



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

Saturday, January 24

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

Monday, January 26

317: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, January 27

318: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Lori Frueh and
Charles Hastie

Wednesday, January 28

319: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas - John and Donna
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Thursday, January 29

320: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas - Bev and Rich Krier,
Bill Thomas

Friday, January 30

321: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - David Day

Saturday, January 31

322: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Naomi Gross

Sunday, February 1

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

70: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
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

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

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 12PM on Wednesday 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

**Fr. Adam's Five
for January 22 - January 28**

11) An update on the directory: please send any group pictures to Brenna at bblong@mysta.org. We need these pictures by the end of January. We hope to finalize the directory in February.

2) We are working on finalizing the year-end giving letters. They are not ready yet, but will be soon. We will let you know when they are available for pickup.

3) Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2025. Masses will be 7am and 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, and noon at Simpson. Beginning Monday, please bring in your Palm Sunday palms to be burned and used for Ash Wednesday.

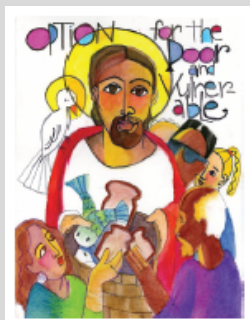
4) The Diocese of Des Moines is forming another cohort of men interested in the permanent diaconate. If you are interested, please go to dmdiocese.org/diaconate for more information.

5) If you'd like to see (and hear) Emma Lynch playing music, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1341878597249758>. She will be joining us in June as our Director of Music Ministry.

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



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.

Holy Hour on Tuesdays

Join us at St. Francis of Assisi for a special Holy Hour on Tuesdays. Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for special intentions on Tuesdays, starting at 7 pm in the church. First Tuesday: Prayer for Vocations; Second Tuesday: Prayer for Life; Third Tuesday: Prayer for Fallen Away Catholics; Fourth Tuesday: Prayer for the Community of St. Francis; Fifth Tuesday: Prayer for Peace

Care Center Masses

First Tuesday of the month : Good Samaritan
Nursing Home - 9:30 AM
Third Thursday of the month : Westview Care
Center - 10:30 AM



Creation Care



"As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him." —Matthew 4:18-20

Corner

Jesus spent a lot of time in boats, on beaches, and along shorelines, and he spent a lot of time with people who made their livelihoods from fishing. If you've ever been to shores in the Holy Land where Jesus once walked or imagined them in your own prayer, you probably don't envision them littered with all the trash that is so common on our beaches now. Imagine how distressed Jesus would be to walk along a shoreline cluttered with plastic straws, bottles, cans, pieces of styrofoam, old tires, etc. If you vacation at a beach or shoreline, pick up trash. If that isn't an option, do the same in your neighborhood. Better yet, go with a friend or family member, or take some kids with you to multiply the effect.

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



Sunday February 1

KC Breakfast

Thursday February 12

Monthly Meeting

Friday February 20

1st Lenten Fish Fry

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.



LEARN ABOUT LIFE-CHANGING 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

CHRIST OUR LIFE

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Bishop Joseph Espailat



As the second youngest bishop in the U.S., Bishop Joseph Espailat brings a contagious energy to his vocation. As the first Dominican priest in America, he is also known as the rapper

priest. Bishop Espailat's dynamic presence draws people to him from his home base in the Bronx to recently, the 2025 NCYC.

September 26 & 27, 2026

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