



## 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

Third Thursday of the month at Westview Care Center

### 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 Mass at Simpson

### Monday, January 12

305: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

### Tuesday, January 13

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas -Ed Butler

### Wednesday, January 14

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas- Rich Gunnarson

### Thursday, January 15

308: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Morning Mass at Westview Care Center -Bev  
& Rich Krier, Nancy Slick

### Friday, January 16

309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas -Paula Chew

### Saturday, January 17

#### SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

310: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas -Kerri O'Meara (for  
healing)

### Sunday, January 18

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

64: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Joseph Lane

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

## St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

Bookkeeper: Beth McGinnis ext 200

Administrative Assistant: Brenna Blong ext 205

Campus Ministry & Special Projects Coordinator: Trenton Priest ext 203

Youth Minister (STAT): Diane DeWall ext 209

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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)


**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:bblong@mysta.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026

**Website:** [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

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**For Sacramental Emergencies:** call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

## Eucharistic Adoration



Happy New Year! As 2026 begins 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](mailto: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, , Deanna Bahir, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, John Schletzbaum & all the Souls in Purgatory*

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bblong@mysta.org) to add or remove names from the bulletin.

8:00



## Fr. Adam's Five for January 8 - January 14

1) ChristLife starts January 14! Please remember to sign up if you plan on attending. We will have childcare available. ChristLife's first module, Discovering Christ, may be found here: <https://dc.mysta.org>. If you have already been through Discovering Christ, please check your e-mail for an invite to Following/Sharing Christ.

2) I'd like to extend a special welcome to Beth McGinnis, who is joining our team to help with our bookkeeping. Beth will be starting on Monday. Thank you to Johna and Deb who filled in temporarily to make sure we could pay our bills. I appreciate you!

3) At this point in time, every open staff position at St. Thomas Aquinas has been filled. Our Parish Council is currently considering some future growth opportunities, and our Finance Council is weighing what our current level of support allows. Please pray for us! We have some really exciting opportunities in the near future.

4) We are hoping to move our Thursday Masses to the various care facilities in Indianola. Thursday, January 15 (and every following 3rd Thursday of the month) the Mass will be at Westview care center. The time and room are TBD, although it will be in the morning.

5) On January 19th STARS is hosting a movie night as a thank you to everyone who helped make the Cookie Walk this year a resounding success. This is open to our entire community. For more information, please see this weekend's bulletin.

## The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord proclaims the divine Sonship of Jesus by his anointing and appointment to his messianic office. It also marks the end of the Christmas season and leads us into ordinary time.

A simple way to celebrate is to light your baptismal candles during family dinner.



Cima da Conegliano, Baptism of the Lord, oil on canvas, 1492

## Creation Care



*"Just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him."—Matthew 3:16*

Corner

Our Creator God uses creation to speak with us, send us messages, and inspire us. In the scripture story today, it's with a dove. This week, take some time to notice birds in your neighborhood, be they common sparrows, pigeons, crows or fantastic hummingbirds or owls. What can you do to support birdlife in your area? Perhaps you can install a bird feeder or bird bath, plant native plants to attract and feed native birds or learn bird identification which will lead to an increased appreciation for these beautiful winged creatures.

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.

## KNIGHTS NEWS

### Novena For Life

Knights of Columbus will gather for the Novena for Life at the following times:

- Friday, January 16, 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Saturday, January 17, prior to 4:30 pm mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Sunday, January 18, 6:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Monday, January 19, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Tuesday, January 20, after 6:00 pm mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Thursday, January 22, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Friday, January 23, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
- Saturday, January 24, prior to 4:30 pm mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Times and places may change, depending on weather and availability of the church.

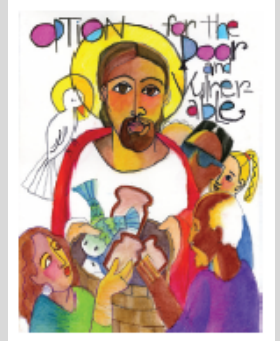
The Men's Faith Sharing Group meet every Saturday morning at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are invited to attend as we discuss and share readings from the weekend Masses.

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

## OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

"Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life."

Pope Benedict XVI



## S.T.A.R.S.

We want to thank you for all your hard work this year at the cookie walk! Please join us for a heartfelt celebration on January 19 at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose room!

We are hosting a beautiful story about Fr. Ryan, a man who learned to love God's will. Please join us for this wonderful film dedicated to finding purpose according to God's will.

Parishioners can RSVP by email: [pseregalexander@gmail.com](mailto:pseregalexander@gmail.com) and STARS members can RSVP through the church app.

We'll have light appetizers, movie snacks and beverages! Here's a sneak preview of what to expect!  
[https://youtu.be/yYASZ3d\\_NxE?si=avqb0GHwONg94\\_Gw](https://youtu.be/yYASZ3d_NxE?si=avqb0GHwONg94_Gw)

All ages welcome!

Bring your family and friends! Open to the entire community!





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