



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

Third Thursday of the month at Westview Care Center

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

Monday, January 19

311: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, January 20

312: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - John and Donna Sereg

Wednesday, January 21

313: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas - Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

Thursday, January 22

314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas - Greg Day

Friday, January 23

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

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

Saturday, January 24

SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, January 25

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

67: Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas

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

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Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Michelle Helm ext 202

Facility Rental Coordinator: Nicola Brummer ext 206

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 15 - January 21

1) Please pray for those who are in hospitals, in care facilities, or those who are homebound. Pray for those who minister to them. With the recent outbreak of Flu, I've been called to the bedside of the dying more frequently in the last few weeks than any other time in my ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas.

In addition, we are working on getting monthly masses said in each of our care facilities, and currently we are saying Mass in Good Samaritan and Westview.

2) Please pray for those considering joining the church. Last weekend, after the Sunday Mass, 5 adults approached me about joining and have started the OCIA process. Currently we have over 20 Adults looking to join the Catholic Church.

3) Please pray for ChristLife, for the participants, leaders, and helpers. We have around 140 people in the ChristLife process at the moment.

4) Please pray for our Parish Council and Finance Council as we meet this week to discuss significant ministry possibilities at St. Thomas Aquinas.

5) Please pray for all our ministries at St. Thomas Aquinas. As our parish grows, pray that our ministries may grow to meet our needs.

Thank you all!

Eucharistic Adoration



Happy New Year! Was one of your New Year Resolutions to grow closer to Jesus? Adoration can help you to keep that resolution. By spending just one hour each week in adoration you will grow closer to Jesus while at the same time gaining peace in your heart.

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

We are also in need for substitute adorers to fill in while some of our snow birds fly south for the winter. If you are willing to fill in an hour for a few months or just as needed, please reach out to me and I'll add you to the substitute adorer list.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these hours or as a substitute adorer.

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.

Prayer List

For all those in need, Genie Hansen, Michael Deming, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, , 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.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, Feb. 2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Creation Care



"Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will." —Psalm 40:7

Different Christians may disagree on what God's will is on various subjects, but hopefully we can all agree that God, who created the natural world and declared it "good" and "very good" (Gen 1) wills us to be good stewards of this beautiful creation. Whenever we act to protect or beautify God's creation we are doing God's will. Just imagine the different ways Jesus might have reacted to seeing a person trash creation in comparison to a person doing something to honor and sustain creation. This week as you do something to protect the earth, think of it as offering yourself to the Lord to do his will.

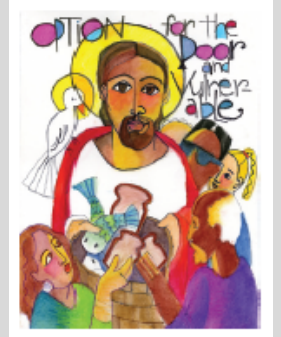
Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App and request to join.

Corner

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

"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 March 23 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 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=avqjbOGHwONg94_Gw

All ages welcome!

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

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

Mary's Meals!

Mary's Meals is an international charity founded by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow in 2002. Today, Mary's Meals provides daily meals to more than 3 million children in some of the world's poorest countries—helping them come to school, stay focused, and grow with hope.

You're invited!
Saturday, February 7th at 6:15 p.m.
(following the 5:00 p.m. Mass)
St Augustin Parish Hall



Mary's Meals ambassador, **Ellen Miller**, will share stories, videos, and photos of students who receive Mary's Meals, as well as teachers, volunteer cooks, and parents who support them. Her firsthand experiences in Malawi will inform and inspire you. Families are welcome!

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