

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, October 17

3:30 pm — 4:10 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas-

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am Mass-For the people

10:15 am Mass- Mark Schroeder

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, October 19

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Josephine Sereg

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-

Thursday, October 22

10:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan- Richard Krier

Friday, October 23

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas-

Saturday, October 24

3:30 pm — 4:10 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas- Jerry and Marie Faber

Sunday, October 25

8:00 am Mass-For the people

10:15 am Mass- John and Donna Sereg

5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Caring Hands: Patty Alexander ext 207

ROSARY: Tuesday Evening after Mass (~6:30).

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 7:40 a.m. in the church

Website: mysta.org

Care of the Sick & Homebound: For sacramental emergencies, call the office and when prompted for an extension press 7.

In non-emergency situations, call to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist. You can also go to mysta.org/care

Become Catholic/Newcomers/Change of Addresses: mysta.org/new

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by 12PM on Wednesday to The Office - office@mysta.org

Office Hours by phone: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office Hours in person: Monday- Friday, 8:00 am- 4:30 pm

Parish Office: 515-961-3026 or office@mysta.org

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For questions about
sacraments
please visit
mysta.org/sacraments

Fr. Adam's Five for October 15 - October 21:

1) Please join us for our first Knights of Columbus Fall Fish Fry and Chicken Dinner! It will be on Friday, October 23.

2) On Sunday, October 25, we are hosting Deacon Randy Kiel to talk about how to live well in a stressed out environment. Thanks to the Social Concerns committee for their work on this initiative. Please see the bulletin for more information.

3) We are beginning the process of long-term visioning for St. Thomas Aquinas. Part of our exploration includes the possibility of Early Childhood Education, and part will include what our campus footprint will look like in years to come. I'm working on forming a task force to assist with the various areas under consideration. If you are interested in helping with visioning, please reach out to me at office@mysta.org.

4) I have the next batch of St. Thomas Aquinas statues for those who contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. I will be handing them out again after Masses this weekend. So far we have had 207 households participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. There is still time to participate if you'd like to receive a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas. Go to mysta.org/ada for more information. 100% of what you give will come back to St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Diocese covers all associated fees with online giving.

5) We are approaching the end of the calendar year. As you look to make year-end gifts for tax purposes, please consider St. Thomas Aquinas. We are continually growing our ministries, and rely on your generosity (especially at the end of the year) to carry us through the fiscal year and help us reach more people with the Gospel.

If you would like to make a gift of grain, we have an account at the Heartland Co-op. There are two ways to give through Heartland. First, when you set up a delivery (before you go on the scales) you can let them know how much of the delivery is going to St. Thomas Aquinas Account number 62951 (number of bushels or percentage). Second, if you have grain in storage, you can transfer it to our account, but it requires you to sign a transfer order and there is more paperwork. Either way thank you for your generosity!

We also accept stock transfers; we go through the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

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

Wednesday 9 AM - 9 PM
Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The chapel is
opposite the circular
room by the
NORTH ENTRANCE.



Online Giving:



Early Childhood Education
UPDATE:

We have a meeting with the
Fire Marshal to see what we
need for our building to allow
for Early Childhood Education.

First ECE exploratory
committee meeting is October
22

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Prayer List

*Linda Mullen, Brian Adams, Aleisha Fox, Clara Hill,
Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr,
Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont,
Joan McElroy, & 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.

You can also fill out the form at mysta.org/pray

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 the Office at 515-961-3026 or office@mysta.org to
add or remove names from the bulletin.



STARS



The St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary prior to all masses on the weekends in October.

Please be sure to join us for this beautiful spiritual gift. We will begin twenty minutes before mass time. If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Patty Alexander at pseregalexander@gmail.com.



Knights News



Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners

4 Big Nights Oct 23 & 30 Nov 6 & 13
Serving Hours: 5:30 to 7 PM
Dine-In or Take-out

Adults & Take-Out/\$15
Children (Ages 6 to 12)/\$6
Children 5 & under are free



BS Troop 123 will host a dessert table.

All Souls Day

Our All Souls Day service will be happening on Halloween evening at our 4:30 PM Mass

If you would like a candle for a loved one who has passed this last year, please contact Riley at rdykstra@mysta.org.



REMINDER: Please call the office or Caring Hands Ministry if you have a Catholic relative or friend who is hospitalized and would like Holy Communion to be brought to them.



Creation Care Corner



As the leaves fall this autumn, rake them and add them to your compost pile rather than stuff them into plastic bags which will end up in the landfill. Don't have a compost bin? Rake them into a pile in the corner of the yard or over a garden plot to decompose back into the soil. As a last resort, ask if any of your neighbors will accept them for their gardens.

Save The Dates

Operation Christmas will be accepting donations this weekend. The funds collected will be used to provide gift and food vouchers for families that have completed applications for assistance at Helping Hand. They must reside in Warren county to be eligible. If you are able to make a donation, please place it in the collection basket and mark it for Operation Christmas. If you write a check, please make it payable to Helping Hand with Operation Christmas in the memo. Questions about this program, please contact Debbie McDaniel, 515-240-2029. Thanks!!



HELP NEEDED

The next Gathering Table is **Monday, October 19**. We have been serving between 120-140 meals. 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 4:30 and 5 p.m.



10 Ways to Live a Better Stressful Life



Consider spending a little time on Sunday, October 25th learning how to live well with all the stress in our lives. Randy Kiel, a licensed mental health counselor at Kardia Counseling (and Deacon at Christ the King parish) will be at St. Thomas to help us learn how to cope in the midst of all that comes with stress. This is Randy's third presentation at St. Thomas and you won't want to miss it. The program begins at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments will follow.

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