



# 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, 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

## Monday, May 4

285: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

## Tuesday, May 5

286: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

6:00 pm Mass at Simpson – Marie and Jenny Faber

## Wednesday, May 6

287: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Richard and Violet Alexander

## Thursday, May 7

288: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

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

## Friday, May 8

289: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Ed Butler & Duffy Metz

## Saturday, May 9

290: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Shelly O'Meara

## Sunday, May 10

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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

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

## 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)

Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

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

## Fr. Adam's Five for April 30 - May 6:

1) I encourage all of you to pray for Alex Lynch and the Lynch family. Alex has recently entered hospice care with terminal cancer. Our hearts are with the Lynch family during this time. I will be doing a Novena for Alex beginning May 1. Everyone is invited to join in. Please visit [mysta.org/alex](http://mysta.org/alex) for more information. We'll also post updates on prayer events as we know about them.

2) This weekend (5/3) there will be no Simpson Mass AND first communion Mass will be at 10:15. Please pray for all of our students receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

3) We will be having a May Crowning to close out our RE/CGS/STAT year. Please plan on joining us at 5:40 or 7:10 on Wednesday.

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) Our senior Mass and Brunch is May 17. This year's baccalaureate will be at St. Thomas Aquinas on May 20. Please mark your calendars.

### 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)

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary  
to Matt & Denise and Tom &  
Jeannie who were married in a  
double wedding at St Thomas  
Aquinas Church in Indianola on  
May 3, 1986.

With love and prayers,  
your kids and grandkids



## 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 Andreassen, 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

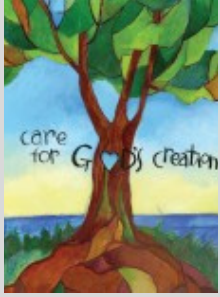
*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." —Psalm 23:1*

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 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

All creation is a gift. Scripture tells us that "the earth is the Lord's and all it holds (Ps 24:1). All of us especially those closest to the land, are called to a special reverence and respect of God's creation.



Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers USCCB

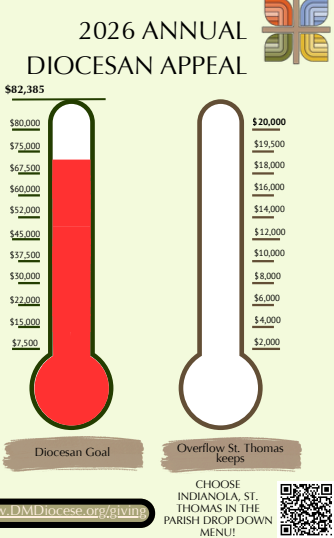
# Knights News

## Summer Events

**Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall starting around 6:30. Anyone interested in joining the Knights are encouraged to come and become familiar with the membership.**

**Save the date. The KC steak fry is scheduled for Sunday, June 28. Details will be in the parish bulletin or council E Mails.**

## 2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



We've collected 87% of our goal as of today and are 7th in percentage completed.

166 households have participated (our goal is 200).

For more information go to [mysta.org/ada](http://mysta.org/ada)

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!

### Gluten Free Hosts Available

For parishioners who are unable to consume regular hosts due to gluten sensitivity or celiac disease, low-gluten hosts are available for Holy Communion. These hosts are approved for use in the Mass and contain only a trace amount of gluten necessary for valid matter.

- If you regularly attend our parish, contact the parish office ahead of time or talk to Father before Mass so they can prepare a low-gluten host for you.
- If you're visiting a different parish, you should arrive about 15 minutes early and go to the sacristy (a room where the priest prepares for Mass) to let someone know you need a gluten free host.

