



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 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 – Wyatt Bee (bday)

Jerry Ostrander

Monday, May 18

297: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, May 19

298: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas – Bob O'Meara

Wednesday, May 20

299: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Marguerite Hines

Thursday, May 21

300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

10:30 AM Mass at Westview – Bev

And Rich Krier

Friday, May 22

301: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, May 23

PENTECOST VIGIL

62: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-

5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, May 24

PENTECOST

63: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas – Marguerite Hines

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 May 14 - May 20:

1) I've been profoundly edified by the outpouring of support for the Lynch family as they journey through this season of mourning. Thank you all for rallying around Alex and his family. Please continue to keep the Lynches in prayer.

2) This weekend we will have our senior Mass. All graduating seniors are invited to a Mass and breakfast. Contact Diane DeWall for more information. ddewall@mysta.org.

3) As people enter into summer mode, we will be launching new ministries! We have our music ministry relaunch in June. A special welcome to Emma Lynch as she begins her tenure here. We also welcome our FOCUS missionary, Thomas Horlander, as he moves over Memorial Day. His official start is August 1.

4) ChristLife is now just one month away! We've had a strong start to signups for the summer run of ChristLife. If you'd like to join us, please go to mysta.org/dc. If you've never been through ChristLife, you can signup for Discovering Christ. Or, if you've already been through Discovering Christ, you can fill out the interest form and we will send you the registration link for your next module.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, the process begins with ChristLife.

5) At the vigil of Pentecost on May 23, we plan to celebrate the sacraments of initiation with 3 adults. Please continue to pray for Greg, Bailey, and Kelly as they complete their formation.

Care Center Masses

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.

Food donations needed for VBS!!

We need:

Chips Fruit

Juice Boxes

Cereal Bars

cookies



Please place them in the gray tub in the gathering space,

VBS starts Monday, June 8

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



If you don't have a garden of your own, community gardens are in full swing this time of the year. Do you know if you have one in your area? These gardens are usually a piece of land rented very inexpensively so people without yards can grow food to feed their families. It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, plant seeds, and tend them. Jesus used stories of farmers in Scripture—he spoke of seeds scattered and seeds that take root. He spoke of a tiny mustard seed that grows into a mighty plant. Your challenge this week is to seek out a garden in your community. Volunteer to help weed or water and support those who are caring for God's creation or feeding those most in need. Or, just put a plant in a pot and see what happens!

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



Summer Events

Monthly Meetings: 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!



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The diocesan Memorial Day Mass will be held on May 25 at Glendale Cemetery at 10 a.m. In case of rain it will be moved to St. Theresa Church on Merle Hay Road at 10:15 a.m. The NPM Chapter with the Basilica of St. John Parish is forming a special choir for this Mass. All parish and diocesan singers are invited to participate.

Indianola Soccer Tribe Boys Academy U10 won the Spring Creek FC's annual president's cup tournament last weekend! Coaches Jordan McPheron and Dillon Phillips with players Niles Bienemann, Carlos Hernandez, Oakley Hill, Beckett McPheron, Steele Brummer and Thomas Phillips - all from St. Thomas Aquinas. We are so proud of our Catholic boys for shining God's light to their teammates through good sportsmanship and teamwork!



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S.T.A.R.S.

SAVE THE DATE

May 23 - After 4:30 pm Mass - An opportunity to have fellowship after mass! STARS will be providing refreshments! Please be sure and join us

Catechist Formation: It feels like your own Pentecost.

"You go there expecting to serve- but it's you, you're the one who is being served. The Holy Spirit is there for you in the atrium, on the faces of the kids, in the miracles of wonder. It feels like your own Pentecost. You just have to share the joy." JM (a newly arrived parishioner from another country) Formation courses for Level I, II, and III are being offered in our diocese this summer.



St. Thomas offers a substantial scholarship in exchange for three years of serving in our parish atria.

Scan the QR code to see course information.



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