



# 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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## 2023

### Sunday, December 3 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carmen Koth & Tom Duffy  
**5:00pm Mass at Simpson College**

### Monday, December 4

**WEEKDAY**  
175: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

### Tuesday, December 5

**WEEKDAY**  
176: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Pauline Ripperger

### Wednesday, December 6

**WEEKDAY**  
177: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy

### Thursday, December 7

**SAINT ANDREW**  
178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27  
see 688: Eph 3:8-12 Jn 10:11-16  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Paul Keating

### Friday, December 8

**WEEKDAY**  
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—Winston Sayre  
11:00 am Mass at Simpson College  
7:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Shelby McCasland & Nancy Conradt

### Saturday, December 9

**WEEKDAY**  
180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Preston Pettit & Shelby McCasland

### Sunday, December 10

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Shelby McCasland & Jerry Ostrander  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Carmen Koth & Tom Duffy  
**5:00pm Mass at Simpson College**

**Perpetual Adoration** Wednesday from 9am to 9pm  
And Friday mornings from 9:00am to noon.

**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 a 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

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**

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

## Father Adam's Five for December 1—December 8:

1. December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at St. Thomas will be 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at Simpson will be 11 a.m.
2. Saturday, December 2nd is the Cookie Walk! Please come out and support this fundraiser.
3. I'm adding two weekends of additional confession times this Advent. Saturday December 2nd confessions will be at 3:30 (as usual) but Sunday, December 3rd, I'll be hearing confessions from 7:15-7:45 a.m., and from 9:30-10:00 a.m. This schedule will be the same on December 16 and 17
4. The last Simpson Mass of the semester will be December 10.
5. I will be attending a friend's ordination on the weekend of December 9+10.

# Christmas Mass Times

- Saturday, December 23th—4:30PM** regular Mass  
(does not count for Christmas)
- Sunday, December 24th—9:00AM**  
(counts as a regular Sunday Mass)  
**4:30PM** (counts for the Christmas Vigil Mass)  
**Later Mass—** (To be announced)
- Monday, December 25th 9:00AM**  
(Christmas Day Mass)



## Thank you to all those that helped with the cookie walk!



# Cookie Walk

### Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,  
Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,  
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,  
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley, & 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.

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.



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen

### Gathering Table

The next Gathering Table is **Monday, December 4**. Please prayerfully consider bringing a main dish, side dish or dessert. Help serving is always appreciated too.  
Thank you and God bless!



Friday, December 8th  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(holy day of obligation).  
Masses on that day will be  
7AM and 7PM at St. Thomas &  
11AM at Simpson College



All Christmas poinsettia plant requests must be in no later than **December 18th**  
**Suggested donation \$25.00**



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### HOLY MOMENTS

Holy Moments are moments in which you open yourself to God and create grace in your life,



*This week's Holy Moment Focus:* Smile generously and go out of your way to greet others.

### The Knights of Columbus have several events this month:

**November 23-December 3:** Coats for Kids Drive  
**November 29-December 13:** Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



A second notice for the poster contest:  
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus announces their annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for 2022. The contest began on Wednesday, November 29 with a deadline of Wednesday, December 13. 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 all contestants 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!

## Creation Care Corner

219 lbs. – The total amount of food an average American wastes per year!  
We can waste less by eating what's in the fridge. Scraps can become stock for soup, making sure you use all the leftovers, squeezing out every last drop of ketchup are easy ways to help the earth and save money. By doing this, you can basically cut food waste by 50%!



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