

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 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

Monday, April 27

279: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, April 28

280: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas

Wednesday, April 29

281: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – George Phillips
(Birthday)

Thursday, April 30

282: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas

Friday, May 1

283: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Brenda
Langstraap-Bui

Saturday, May 2

284: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

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

Sunday, May 3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

52: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – Lori Frueh

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 23 - April 29:

1) Brenna will be out of the office until May 1. While she is away, bulletin inquiries may be directed to Michelle Helm. Brenna will respond to most other inquiries upon her return May 1.

2) Please mark your calendars for the annual celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas. On July 19, we will celebrate the 700ish anniversary of his canonization (he was canonized on July 18, 1323). Gather at 5, dinner at 6.

3) It is time for our next run of ChristLife! Anyone wishing to go deeper in their faith is encouraged to attend. Also, if you are interested in becoming Catholic, ChristLife is the first step. If you've never been through ChristLife Part One: Discovering Christ, please register at mysta.org/DC. If you've already been through Discovering Christ and would like to go through Following Christ (Part 2) or Sharing Christ (Part 3), go to mysta.org/CL.

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 (after May 1) or go to 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) May 3rd, during the 10:15 Mass, we will be celebrating first communion. Please pray for all of our students receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

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



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
Shandle, 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



"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." —Psalm 23:1

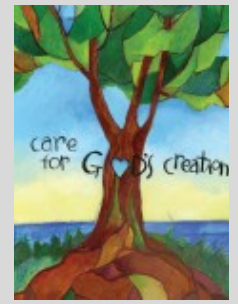
As Pope Francis points out so often in his encyclical on creation care (Laudato Si'), a great deal of the environmental crisis can be traced back to consumerism and our habit of turning to objects to try to fulfill us instead of turning to God and each other. This week, instead of buying something you want, remind yourself you don't need it and find a healthier way to meet your needs.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, focus on seeing beauty and new life in the natural world. Commit to some small act to beautify your small corner of the world; pick up trash in your neighborhood, sweep a neighbor's walkway, or give a gift of seeds or plants to a lonely friend or family member. Be the solution instead of lamenting the degradation of the environment.

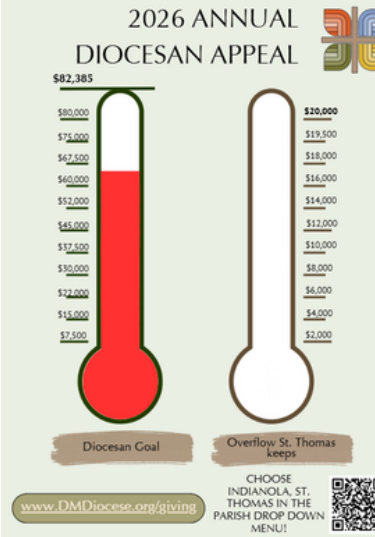
Anyone interested in joining the Creatio Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the church app and request to join.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Forced with widespread destruction of the environment, people everywhere are coming to understand that we cannot continue to use the goods of the earth as we have in the past.



Pope John Paul II



We've collected 65,000 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!



Knights News



Summer Events

The KC breakfast fundraiser for Kerri O'Meara yielded \$2,583 in donations. When called upon, this parish always does its fair share to support parish and community events. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

The Indianola Knights are pleased to announce the following recipients of a \$500 KC scholarship: Andrew DeWall, Joseph O'Meara, Nick Bradley, Zachary O'Meara, Isabella O'Meara, Avery Grover

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5032 will be holding an Exemplification ceremony prior to its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All men wishing to join the Knights of Columbus must be 18 or older and be practical Catholics. Family members are invited to attend the and a meal will be served after the ceremony.

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), Patty Alexander (pseregalexander@gmail.com) or scan this QR code!



Coffee with Jesus

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

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

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

Where: Fireside Bistro – 1700 W. 2nd Avenue, Indianola
Bring a friend!

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



I AM the Good Shepherd:

One of the parables that resonates most deeply with the youngest children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is the Parable of the Good Shepherd. In this parable, Jesus shares with us, "I am the Good Shepherd."



Children and catechists ponder together, "Who is this Good Shepherd?" "What makes Him so good?" "What does He do for His sheep?" "How do the sheep feel to be with such a loving Shepherd?" "How does the Shepherd feel to be with His beloved sheep?"

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