



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 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*

5:00 pm *Mass at Simpson*

Monday, May 11

291: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, May 12

292: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

6:00 pm *Mass at St. Thomas – Bill Thomas*

Wednesday, May 13

293: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

8:00 AM *Mass at St. Thomas – Loretta Petersen and*

Wilma Hill

Thursday, May 14

564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

8:00 AM *Mass at St. Thomas*

Friday, May 15

295: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

8:00 AM *Mass at St. Thomas – Patricia Dentel*

Saturday, May 16

296: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

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

4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas – Bess Basler and*

Nancy Slick

Sunday, May 17

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

58: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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

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Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele ext 208

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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: 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 May 7 - May 13:

1) Please continue to pray for Alex Lynch and his family. Alex has recently entered hospice care with terminal cancer. Please visit mysta.org/alex for more information. We'll also post updates on prayer events as we know about them.

2) This weekend after Masses we will have a special blessing for mothers and we will be handing out a small token of our appreciation for all our mothers.

3) 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.

4) As our prairie begins to grow and bloom this spring, our Creation Care Team has just put up the guided reflection signs. This set is called "Praying with the Saints." Please take a moment to go pray outside and enjoy our beautiful prairie.

5) We are looking for more businesses to advertise in our bulletin. We will have a special introductory rate for our new advertisers: \$150 will buy you an ad through December. Our bulletin reaches more than 220 households per week on average. Please e-mail Beth McGinnis at bmcginnis@mysta.org if you are interested.

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

As we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit, open your hearts to His gentle promptings. If you feel Him calling you to a deepening of your faith, please consider signing up to spend an hour each week with Jesus. Adoration is such a perfect way to deepen your faith and draw nearer to Jesus.

We are in need of additional adorers for each of the following hours:

Tuesday - 3 and 4 pm
Wednesday - 8 pm
Thursday - 8 pm

Please help by signing up to cover one of these hours each week.

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

Note: beginning May 6, Jesus will be reposed at 5 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will return to normal (9-9) hours of adoration in the fall.



The Des Moines Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 11AM - 8PM
This is a cultural event, exploring the charism of Servant of God Luigi Giussani, Faith and Gen Z, the dignity of work and AI, and a classical piano concert. Bishop Joensen will open the event with remarks and prayer. This is free and open to all. Details are at: www.thedesmoinesmeeting.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 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



"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." —Psalm 66:4

Sometimes being intentional about helping the environment can feel heavy and depressing, and most of the news seems bad, yet our faith calls us to continue to have hope and praise God. This week, make time to join creation in praising God. Go out to our prairie and reflect on the Prayers of the Saints. While there, close your eyes and listen to the birds chirping above you. Do whatever it is that will help you join your spirit to that of creation.

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



Summer Events

Monthly Meetings: May 14, June 11, July 9

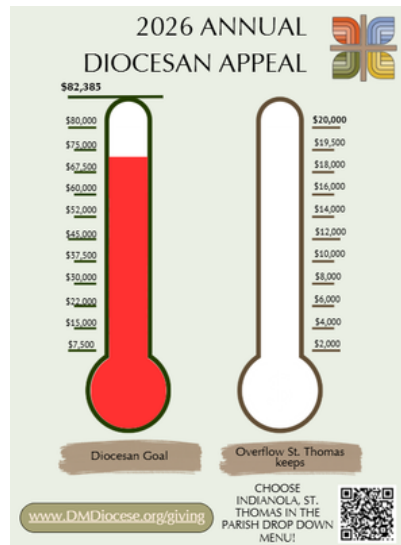
Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall starting around 6:30. Anyone interested in joining the Knights are encouraged to come and become familiar with the membership.

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

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!



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

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!



S.T.A.R.S.

SAVE THE DATE

June 6 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in welcoming Emma Lynch our new choir director. The STARS will be hosting a reception to celebrate growing the music ministry. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

June 20 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in friends and fellowship to celebrate Fr. Adams anniversary of ordination. Refreshments will be served!

July 15 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in friends and fellowship. Refreshments will be served!

August 1 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in friends and fellowship to our FOCUS ministers. Refreshments will be served!

August 15 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in friends and fellowship to celebrate our new members of the Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served!

September 13 - After 4:30 pm Mass - Please join the STARS in friends and fellowship. Refreshments will be served!

Catechist Formation: It was like being on a retreat.

"I thought I was going so I could help our parish with Faith Formation. But at formation I discovered so much more. It was like being on a retreat. I loved it and I found spiritual friendships, deep friendships that just grow deeper over the years. The fellowship I have found among atrium catechists is a gift I never expected." NPD. (a young mother) Formation courses for Level I, II, and III are being offered in our diocese this summer.



Scan the QR code to see course information.



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