

He is Risen!

HAPPY EASTER! FROM SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH



"DO NOT BE AFRAID! I KNOW YOU ARE SEEKING JESUS THE CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED JUST AS HE SAID. COME AND SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. THEN GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES, 'HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE, THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM' BEHOLD, I HAVE TOLD YOU."

MATTHEW 28: 5-7

Fr. Adam's Five for April 2 - April 8:

1) Thursday, April 2nd, we begin the Holy Triduum. These are the most solemn, somber, and holy days of the church year. Holy Thursday and Good Friday will both be at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Holy Thursday is a time to internalize the gifts of the Last Supper.

Good Friday we will have veneration of the cross.

Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday. 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.

2) Please pray for Alex, Dan, and Cody, who will be joining the church at the Easter Vigil. Also please pray for our candidates and adult confirmandi who will be joining the church at Pentecost.

3) Would you like to meet others in a small group setting? We are launching our next session of ChristLife! Discovering, Following, and Sharing Christ will begin June 11. If you'd like to know more about beginning the ChristLife process with Discovering Christ, please go to mysta.org/dc. If you've already completed Discovering Christ and would like to go onto Following or Sharing Christ, please fill out the interest form at mysta.org/cl.

4) On behalf of all of us here at St. Thomas Aquinas, we wish you all the happiest of Easters. May the gift of the Lord's resurrection permeate your hearts! If we don't see you this weekend, then safe travels!

5) Anyone interested in becoming a registered member of St. Thomas Aquinas should fill out the form found at mysta.org/new

Care Center Masses

First Tuesday of the month : Good Samaritan
Nursing Home - 10:00 AM
Third Thursday of the month : Westview Care
Center - 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

He Has Risen, Alleluia!
He Has Truly Risen, Alleluia!

Our risen Lord is truly present to us in the most Blessed Sacrament in all the tabernacles of the world, at every moment, even to the end of time. Come let us adore Him!

Tuesday - 1, 2, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday - 1 and 8 pm
Thursday - 7 pm

May the joy of Christ's resurrection and the promise of his Divine Mercy, lead you to spend an hour with him each week. Please help to cover these open hours.

To sign up, text me at 515-344-7850 or email me at spennani1976@outlook.com



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.

Gathering Table April 6

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, April 6.
Please consider those who are less fortunate
and so appreciate the meals we provide. We have
been serving 120-160 meals 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 tell us how you will help by signing up. This allows us to better
prepare to meet the requests for meals. You can sign up:

- On the Church App home page
- At the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>
- Or using this QR code



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, April 4

HOLY SATURDAY

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

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 Des Moines Diocese

Monday, April 6

261: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, April 7

262: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

10:00 AM Mass at Good Samaritan

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Donald Mangold

Wednesday, April 8

263: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Berta Kordick

Thursday, April 9

264: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Bev & Rich Krier and Clyde Slick

Friday, April 10

265: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Robert Poltarak

Saturday, April 11

266: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

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

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

Sunday, April 12

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

43: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – Duffy Metz

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson

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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: mysta.org/pray

Care of the Sick & Homebound: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist or follow this link: mysta.org/care

Newcomers/Change of Addresses: mysta.org/new 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

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Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

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



Creation Care Corner



"Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves" —Ezekiel 37:12

Easter Sunday Celebrate new life today by planting some seeds or seedlings, or plan your summer garden. Pot up some herbs on a windowsill or plant a dwarf tree in a container on a porch or deck. Eating food grown locally saves drastically on the carbon footprint from food grown at great distances. Check out Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* for some great inspiration about growing and eating locally grown food.

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

The IVHC Bake Sale was very successful. We collected \$2,101 in donations over the weekend. These funds along with a match from the council will be donated to IVHC. Thanks to everyone who provided baked items for the sale and those who stopped to make a donation.

Monday April 6

Fraternal Soup Supper

Thursday April 9

Monthly Meeting

EASTER SUNDAY

The day Jesus rose from the dead! "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it!"

- Go to Easter Sunday Mass and invite someone to go with you. [Special parts to watch for: the return of joyful "Alleluia's," sprinkling with holy water, a prayer before the Gospel called the Sequence, and the renewal of Baptismal promises.]
- Fill a small bottle with the blessed Easter water at church, to draw from for blessings at home.
- Dress up! The tradition of Easter clothes reminds us that we are a new creation. We have put on Christ
- Have an Easter egg hunt (out in the yard if possible), recalling the women searching in the garden for Jesus who was no longer in the tomb.
- Have a special meal in the formal dining room with linens, china, candles, flowers – make it truly a feast.
- Make a playlist of Easter- Alleluia songs to listen to throughout the day.
- Read the Easter story – there are various accounts at the end of all four Gospels!
- If you placed a cross in your yard on Friday, find a way to witness to the Resurrection – drape it in a white cloth, add flowers, or the words "He is Risen." Invite your neighbors to contribute!
- As you encounter family members throughout the day, say and respond: "Christ is risen. He is indeed risen!"
- Take a few minutes of silence simply seeking to encounter the risen Christ in prayer and inviting him into your heart – with all of the power, peace, joy, and love that he brings.

