

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Saturday, March 28

256: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Anne Puetz

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

38: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14 - 27:66 or 27:11-54

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas - Mary Miller (Birthday)

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

Monday, March 30

257: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, March 31

258: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Wednesday, April 1

259: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas – Loretta Petersen and Wilma Hill

Thursday, April 2

HOLY THURSDAY

39: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Bishop Joensen

Friday, April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

40: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16;

5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4

HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL

41: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32— 4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

8:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Newly initiated Catholics

Sunday, April 5

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

46: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41)

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas - Those in OCIA

12:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Priests of the Diocese of Des Moines

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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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 March 26 - April 1:

1) Holy Week is here! I don't know about you, but Lent really flew by for me!

On Palm Sunday, we will have a procession from the parish hall at the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Please meet in the parish hall. On Sunday, we will bless the palms (and the congregation) at the 8 a.m. Mass. The 10:15 and Simpson Masses will use the simple entrance- meaning everyone grabs their blessed palms and we sing the Hosanna song and we begin Mass as usual.

2) Holy Thursday and Good Friday will both be at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas. Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. Masses for Easter Sunday will be 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and Noon. I will use incense at every Mass, but the Easter Noon Mass will have light incense.

3) We will need extra Liturgical Ministers for the Easter Services. Please consider signing up. All services are now available under the signup link.

4) Thank you all for your generosity with the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This last weekend many of you responded to Bishop Joensen's request. I'm waiting for the official report from the Diocese of Des Moines, but initial estimates are that we are just under half way to our 2026 ADA goal. If you'd like more information, please go to mysta.org/ada.

5) Easter flower donations are due by April 1.

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 week we celebrate the memorial of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and usher in Holy Week. Lent will officially end on Holy Thursday although we continue to pray and fast until Easter. The time seems to have gone very quickly and each year I reflect that I could have done better/more with regard to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If you feel that same way, it's not too late. Adoration is a perfect way during lent and throughout the year to grow in faith, to remember that Jesus died for each of us sinners and to praise and glorify Him!



We still need 1 additional adorer for each of the following hours.

Tuesday - 1, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday - 8 pm

If your Lenten journey has moved you to be closer to Christ, please prayerfully consider spending one hour each week in adoration.

Call or text, 515-344-7850 or email spennani1976@outlook.com

***Please remember that that on Holy Thursday Jesus will be exposed in the multi purpose room following the Mass until 10:00 pm. Come keep watch with Jesus.

Jesus will not be exposed in the chapel Holy Thursday.

Prayer List

*For all those in need - Marguerite Hines
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.

Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world.



Creation Care Corner



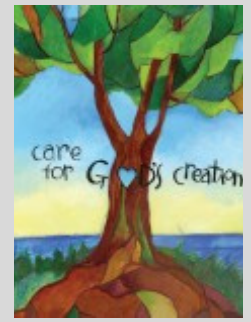
“Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’” —Matthew 26:26

Jesus took bread, something made with the simplest of ingredients, and imbued it with much more. This week, choose at least one meal to eat using only simple, unprocessed foods that nourish the body. Choose whole foods common in your region instead of food grown, processed, packaged, and transported from far away. As you eat your simple meal, pray in thanksgiving for what you have and for those who don't have enough to eat.

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.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Let us remember Paul VI's words: For the Catholic Church, no one is a stranger, no one is excluded, no one is far. Indeed, we are a single human family that is journeying on a toward unity, making most of solidarity and dialogue among peoples in the multiplicity of differences.



Pope Francis

Coffee With Jesus

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

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, April 4, 2026

Time: 9:00 - 10:30a.m!

Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room

Bring a friend!

Coffee, juice and breakfast treats provided



Knights News

Sat & Sun Mar 28 & 29

Bake Sale

Sunday March 29

KC Scholarship Deadline

Monday April 6

Fraternal Soup Supper

Thursday April 9

Monthly Meeting

EASTER FLOWERS

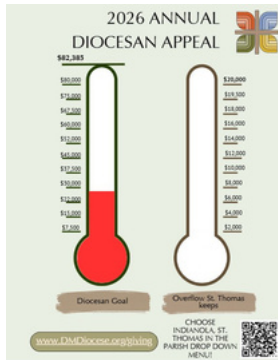
EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST. PLEASE BRING THEM TO BRENNAN AT THE FRONT OFFICE. OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 8 AM - 4:30 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THANK YOU!

PLEASE BRING IN ANY OLD PALMS THAT YOU STILL MAY HAVE FROM LAST YEAR FOR THIS YEAR'S EASTER VIGIL. WE WILL BE DOING A FIRE OUTSIDE WITH THEM. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



We've collected \$27,600 to date and are 8th in percentage completed. You can make a one-time gift online (select Indianola- St. Thomas Aquinas) or you can submit a check to the office. Make sure the check is made out the Diocese of Des Moines and has "ADA-609" in the memo line.

Every household which contributes to this year's ADA will receive a free gift- a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas (with his finger and feather restored).

Thank you for your generosity!

Moral Formation

Moral Parables For the children ages 6-9 years old in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, exploring the moral parables is essential for growing in the moral life. As we know, Jesus loves to teach in parables. It is through parables, that the children engage in exploring what it means to be a member of and worker for the Kingdom of God.



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