



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 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

Monday, December 1

175: Is 4:2-6 /Mt 8:5-11

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, December 2

176: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas -Richard and Violet Alexander

Wednesday, December 3

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

177: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Ed Butler

Thursday, December 4

178: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Bev & Rich Krier

Friday, December 5

179: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

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

Saturday, December 6

180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Tom Duffy

Sunday, December 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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Administrative Assistant: Michelle Helm ext 205

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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 - mhelmstthomasindianola.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

FR. ADAM'S FIVE FOR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

1) Happy Thanksgiving to you all! 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.

2) Thank you for your prayers for the FOCUS visit this past week. We had two representatives from FOCUS present to our Staff, Simpson College Outreach, and Finance and Parish Councils. The meetings went well. Now we continue together the discernment process; please keep our leadership teams in prayer as we discern together this opportunity for our parish.

3) The STARS Cookie Walk is December 6. Please consider coming on by! We have around 40 vendors for you to visit, plus TONS of cookies and treats available for you. The money raised will support our Altar and Rosary Society and their initiatives.

4) The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Coats for Kids drive. In the last 5 years the Knights have supplied over 400 coats to needy children in Warren County. Please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus this weekend. You can find the link to give at give.mysta.org.

5) We have one more chance for you to participate in our photo directory! We will be having photos on Tuesday, December 9th. While the pictures will not be available by Christmas, they will be in the upcoming directory. Signup by going to schedule.ucdir.com, and entering church code: ia368 and password: photos or by calling the parish office. More info at pic.mysta.org.

Adoration Update

Advent begins today. How wonderful it would be if we could have our hours for adoration filled! Advent is a great time 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

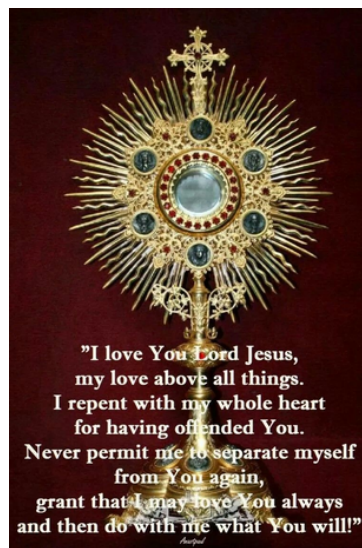
Thursday: 7 pm

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.



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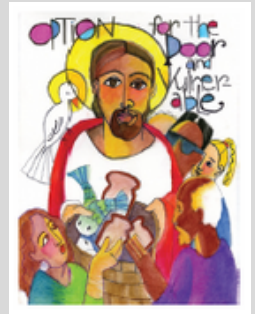
Our apologies to those of you that did not receive an Advent bookmark last week. We have printed more and they are on the kiosks in the back of the church. Please follow the steps on the bookmark to find prayers reflections and scripture for each week in Advent. We sincerely hope you and your families have a blessed and faith-filled Advent season.

PS For the final step click on "Creation Awaits with Eager Expectation" and fill out the form to download.

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

Loving God--May we always remember that by serving people living in poverty, we are loving and serving you. Give us the wisdom to see the structures which create poverty and the passion to make a change.



GATHERING TABLE



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,"
Matt 25:30

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, December 1. Please consider those who are less fortunate and so appreciate the meals we provide. The number of meals we serve has gone up significantly, serving 156 and 186 meals the last two Mondays. Please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the new walk-in refrigerator early if you can't come by on Monday. 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>

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.

Help needed IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

We are in need of a pianist for Mass as well as singers. If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love to have you in the music ministry at St. Thomas! Psalm 100:2 says "Come before him with joyful song." NOT perfect song, so don't be shy!



Please contact the office at 515-961-3026 or email mhelmestthomasindianola.com for more information.



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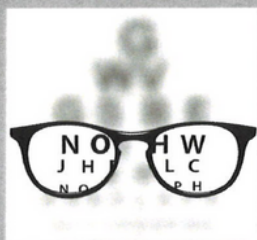
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