



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 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 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

2024

Sunday, February 4

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, February 5

SAINT AGATHA

329: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

see 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Lk 9:23-26

No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, February 6

SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

330: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11

Mk 7:1-13 see 528: Gal 2:19-20 Mt 28:16-20

6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

Wednesday, February 7

WEEKDAY

331: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Thursday, February 8

WEEKDAY

332: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bev Elbert

Friday, February 9

WEEKDAY

333: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Bill Thomas

Saturday, February 10

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

334: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106: 6-7, 19-22

Mk 8:1-10 see 530: Sg 8:6-7 Lk 10:38-42

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Sunday, February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

77: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

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

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Gerald O'Meara

5:00pm 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 Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

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

Father Adam's Five for February 2—February 8

1. Thank you for all the prayers for my mother; she still has a long road ahead of her but the direction is favorable.
2. COLLEGE STUDENTS: Mark your calendars! The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (F.O.C.U.S.) is hosting a Spiritual Impact Bootcamp at St. Thomas Aquinas! The dates are March 1-3. To Signup, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/STA-SIB>
3. Ash Wednesday Masses will be February 14 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at St. Thomas, and 1 p.m. at Simpson.
4. Budgets are due as soon as possible from our groups at St. Thomas. Please submit to Leasa so our Finance Council may review.
5. This week we begin a special program for our STAT students. We are introducing them to Christ-Life part 1: Discovering Christ! Please keep them in prayer.



EXCELLENCE MESSAGE

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Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Bailey, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor
Helen Kollasch, Randy Swanson,
Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman,
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at 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.



Pancake
Breakfast



**Sunday February 4
9:00 to 10:00 AM**

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Egg Bake, Coffee & Juice

Let us prepare your Sunday meal so you can spend time
with your family and friends.

The cost is a free-will donation which is used to support
our scholarships.

We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.

Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We are in need of adorers to help cover a few hours in our current Wednesday and Thursday adoration schedule.

We need a second adorer to help cover the 2 -3, the 6-7 & the 8-9 (all pm) holy hours on Wednesdays.

We also need a substitute adorer available to fill in at 11 am, noon and 3 pm on Wednesdays and at noon on Thursdays. These substitutes would be needed through mid April to help cover hours while one of the current adorers is away. There is another adorer scheduled at these times but we need someone for each in the event the other adorer cannot be there.

We are continuing to try and fill holy hours throughout the night and early morning on Wednesday and Thursday and on Tuesdays from 9am until 6pm. The response to date has been slow but trusting that the Lord is at work. We will be present after each Mass on the weekend of Feb 3 and 4 to answer questions and take sign ups.

Below are the hours and number of adorers needed in each hour. We are scheduling 2 adorers (from different households) for each hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of the open hours.

Tuesday: 1 adorer at 9 and 11am and at 1pm and 2 adorers at Noon, 2, 3 and 4 pm.

Wednesday: 1 adorer 2 and 10pm

Thursday: 2 adorers at Midnight, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 am and 1 at 7 and 8 am

Please pray that many hearts will be moved to sign up to spend an hour each week with Jesus. To sign up, contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com, call me at 515-344-7850 or stop by the table after mass on Saturday Feb 3rd or Sunday Feb 4th. Thank you and God Bless!

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: 'Fast' from spending and donate that money instead

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Make it a family event!

Our deepest condolences go out to Earl Seymour, for the death of his sister **Judy Pierson**, who's funeral will be celebrated Tuesday, February 6th at 11am at Saint Thomas. Please remember her, as well as Earl and Lori Smith, Judy's niece, and the entire family in your prayers.

**Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord
And let perpetual lights shine upon Her
May she rest in peace.**



Gathering Table

The next Gathering Table is Monday, February 5th. We need help with main dishes, side dishes, desserts and serving. Please prayerfully consider helping in some way. Here is the sign-up link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>



Creation Care Corner

Buy reusable mesh bags to use for fresh produce items when you are grocery shopping. That will eliminate the need to use the grocer's plastic produce bags (near to

impossible to open!), which are difficult to recycle. Mesh bags, available from a number of retailers, can be laundered and kept with your reusable grocery bags for convenience.



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