

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, February 28

229: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Genie Hansen

Sunday, March 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

Monday, March 2

230: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, March 3

231: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 4

232: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

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

Thursday, March 5

233: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas – Beverly Krier

Friday, March 6

234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas – Loretta Petersen,

Wilma Hill and Mike Jackman

Saturday, March 7

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Genie Hansen

Sunday, March 8

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

28: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – Bill 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

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

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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 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office: 515-961-3026 or office@stthomasindianola.com

Website: mysta.org

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

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

Fr. Adam's Five for February 26 - March 4

11) February 28 is ADA launch weekend! Our goal is \$82,385, an increase of 3% over last year. To give, please go to ada.mysta.org. It will redirect to the Diocesan giving page. Please be sure to select Indianola-St. Thomas Aquinas from the drop-down menu.

The ADA supports Diocesan ministries, but also allows us to fund ministries here at St. Thomas Aquinas.

We are hoping to have 30 families who have not given to the ADA in the past join the effort this year by setting up recurring monthly gifts of \$15. Thank you for your continued generosity to this initiative!

2) Please continue to pray for our parish as we let down our nets. The Lord is doing amazing work here. This past week, I had one father express interest in confirmation, another person ask about adult baptism, and two more people express interest in our church. I'm discerning with our leadership teams the best way to help welcome the 30+ people who are being drawn to the OCIA and to what the Lord is doing here. Please pray!

3) If you are interested in joining our church, and would like to begin the process to receive the sacraments of initiation, please go to ocia.mysta.org

4) If you are a new parishioner, and want to register at the parish, please go to new.mysta.org.

5) Fridays throughout Lent we will have Fish Fries from 5:30-7 and Stations of the Cross at 7.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

This Sunday in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is transfigured before the eyes of Peter, John and James and they hear the voice from the cloud telling them,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

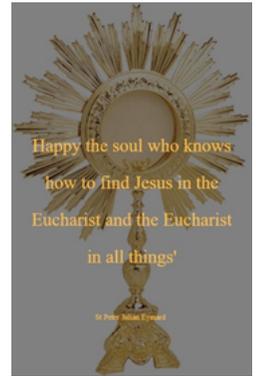
Let us respond to this same voice calling out to us and come to adore Jesus, God's beloved Son present to us in the Most Holy Eucharist and waiting for us to visit Him there. We need 1 additional adorer for each of these hours to have 2 adorers each hour to ensure coverage.

Tuesday
1, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday
7 and 8 pm
Thursday
7 pm

If you cannot commit to an hour each week, join together with a friend to cover an hour or sign up to be a substitute adorer to fill in when scheduled adorers cannot be present.

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

Jesus is exposed in the chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-9pm and is present in the tabernacle in the chapel everyday. Please come and visit Jesus anytime your schedule allows whenever the church doors are unlocked.



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 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.



Creation Care Corner

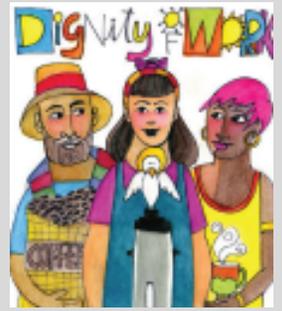


Learning is not instant or tidy. It often begins with uncertainty and requires humility, patience and openness to being changed. In Lent, learning becomes a spiritual practice, We turn toward truth - not to master it, but to let it reshape our understanding, our compassion, and our faithfulness.

This week, engage with at least one small, trustworthy source of learning about the climate. This might be a short article, reflection, video, or local story. Notice what questions or emotions arise, and bring one of them into prayer.

DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Loving God--We thank you for the freedom that you gifted us. May all those who make decisions work with all members of the community to make sure everyone benefits.



Guiding Star Project Cycle Show Workshop

A workshop that will take place at St. Thomas on March 7 from 9am - 2pm. This will cover puberty, body awareness, and menstrual cycle information. It is all done in a girls-only, hands-on learning method that I think is a truly awesome opportunity for girls to learn about their unique femaleness. from a body-positive, Christian perspective. While the workshop itself is not Catholic, the instructor that will be running it is and has worked the Catholic perspective into the curriculum. A parent presentation is given the evening before the workshop, or you can attend one online, so that you will see the exact same material the girls will be taught. No surprises here! Contact Michelle Helm with questions at 515-961-3026 or mhelm@mysta.org. The workshop can only accommodate 12, so it is first come first serve.



Knights News



Lenten Fish Fries

Every Friday in Lent

Thursday March 12

Monthly Meeting IVHC

Sat & Sun Mar 28 & 29

Bake Sale

Sunday March 29

KC Scholarship Deadline

Monday April 6

Fraternal Soup Supper

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students. For scholarship information, go the St. Thomas Aquinas website and located at MYSTA.ORG Applications are to be emailed to vandy.omeara@gmail.com or mailed to Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125. Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by March 29, 2026.

Gathering Table March 2

First, thank you to everyone who has provided food and helped serve at the Gathering Table the past months! You are truly a blessing to this ministry and the meals are so appreciated by those who receive them!



Our next Gathering Table is Monday, March 2. We have been serving over 160 meals the last couple months 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. Please sign up on the Church App homepage or below so we have some idea how much food and help we will have. Thank you.

♡♡♡♡♡♡ Thank you ♡♡♡♡♡♡

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for inviting us to your parish! We enjoyed meeting many of you and providing you with some spiritual items. You have a beautiful church as well as beautiful people!

- Chris & Angela Oberreuter
Divine Treasures

Coffee with Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, March 7th, 2026 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Multi-Purpose Room

Come and learn how Joan Phillips makes her beautiful handmade cards

Bring a friend!

Come and enjoy some fun, faith, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning
The Coffee With Jesus Crew



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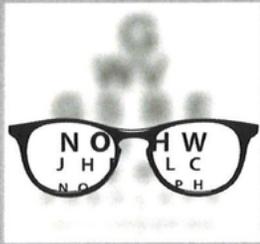
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