## CELEBRATING mary's meals


### race to feed kids

A FAMILY EVENT

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

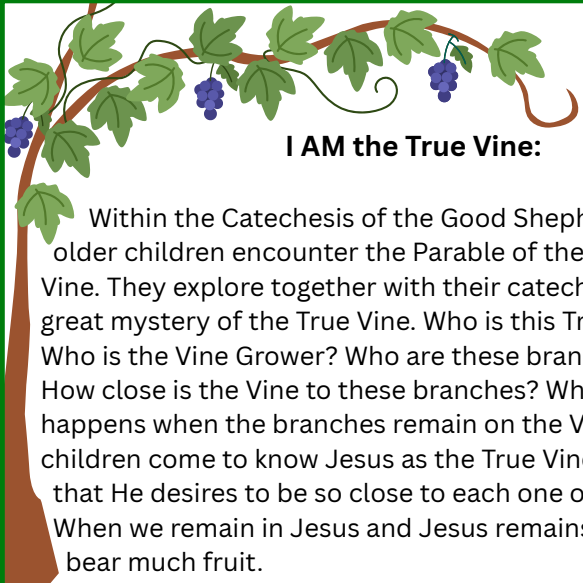
## Gathering Table May 4

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, May 4. 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 True Vine:

Within the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the older children encounter the Parable of the True Vine. They explore together with their catechists the great mystery of the True Vine. Who is this True Vine? Who is the Vine Grower? Who are these branches? How close is the Vine to these branches? What happens when the branches remain on the Vine? The children come to know Jesus as the True Vine and that He desires to be so close to each one of us. When we remain in Jesus and Jesus remains in us, we bear much fruit.

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# First Holy Communion

THIS WEEKEND

**Collins Albaugh**

**Gunner Arey**

**Evelyn Brummer**

**Forrest Brummer**

**Stone Brummer**

**Wyatt Casey**

**Abby Ceballos**

**Henry Geelan**

**Oakley Hill**

**Levi Howell**

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**Jordan Kerner**

**Blythe McPheron**

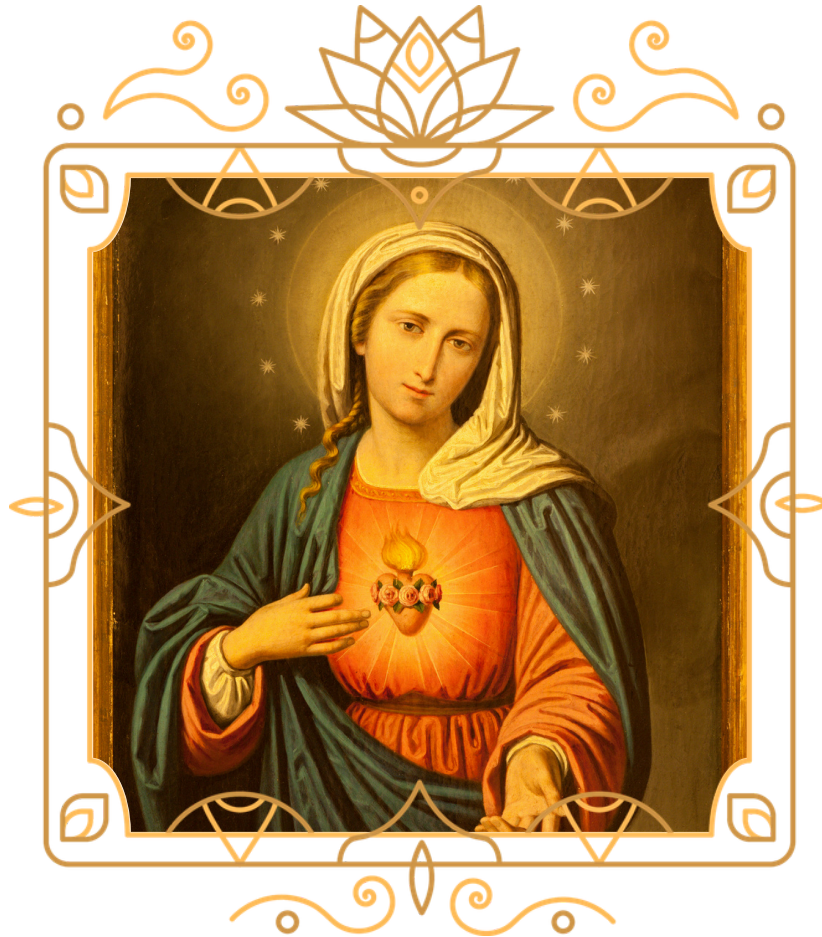
**Hadley Smith**

**Elyse Wallin**

**Evelyn Woodruff**



# May Crowning



**May 6**

**Open to the whole parish**

5:30 pm outside at the Mary statue  
(weather permitting)

and again at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary