



# 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 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

## Monday, April 20

273: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

## Tuesday, April 21

274: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas – Marguerite Hines

## Wednesday, April 22

275: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Dorothy Hastie

## Thursday, April 23

276: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Mary Brown

## Friday, April 24

277: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Bev and Rich

Krier & Clyde and Nancy Slick

## Saturday, April 25

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Bill Thomas

## Sunday, April 26

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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

## 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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)


**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:bblong@mysta.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026 or [office@mysta.org](mailto:office@mysta.org)

**Website:** [mysta.org](http://mysta.org)

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

## Fr. Adam's Five for April 16 - April 22:

- 1) Thank you to everyone who supported the O'Meara family at the Lasagna dinner. Estimates are that over 300 people came. There is another opportunity to help- the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast this weekend after Sunday Masses. Please stop by and support the O'Meara family.
- 2) Friday we are hosting a training for the USHER ministry. If you are interested in being an USHER (and for more details), please go to [mysta.org/LM](http://mysta.org/LM) and click "Usher Training Signup".
- 3) Thank you to everyone who supported the "Gift of Grace" campaign. St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners contributed over \$4500 to the campaign.
- 4) During the Easter season, I'm offering house blessings! If you'd like to have your house blessed with the Easter water, please either call Brenna at the office or go to [mysta.org/bless](http://mysta.org/bless) and we'll get the blessing scheduled! I do ask that you are there when I bless your house, and we can bless as many rooms in your house as you'd like (or if you'd prefer, just the front door).
- 5) At the time of writing this, we are 70% of the way to our ADA goal! We have 132 households who have contributed so far. If you'd like to help, please go to [mysta.org/ADA](http://mysta.org/ADA). We're hoping for 200 participating households.

### 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

We are still trying to fill several openings on Wednesdays and Thursdays and to possibly expand the number of days on which Jesus is exposed to include Tuesdays.

If the Holy Spirit has been moving you to grow closer to Jesus and to deepen your prayer life, spending an hour each week in adoration can help you to do so. We need an adorer at each of the following hours each week to ensure that we have someone present with Jesus at all times when he is exposed on the altar.

If committing to every week is hard for you, join with a friend or family member to share the hour. Also remember that we have 2 assigned adorers for each hour so if you are not able to complete your hour from time to time, the other adorer can usually cover the hour as only 1 must be present.

Tuesday - 9 am, 1, 2 and 4 pm  
Wednesday - 11 am and 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](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com)



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bblong@mysta.org)  
to add or remove names from the bulletin.



# Creation Care Corner



Happy Earth Day!

April 22nd is Earth Day. This year, let's celebrate this special day not with obligation or guilt, but with awe. Let's approach this day (and all others) not with the weight of what we owe, but with the wonder of what we already have been given. Gratitude is a way of moving through the world with eyes open and hands folded in prayer. When our gratitude for the earth is specific, daily and unhurried, it has a way of becoming a kind of activism. We protect what we love, and we love what we truly are able to see.

One thing we can all do to protect the earth that we love is to switch to cloth bags instead of plastic bags to do our shopping. To help you with the switch, we will be handing out a canvas bag to each family. Please accept it with our compliments and, if you haven't already done so, make the switch from plastic to cloth bags!

## CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

"We don't own the earth, God does" We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



Pope Francis

## Knights News

**KC Breakfast**      **Sunday April 19**      **after all masses**

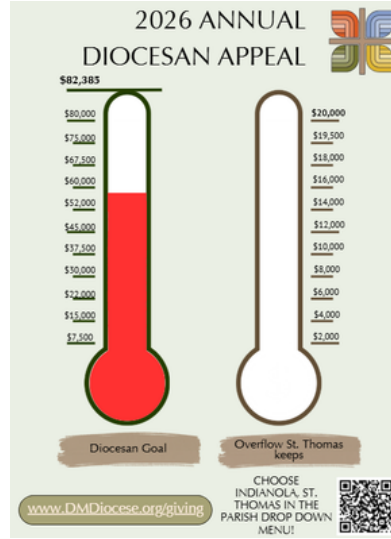
The cost is a free-will donation which will be used to provide support for Kerri O'Meara and her family.

**Monthly Meeting**      **Thursday May 14**      **Great Hall 6:30**

**Monthly Meeting**      **Thursday June 11**      **Great Hall 6:30**

**KC Steak Fry**      **Sunday June 28**

Anyone interested in joining or wanting more information about the Indianola Knights are welcome to attend any of our meetings or events.



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](https://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!

To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary before all weekend masses in May. We'll begin approximately twenty minutes before mass. All are welcome to join us!

\*If you would like to help lead the Rosary, please reach out to Kim Delay ([delayedacres@gmail.com](mailto:delayedacres@gmail.com)), Patty Alexander ([pseregalexander@gmail.com](mailto:pseregalexander@gmail.com)) or scan this QR code!



### Gathering Table April 20

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, April 20. 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

### I AM the Light of the World:

The children of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd love light! Light captivates their imagination, and they love to sit with and enjoy the light. They especially enjoy encountering the light with works on Baptism. The Paschal Candle is lit, and they receive their own individual candles, reminding them of that special moment when they received the Light of Christ at their Baptism. They come to know that Jesus is the light of the world, that He shares His light with each one of us and that we are called to keep this light shining brightly in the world.



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