



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125  
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am,  
Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass  
Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am  
1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am  
Simpson Masses start September

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**Perpetual Adoration** of our Lord from 4pm on Sunday  
until noon on Friday

**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 are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and must be registered with the church, one sponsor must be Catholic.

**Liturgy of Marriage:** Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

**Prayer Chain:** Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for anyone in need.

Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-2029

**Care of the Sick & Shut-ins:** Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

**Newcomers/Addresses:** Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.

**Change of Address:** Notify the office when you change your address.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

## December 4

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Claire Wiedmaier & Preston Pettit  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish  
5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

## December 5

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

181: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

## December 6

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

182: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—For the sick of the parish  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

## December 7

### SAINT AMBROSE

183: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30  
see 688: Eph 3:8-12 Jn 10:11-16  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Thomas

## December 8

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

#### Holy Day of Obligation

689: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
7:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Wilma Hill, Loretta Petersen  
& Beverly Krier  
12:00 noon Mass at Simpson College  
7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas

## December 9

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

185: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit

## December 10

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
3:30-4:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Preston Pettit

## December 11

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—**Gerald O'Meara**  
& Gary & Vivian Elbert  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people of the parish  
No 5:00 pm Mass at Simpson College

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.-1 p.m.)  
Parish Office: 515-961-3026 Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com) Facebook: [St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA](https://www.facebook.com/St.ThomasChurchIndianolaIA)

**For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7**

# Father Adam's Five

for 12/01-12/07

1. Ignite was a resounding success! We are over 100% in pledges; when we receive 100% in donations we start getting back 75% of what people contribute.
2. December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at STA will be 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and noon at Simpson (Smith Chapel)
3. The last Simpson Mass for the Semester will be December 8.
4. We've launched a signup for ChristLife Part 1: Discovering Christ! Please let us know if you'd be interested in attending by signing up here: <https://tinyurl.com/DCStthomas>
5. Please Continue to Pray for F.O.C.U.S on Simpson's Campus and for the success of ChristLife!

The Knights of Columbus Council 5032  
announces their annual



## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for 2022.

The contest began on Wednesday, November 30 with a deadline of Wednesday, December 14. Materials (poster paper and entry sheets) are available for distribution to students at their religious education classes or on the table outside the St. Thomas Room in the Parish Hall. Rules and conditions are on the entry sheet and a parent's/guardian's signature is required to participate.

Contest winners will be awarded for Grades K-2 (ages 5-7), grades 3-5 (ages 8-10), and grades 6-8 (ages 11-14). Each winner will receive a \$25 award and will have their art work displayed in the gathering space during the Christmas season. Please encourage your children to take part—creating a work of art is a great opportunity to express themselves and to engage in the Advent/Christmas season in a meaningful way!



## Coats for Kids - Update



The Knights of Columbus would like to announce that we have collected just over \$2100 for the purchase of 96 coats this year. These coats have been delivered and we are working with Helping Hand to distribute these coats to people in need throughout the winter. The Knights have also committed \$500 toward the purchase of a set of hats and gloves for each coat provided. Thanks to all who contributed to this useful and worthwhile program! Helping Hand also accepts donations of gently used coats. So, as you are straightening your closets, please consider making a donation of coats to provide the gift of warmth for those who need it!



## Prayer List

For all those in need.

Winston Sayre

Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,

Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley,

Dianne Funk & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com) or  
515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029  
to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest  
of the group to start immediate prayers for  
you or your loved one in need.

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 Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name  
to the list published in the bulletin.

Names will remain on the list for a month unless  
you indicate otherwise.



"The parish is forming an Exploratory Committee to look into the possibility of adding stained-glass windows in the existing church. Timeline for project would develop over the next three years. Anyone that is inspired to be a part of the planning of this stained glass project should contact Leasa at the parish office. We would like to get this committee established in early 2023."

# 33RD ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE ALL NATIONS INVITED!

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”- John 1:14

Just as Jesus became Man at His conception, likewise, when a child is conceived, he/she becomes a member of our human family. This little person now dwells among us. So that our nation and world may accept this truth, conform to God’s Laws, protect our unborn brothers and sisters and restore health to our people... COME PRAY WITH US!!!! Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of LIFE, the FAMILY, and the CHURCH, establish PEACE and inspire Courage in our NATION!! ...Before I formed you in the womb I knew you— Jeremiah 1:5 If my people... humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.—2 Chronicles 7:12 Let us be confident in Our Mother’s promises!

**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2022  
From 8pm to midnight  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

COME PRAY WITH US !  
Come for some  
Stay for all  
Or just make a visit.



## Gathering Table

It is time for The Gathering Table  
**December 5th** from 5:30-6:30.

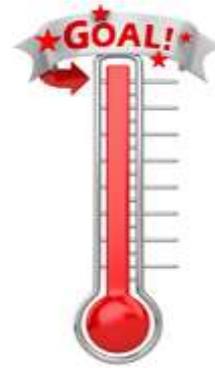
Please prayerfully consider helping in some way, and check the Sign up Genius.

[Gathering Table: Gathering Table \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Gathering Table (signupgenius.com))

This mission would not be possible if it wasn't for the support from people like you.



**Ignite**



Congratulations you have met your Ignite Goal of  
**\$ 355,000**

Thank you to all who responded so generously to this Campaign! Each year the success of our drives depends on you. Again, this year, you have done a wonderful thing - your gifts will help so many in the Diocese of Des Moines to continue its mission of serving the people of God in southwest Iowa.

**Thank You!**

## Grief Support Group Understanding Your Grief



**WHERE:** Meadow Glen Terrace  
712 S Jefferson Way, Bldg A  
Indianola, Iowa 50125

**WHEN:** 2nd Wednesday of each month  
From 4:30pm-6pm ~ For more info

**CALL:** Helen Kollasch 515-491-4106  
Vicky Oberheim-Vorwald 515-371-2609

Wednesday, December 14  
Wed., January 11, 2023

## Creation Care Corner



*“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to A life of virtue.”*

— Pope Francis

### Encourage Elected Officials to Take Action on Climate

*Legislators need to hear from their constituents:*

- Contact your US Representative and Senators by phone, letter, email, fax, or social media.
- Be brief, concise, specific. Let them know you are a constituent whose concerned about the issue. Tell your legislator why you are concerned and what the positive impact will be for you or others by taking action on a particular issue or bill.
- Cover only one issue per call or letter. It’s extra effective when you suggest a course of action.

Remember it’s important to be polite.  
If legislators don’t hear from you on an issue, they assume it’s not important to you. The site below offers to send pre-written letters to Congress you can personalize. For current Church-supported actions see:

[www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/advocacy](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/advocacy)

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