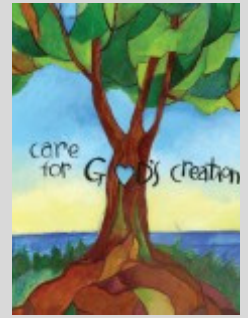


TONE FOR OUR DAY:
Completely joyful and happy! Jesus has won. He is with us! He has opened heaven for us!

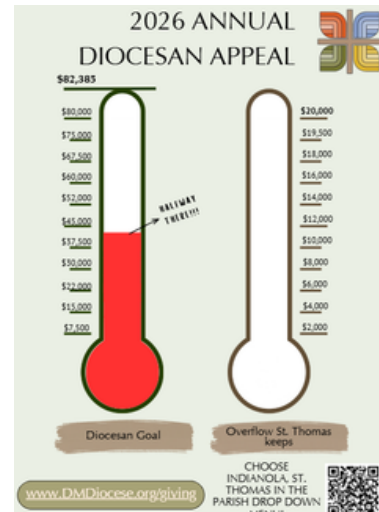
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Solidarity then is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.



St. John Paul II



We've collected \$42,563 to date and are 8th in percentage completed. 100 households have participated (our goal is 200) and 27 households have given/pledged 1% or more of the total goal! You can make a one-time gift online mysta.org/ada (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!

Maxims

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the Maxims are a key material that assists the 6-12- year-old child in moral formation. The Maxims are a collection of short sayings of Jesus which help us to follow, to remain, and



to live well. Most come from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5-7.

They include: "Love your enemies," "Do to others as you would have them do to you," and "I did not say forgive seven times

seven but seventy times seven times." Living and reflecting upon the Maxims are a source of joy for the older child

STARS SCHOLARSHIP

A gentle reminder that the **St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society** scholarship is due April 25th. The announcement of the scholarship winner(s) will be in conjunction with the Senior Brunch hosted by St. Thomas Junior Parents.



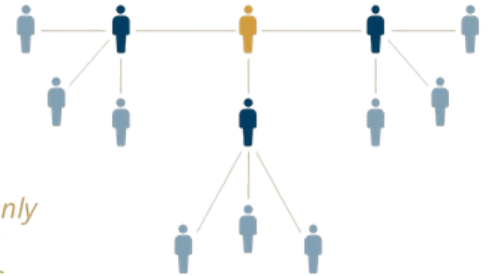
COMING SOON



Our road map



I was glad to hear the news that **St. Thomas will be partnering with FOCUS!** During my time in seminary I have had some exposure to FOCUS missionaries on various university campuses and many of my brother seminarians came to their vocation through FOCUS. **I can attest that their model of discipleship and personal accompaniment is very effective** for the modern church and the modern disposition which yearns for authenticity. People need to be seen, known, and loved in a personal and authentic manner. I have seen FOCUS and their missionaries answer this need in an effective way, both for those within the Church and in their efforts of evangelization. **I encourage all to continue to pray for the efficaciousness of their efforts** and to be open to assisting them in their mission, for to participate in their mission is to grow in our own which is to bring the light of Christ into the lives of those we meet for both their salvation and our own.- **Connor Lynch**, Seminarian from St. Thomas Aquinas

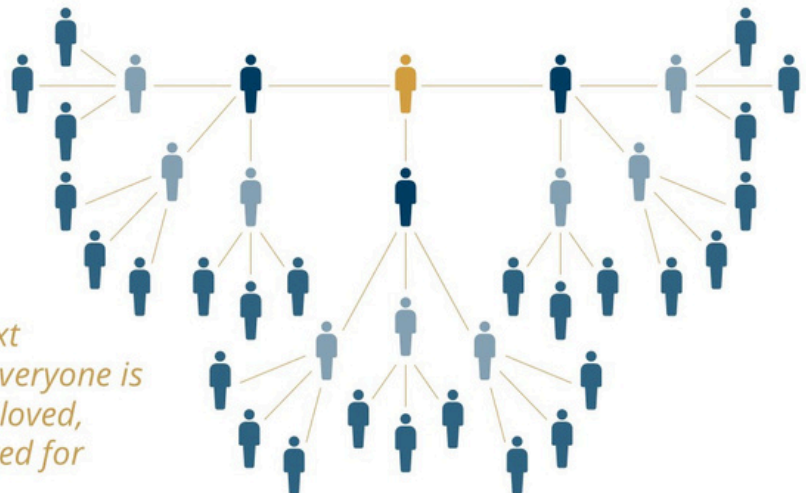
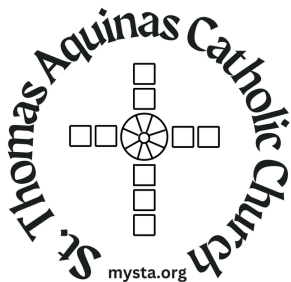


Imparting not only faithfulness but also fruitfulness

Investing deeply in a few

"The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." — 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

"By this is my father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples." — JOHN 15:8



Within a context where everyone is known, loved, and cared for

Starting June 11

6-8:30 p.m.

