



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, 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Monday, April 13

267: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, April 14

268: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 15

269: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, April 16

270: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

10:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Loretta Petersen
and Wilma Hill

Friday, April 17

271: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, April 18

272: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Jaonne Buckingham

Sunday, April 19

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

46: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – Ed Butler

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 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office: 515-961-3026 or office@mysta.org

Website: mysta.org

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

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

Fr. Adam's Five for April 9 - April 15:

- 1) In these days of Easter, as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, let us boldly go where he beckons. The mission field awaits!
- 2) Thank you to everyone who made the Easter celebrations so festive. To our musicians, our liturgy committee, to those who worked with the newly initiated Catholics over this past year, to all the staff, and to our many volunteers. You make all we do possible. Please pray for Alex, Dan, and Cody, who joined the church at the Easter Vigil. Also please pray for our candidates for confirmation who will be joining the church at Pentecost.
- 3) The next run of ChristLife is a go! I'm excited with the response so far. Thank you for your willingness to participate!

Would you like to meet others in a small group setting? We will begin another round 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) This weekend we will be having a lasagna dinner to benefit the O'Meara family. Kerri has been in the hospital frequently the last few years as she has battled leukemia. Also, we will be having a benefit breakfast after the Masses on April 19.

5) We are resuming the building up of our liturgical ministries. The next liturgical ministry we are rebuilding is the USHER ministry. If you are interested in being an USHER (and for more details), please go to mysta.org/LM and click "Usher Training Signup".

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

"The Holy Spirit does not speak to a soul that is distracted and garrulous. He speaks by His quiet inspirations to a soul that is recollected, to a soul that knows how to keep silence."

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska,
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina
Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul

Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist offers the perfect experience of silence. Come and spend an hour each week with Jesus and let the Holy Spirit inspire and bring you to a greater holiness.



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

Tuesday - 1 and 4 pm
Wednesday - 8 pm
Thursday - 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 -

*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.



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**Scan this QR code for more information
about Mary's Meals 5k run on May 9th**



Creation Care Corner



"All who believed were together and had all things in common." — Acts 2:44

What do you and your friends and neighbors each own individually that you could share instead? Power tools? Books? Paper or magazine subscriptions? Gardening tools? Camping gear? Sports equipment? Specialized kitchen equipment? Imagine how many fewer resources we would need if we didn't feel the need to own everything individually and we shared more things in common instead. Imagine how it would tie us together with greater inter-dependence if we shared more. The next time you are tempted to buy something new, research where you might find it used or whom you might borrow it from.

Anyone interested in joining the Creatio Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the church app and request to join.

Knights News

- KC Breakfast** Sunday April 19 after all Masses
- Monthly Meeting** Thursday May 14 Great Hall 6:30
- Monthly Meeting** Thursday June 11 Great Hall 6:30
- KC Steak Fry** Sunday June 28

Requesting Hospital and Nursing Home Clergy Visits

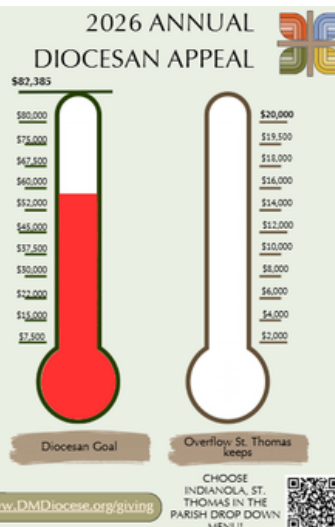
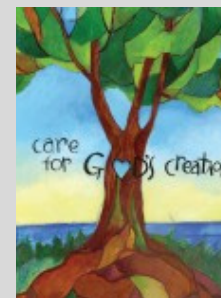
If your loved one is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or care facility, please remember to contact the parish office to request a clergy visit. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and care facilities are often unable to notify the parish when someone is admitted. By informing the parish, you help ensure that a member of the clergy can visit, offer prayer, provide pastoral support, and administer the sacraments if desired. Please call or email the parish office with the name of the person, the facility where they are staying, and any room information if available. Thank you for helping us care for members of our parish community during times of illness and recovery.

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the office this week or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Perhaps no pope in history has written or spoken as often about the creation as Pope Benedict XVI dubbed the Green Pope by some commentators. Benedict has taken several steps to promote natural stewardship. One the more noteworthy projects during his pontificate involved planting a 37-acre forest in Hungary and installing a solar cooling system in the Vatican's cafeteria. From the book "Saints and Social Justice" published in 2014



We've collected 70% of our goal to date and are 8th in percentage completed. 132 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!

Gift of Grace Update

Thank you for your generous donations for the Gift of Grace campaign. As of Easter weekend the three participating churches had \$19,164 in donations towards our goal of \$20,000. That equates to \$1,926,400 in medical debt forgiven for lowans. Amazing



The Gospel of John's "I AM" statements

The children and catechists in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd often ponder together, "Who are you, Lord?" In the Gospel of John, Jesus shares several I AM statements to help his friends know more deeply who He is. There are three statements in particular that the



children encounter: "I am the Light of the World," "I am the Good Shepherd," and "I am the True Vine." What clues does Jesus share with us from these statements to help us know Him more fully?

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