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 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

Monday, May 25
572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, May 26
348: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 27
349: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, May 28
350: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Loretta Petersen and Wilma Hill

Friday, May 29
351: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26
8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas – Bill Thomas And Arlene DeWall

Saturday, May 30
352: Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33
3:30pm — 4:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas - Alex Lynch

Sunday, May 31
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
164: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
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
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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 21 - May 27:

1) This Saturday (May 23) we will be using the VIGIL FOR PENTECOST at the evening Mass. There will be extra readings, and we will be confirming three adults as part of the evening celebration. You are welcome to join us for a reception afterwards, hosted by the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society (STARS).

2) We need help painting one of the rooms at St. Thomas Aquinas. Materials are provided, we just need a few hands to get the job done. We are planning to paint on May 30, from 10 a.m.-Noon. Please e-mail bblong@mysta.org if you are interested in helping us paint.

3) Saturday, June 6, we are planning a welcome reception for Emma Lynch. Please join us after the 4:30 Mass to welcome Emma. Thank you to our STARS group for organizing the reception.

4) We are quickly running out of spots for our Vacation Bible School. Please signup by going to **vbs.mysta.org**. We are also looking for donations of food for our VBS program. Please see the bulletin for more info, and please bring your donation to the tote in the back of the church. Thank you!

5) This weekend, Bishop Joensen will be announcing the Diocesan intention to move the age of confirmation. Please stay tuned for the link to his announcement. For St. Thomas Aquinas, our intention is to prepare next year's 8th grade and Freshman classes for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will be at the end of the summer in 2027 (date TBD).

Care Center Masses

Fourth Thursday of the month : Good Samaritan Nursing Home - 10:30 AM
Third Thursday of the month : Westview Care Center - 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
Enkindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created,
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

We are in need of additional adorers at each of the hours below.

Tuesday
3 and 4 pm
Wednesday
8 pm
Thursday
8 pm

Please contact Anitta Spenner at spennani1976@outlook.com or by calling 515-344-7850

The office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. Thanks!

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 -

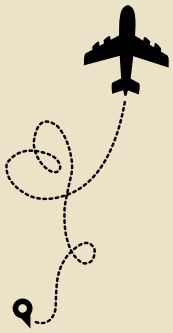
Michael Deming, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, , Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, John Schletzbaum & all the Souls in Purgatory

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.

Join Bishop on a Pilgrimage

Bishop William Joensen is joining speaker and author Jon Leonetti on a pilgrimage to Poland Sept. 12 - 22. Only one busload of pilgrims will travel with them to Poland to visit holy places in Warsaw, Divine Mercy Shrine, Czestochowa, Krakow, and more on the Great Saints Pilgrimage. Get more information and tell Jon you're signing up for the trip by going to jonleonetti.com/Poland.



Pope Leo's Prayer for May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

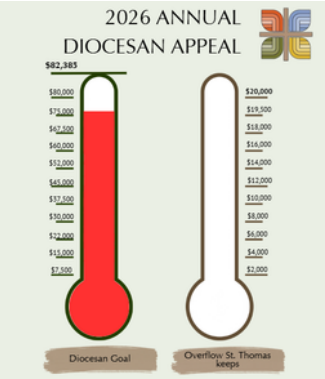
Knights News

Summer Events

Monthly Meetings: June 11, July 9, August 13

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.



We've collected 92% of our goal as of today and are 7th in percentage completed.
177 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!

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 would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support, prayers, and love for our family and for Alex over the years. You have helped us carry this cross, and your prayers have truly been a source of grace, comfort, and peace as we entrust Alex into God's loving hands. We are deeply thankful to the church staff, the choir, Fr. Adam, and those who volunteered for the beautiful and reverent Mass and the luncheon celebrating Alex's life. We are incredibly blessed to be part of such a strong and faith-filled community here at St. Thomas. Your kindness has reflected God's love in a profound way. May God bless each one of you.

-Jeremy, Jana, and Connor

Coffee with Jesus

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

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, June 6 th , 2026

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas ~ multi-Purpose Room

Catechist Formation: I do not have to be an expert.

"If you want to share your faith with children and deepen your own faith, formation as an atrium catechist is a great way to do so. I realized that I don't have to be an expert. I learned that I can listen to God's Word and the signs in liturgy along with children. This has been a time of discovery for me, especially in my knowledge of Scripture. My understanding and participation at Mass has become more meaningful." – CGS atrium catechist.

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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