



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, 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

Monday, January 5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

212: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, January 6

213: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Bernard Miller

Wednesday, January 7

214: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas - Loretta Peterson,
Wilma Hill & Keri O'Meara

Thursday, January 8

215: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Jack Kibbie

Friday, January 9

216: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Berta Kerdick

Saturday, January 10

217: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

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

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

Sunday, January 11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas - Ron Day

5:00 pm Simpson Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal	ext 201
Bookkeeper:	ext 200
Administrative Assistant: Brenna Blong	ext 205
Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest	ext 203
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Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Michelle Helm	ext 202
Facility Rental Coordinator: Nicola Brummer	ext 206
Maintenance:	
Housekeeper: Andrea Ooms	
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Deacon Support: Rev. Mr. Dave O'Brien	ext 204
Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele	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 Brenna Blong - bblong@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

8:00



Fr. Adam's Five for January 1 - January 7

1) Thank you to everyone who made the liturgies over Christmas so beautiful! We have a truly amazing community and I'm honored to be a part of it. It was a great joy celebrating the coming of Christ with you all.

2) I'm grateful for everyone who sent me a card for Christmas. I put them up on my door and pray for you when I walk through, and I don't take them down until Advent.

3) Please pray for our college students and chaperones going to SEEK in Columbus January 1-5.

4) ChristLife starts January 14. Please go to <https://dc.mysta.org> to signup for Discovering Christ. If you've already been through Discovering Christ, please check your e-mail for the signup links for Following Christ/ Sharing Christ.

5) I know I have spoken often these last three years of our financial need, and I want to thank everyone who helped our parish with increased tithing, donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and/or a year-end contribution. We are in a much better place financially now.

Because of your generosity, it is safe to say we are emerging from the financial situation of 2 years ago, when our Operating Fund had just over one month's worth of a reserve and our expenses exceeded our tithing revenue by a wide margin (see my December 2023 letter). Initial estimates show significant growth in our 2025 Operating Fund compared to this time last year. I'll provide a more detailed update mid to late January after our bookkeeping team has a chance to process end of year gifts. Thank you for making what we do here possible!



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.

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, Michael Deming, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandle, 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.



Creation Care



"Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11

Having just come through another Christmas season of gift-giving, consider which gifts you gave or received were the most significant to you. Likely you most treasure those that won't end up in a landfill sooner rather than later. As we move into a new year, consider vowing to give gifts this year that aren't disposable in any way. How might you give gifts of time, talent, and "treasure" that won't end up in the garbage?

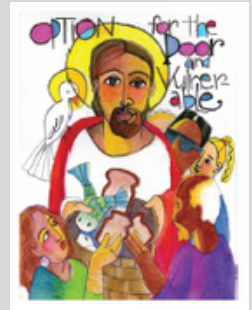
Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App and request to join.

Corner

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich."

St. Ambrose



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

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

Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, January 5

Please consider those who are less fortunate and so appreciate the meals we provide. We have been serving around 120 so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the walk-in refrigerator early if you can't come by on Monday. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.



Nursery is Open During Confession at St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi's nursery is open during confession from 8-9 a.m. every first Saturday of the month. Let nothing stand between you and God's mercy—not even finding childcare.

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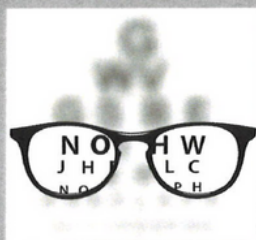
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