon Dave runs TWO bible studies- one for the **men that meet every Saturday morning at 8:00 am in either the conference room or the Multi-Purpose room**; and one for the **women every Monday morning at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose room**. You don't have to register, just bring your bible and show up!

## Christ Life

ChristLife is a three part program centered around a community meal and small discussion groups. It is based on Church teachings and has been refined over 25 years to help people:

- Discover Jesus
- Begin to follow Him as a disciple
- Learn how to share Him with others.

This program has been running at St. Thomas since 2023 and over 200 of our parishioners have participated. Winter of 2026 we will be running all three levels at the same time: Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ. **To sign up, scan the QR code or call Trent Priest at 515-961-3026 for more details.**



## Meal Ministry

A new ministry at St. Thomas aimed at providing meals for parish events, families with new babies, illness, or bereavement. Helping is at-will through a sign up and not on demand. If you like to cook or serve, please scan the QR code, fill out the brief survey, and sign up to help.



## Music Ministry

We are always looking for singers and musicians to join our music ministry and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We are especially in need of a pianist until our new Music Minister begins in June. Contact the office if you are interested.

## Other Ways to Serve

There are many other areas of service at St. Thomas, scan the QR code to see the list and tell us how you want to be involved!





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