



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125  
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm - Sunday 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 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

Sunday, August 18, 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

119: Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Ann & Evon Putz

Monday, August 19

WEEKDAY

419: Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22  
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, August 20

SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT

420: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36  
Mt 19:23-30 see 625: Sir 15:1-6 Jn 17:20-26  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

Wednesday, August 21

SAINT PIUS X, POPE

421: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16  
see 626: 1 Th 2:2b-8 Jn 21:15-17  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Kailey Peters

Thursday, August 22

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

422: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14  
see 627: Is 9:1-6 Lk 1:26-38  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—John & Donna Sereg

Friday, August 23

WEEKDAY

423: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Andrew Strable (Birthday)

Saturday, August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Patricia Miller

Sunday, August 25

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

122: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32  
or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— For the Confirmation Class

**5:00pm Simpson Masses resume**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12p.m.-1p.m.) summer hours Friday 9:00a.m.-1:00p.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 August 16 —August 22

1) We are bidding farewell to Emma Devries, our summer music ministry intern. If you'd like to come and say goodbye, Emma will be at the 4:30 Mass on 8/17. We will have a snacks and drinks available in the multipurpose room after Mass.

2) After consultation with Buildings and Grounds, Finance, and Parish Council, and after hearing back from a number of parishioners via the survey, and after consultation with my brother priests regarding their alcohol policies, and after hearing back from Leasa that there would not be adverse consequences for us with the City of Indianola, we are not going to renew the liquor license at St. Thomas Aquinas. The main reasons for NOT renewing it are: 1) The added expense and requirements have driven away potential renters 2) It is difficult to find volunteers to tend the bar 3) it isn't as profitable as first thought 4) Most of the events we have in the parish hall don't entail selling alcohol

3) August 25 two things are happening: 1) Bishop Joensen is celebrating the sacrament of confirmation at the 10:15 Mass; 2) Simpson Masses resume at 5 p.m.

4) Registration for Religious Education is now open. Please signup by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-RE2025>

5) Our church app has rolled out a new feature in the directory. Now you can contact someone through the app. If you'd like access to the directory, please fill out this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/STA-DIR>

## Registration for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Year



If you have not signed up for the coming STAT, RE, or CGS year, please do so as September is quickly approaching. Also we ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering to help with one of these programs. *"God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called"*



*We are definitely going to miss Emma!  
A special thank you to her for spending her summer with us as an internship.  
The music ministers*

## Coming Soon

### Let Down Your Nets

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*"Put out into deep water and put out your nets for a catch."  
Luke 9:4*

### Prayer List

For all those in need.

Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters,  
Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor,  
Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr,  
Duffy Metz, Doug Andreasen, Jean Veasman,  
Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

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

Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debble 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 and

## Eucharistic Adoration

As summer begins to wind down and we get back into the rhythm of school, sports and the crazy schedules, think how an hour of peace and silence each week might be a welcome escape. Spending an hour each week with Jesus in quiet prayer and reflection might be the very thing that helps us to get through it all!

Our Adoration Chapel is open 7 days a week from 9am to 9pm. Please come and spend some time in the presence of our Lord who is ALWAYS present in the tabernacle in the chapel (and of course in the church). We hope to return soon to Jesus being exposed on the altar in the chapel on Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 9pm. In anticipation of that, we do need replacements for some of the hours on Wednesday and Thursday so that we can have 2 adorers for each hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these hours to spend time with Jesus each week.

Wednesday: 12 noon to 1:00 pm, 2:00 to 3:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 12 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, 6:00 to 7:00 pm and 8:00 to 9:00 pm

We also have many hours available for sign up on Mondays and Tuesdays. Although Jesus is not exposed on those days, He is still there and desires us to visit Him. Given the world as it is today, there is so much to pray for and rest assured time spent in adoration will bear much fruit, for individuals, our parish, the church, our country and the world.

If you are able to sign up for an hour each week, please contact me, Anitta Spenner, at 515-344-7850 or by email at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com). In the mean time, please continue to pray for an increase in devotion to and adoration of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

God Bless.

### From the Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, August 18th. We always need servers so please consider helping serve. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.

The last Gathering Table served 150 meals so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert.

You can sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>

Thank you for supporting this important ministry to our community.

### 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: Leave something better than you found it.

Please Celebrate with the Parish family of Saint Thomas Aquinas as **Daniel Gandy** one of our STAT teens receives his Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday, August 24th.

**Congratulations Daniel!!**



*Confirmation  
Sunday*

**Please pray for the students that  
will be receiving the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
on  
Sunday, August 25th  
at the 10:15am Mass.**

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