Simple Evangelization, Deep Impact

Evangelization doesn't require you to be a great speaker or say the "right words." You simply love your faith, as you already do, and follow the ChristLife process.

This program is:

- Based on Church teachings.
- Refined over 25 years to be effective and engaging.

A participant moves through the process to:

1. **Discover** Jesus Christ.
2. Begin to **Follow** Him as a Catholic disciple.
3. Learn how to **Share** Him with others, becoming an evangelizer themselves!



Meal

Your time to welcome guests with hospitality, foster new relationships, and grow in friendship.



Prayer

A time for large group prayer, including a song or two, to help everyone get comfortable praying together.



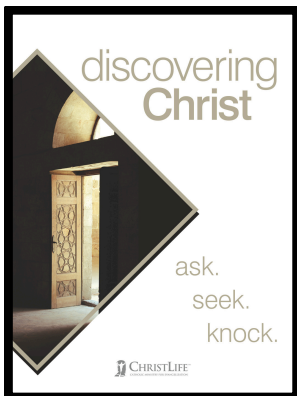
Teaching

Hear the Good News delivered with an engaging and relational style through live talks or video lessons.



Small Groups

After the teaching, guests have time to discuss their thoughts and feelings about what they heard.



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1. What is the Meaning of Life?
2. Why Does Jesus Matter?
3. What Does Jesus Want Us to Know?
4. Why Do We Need a Savior?
5. Why is the Resurrection Important?
6. Who is the Holy Spirit? (retreat)
7. The Holy Spirit and You (retreat)
8. New Life in the Spirit
9. Our Need for the Church



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1. Daily Personal Prayer
2. Hearing God in Scripture
3. The Power of the Sacraments
4. Forgiving One Another
5. The Spirit-Empowered Life
6. We Are at War Retreat: The World
7. We Are at War Retreat: The Flesh
8. We Are at War Retreat: The Devil
9. The Heart of a Disciple
10. Going On With The Lord



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1. Called to Share Christ
2. Befriending Others
3. Sharing Your Story
4. The Power to Share Christ
5. Presenting the Good News
6. Inviting Others to Meet Jesus
7. Put Out Into the Deep
For a Catch

Sowing God's Spirit

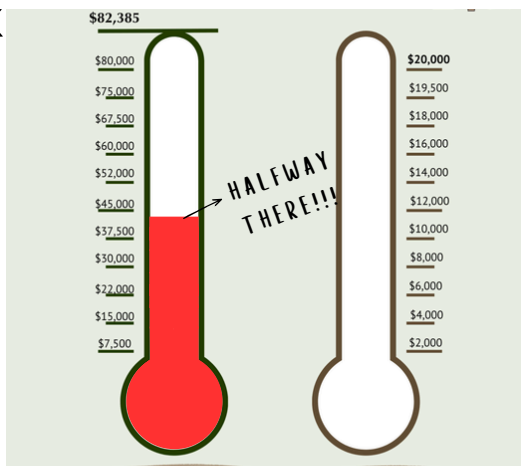
2026 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL

ADA 2026 Parish Goal: \$82,385

\$42,539 collected to date

Benchmark
Goals:

- 200** participating households
- 50** gifts/pledges $\geq 1\%$ (\$823.85+)
- 50** Recurring Monthly Gifts (RMG)



Currently:

- 100** participating households
- 27** gifts/pledges $\geq 1\%$ (\$823.85+)
- 25** Recurring Monthly Gifts (RMG)



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Be sure to select Indianola- St. Thomas Aquinas

Thank you!

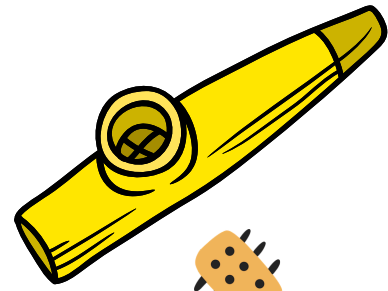
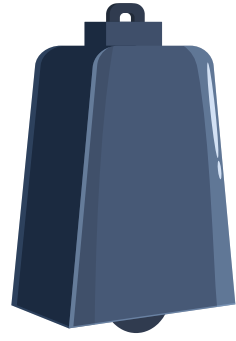


Your ADA gift supports:

- Seminarian Formation
- Catholic Charities
- Simpson ministry
- Parish ministries (if we go over goal)

Every participating household will receive a 3d printed **St. Thomas Aquinas statue** like our statue out front.

Make sure to give online, pay by check, or fill out a pledge card so we have a record of your gift.



St. Thomas Aquinas
is looking for musicians!



June 1, we will be welcoming
Emma Lynch
to lead our music ministry.



If you play an instrument
or can carry a tune

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Please go to mysta.org/music
for more info.



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