



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, December 27 SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Ed Butler

Sunday, December 28 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

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

Monday, December 29 202: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, December 30

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

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

Wednesday, December 31

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas- Carol Bailey

Thursday, January 1 MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

18: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00 am Mass at St. Thomas- Albert Basler, E. Grayson
McGrannahan III

Friday, January 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

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

Saturday, January 3

206: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Bev Elbert

Sunday, January 4

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

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 Brenna Blong - blong@mysta.org

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

Eucharistic Adoration



Merry Christmas! As 2025 comes to a close and thoughts turn to New Years resolutions, please consider making a resolution to spend an hour each week with Jesus in adoration. Its one resolution that is easy to make and keep and one that is good for your heart and soul!

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 3 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, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday: 6, 7 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 continue to pray that our hours may be filled.

Prayer List

For all those in need, Derry Butler, 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 Brenna Blong at 515-961-3026 or bblong@mysta.org to add or remove names from the bulletin.

8:00



Fr. Adam's Five for December 18 - December 24

1) Merry Christmas Everyone! As we continue the 12 days of Christmas, we treat each day like Christmas. Merry Christmas!

2) Mass time for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God will be January 1 at 9 a.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

3) Currently we are building up our OPERATING FUND so that we have the necessary funds to cover 6 months worth of operating expenses. We need your help!

Please consider making a year-end gift to our tithing fund at give.mysta.org.

For more information on year-end giving, please go to yearend.mysta.org.

For more information about what we have planned for future growth, please go to vision.mysta.org

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, or by checking your e-mail if you've already attending Discovering Christ or Following Christ.

5) Please pray for our Simpson ministry team and our college students who are going to SEEK in Columbus January 1-5.



Important Dates:

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. We will have mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday instead of 8:00 a.m.

The office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st, so be sure to stop in with any end of the year business before then!





Creation Care



As the time for making New Year's resolutions approaches, resolve to grow something yourself that will feed you and your loved ones this year (or to grow at least a little more than you have in the past). It might be as basic as growing herbs on your windowsill or experimenting with your first tomato plant. It might be something more ambitious like setting aside an area for creating a garden bed or planting some fruit trees or bushes. If you don't have land of your own, you can grow plants in pots on a patio or look into joining a community garden where you can tend to your own plot. Eating food you've grown yourself eliminates the carbon impact of transporting food grown hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

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.

Corner



KNIGHTS NEWS



Pancake Breakfast

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

Sunday January 4 9:00 to 10:00 AM

We accept cash, checks, or credit/debit cards

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who contributed to our annual Coats for Kids campaign. We are pleased to announce that we have collected \$2438 for our Coats for Kids program this year. We have used the funds to purchase eight cartons of coats (96 total). Upon delivery, the Knights of Columbus will present the coats to our partners at The Helping Hand for distribution to those in need this winter. An assortment of new/used coats and other winter accessories were also collected during this campaign. The Helping Hand will continue to gather gently used coats at this time of year. As you find gently used coats around your homes, consider donating them to The Helping Hand and help provide the gift of warmth during the winter season.

Novena for Life

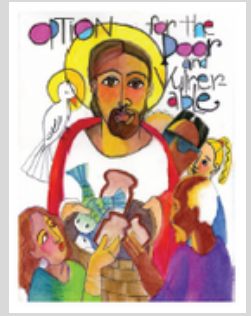
In honor of Respect of Life Month, the Knight of Columbus will sponsor its annual Novena for Life from January 16-24, 2026. Times and locations will vary—see next week's bulletin for more details.

All male parishioners age 18 and up are always welcome to attend our meetings

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

It will be necessary above all to abandon a mentality in which the poor—as individuals and as peoples—are considered a burden, as irksome intruders trying to consume what others have produced. The advancement of the poor constitutes a great opportunity for the moral, cultural, and even economic growth of all humanity. what others have produced.

Populorum Progressio- Pope Paul VI



Wishing you a Happy New Year may it be filled with Blessings and Good Fortune

Coffee with Jesus

Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, Fun

When: Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room

Bring a friend.

Coffee, juice & breakfast treats provided.

Please bring your rosary, bible and fun filled spirit!

Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning,

The Coffee With Jesus Crew



Mass Intentions Amount Change

Beginning January 1, the Diocese has instituted an increase in the offering amount for masses from \$5.00 a mass to \$10.00. If you make your mass intention requests before January 31, 2025 the amount will only be \$5.00.



CHRISTMAS DOESN'T END ON THE 25TH, IT'S JUST GETTING STARTED!

Please Join Us

at the Annual
St. Thomas Nativity Play and Carol Sing

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ enacted by the young people of St. Thomas and join in singing some wonderful Christmas songs.

Performance will be January 4 at 12:00pm

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