



# 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

## St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

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**Perpetual Adoration** Wednesday & Thursday 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 25, 2024

### 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 Mass**

Monday, August 26

### WEEKDAY

425: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22  
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, August 27

### SAINT MONICA

426: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26  
see 632: Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 Lk 7:11-17  
(Cf. Augustine's Confessions Book 6, no. 2)  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Wednesday, August 28

### SAINT AUGUSTINE

427: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32  
see 633: 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 23:8-12  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Courtney Bonner

Thursday, August 29

### PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

428: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 634: Mk 6:17-29  
see 634: Jer 1:17-19 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Clare Phillips (Birthday)

Friday, August 30

### WEEKDAY

429: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Lily Strable (Birthday)

Saturday, August 31

### WEEKDAY

430: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Kailey Peters

Sunday, September 1

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

125: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Margaret Barton  
**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m. -4:00p.m. Closed for from (12p.m.- 1p.m.)

Parish Office: 515-961-3026

Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

Facebook: [St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA](https://www.facebook.com/St.ThomasChurch,IndianolaIA)

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

## Father Adam's Five for August 23 —August 29

- 1) This weekend is confirmation; it will be at the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, August 25. Please welcome Bishop Joensen and congratulate our confirmani!
- 2) Simpson Mass will resume August 25 at 5 p.m.
- 3) We are in the final stages of hiring three positions at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please continue to keep us (and our new team members) in your prayers!
- 4) We are hosting a ChristLife "Let Down Your Nets" training on September 14 and 15. This training is for everyone! We will have two tracks- one for people who have been a part of ChristLife in the past, and one for those who have not been a part of ChristLife before. There is no cost for Simpson students/staff and St. Thomas Parishioners, but we do need you to register so we know how to plan for food and meeting spaces. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-LDYN>
- 5) Coaster production is under way. We had over 60 families participate in the ADA at a level which qualified for the coasters. Thank you all for your support! It truly was a group effort

## Coming Soon



### Let Down Your Nets

A ChristLife Training Conference

**September 14-15, 2024**  
St. Thomas Aquinas in  
Indianola, IA

Training Speakers

  
Dave Nodar

  
Dianne Davis

  
Jennifer King

...and more!

Learn More and Register:  
[ChristLife.org/iowa](https://ChristLife.org/iowa)



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!!**



## Congratulations to the Confirmandi



Reagan Anderson	Violet Knedler
Nicholas Bradley	Lydia Meunsaveng
Caitlin Brodie	Zachary O'Meara
Asher Brueck	Drake Orey
Avery Chamberlain	Logan Oswald
Elliana Crawford	Zachary Rothchild
Colton Hageman	Calvin Schettler
Leah Hartford	Gabe Sinclair
Tait Jacobsen	Aiden Thomason
Megan Jensen	Madailein Wood
Ethan Kanne	Bo Woodruff
Parker Kaufman	
Noah Kjellberg	

### 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 A ndreasen, Jean Veasman,  
 Patrick S handley, & for the S ouls 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

**“Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your  
heart...” Joel 2:12**



Are you a trained Catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? Have you served in our atria as an assistant in the past? God is calling you to return!

We are seeking trained catechists and experienced assistants to return to the atria to help in Level I, II, and even our brand new toddler atrium on Wednesday evenings and Sunday morning. We know you are out there, please take a moment to pray and see if this could be the moment for your return. Thank you.

Email Michelle Helm at [mrshelm23@gmail.com](mailto:mrshelm23@gmail.com) or call or text 515-505-0280.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Harder family, for the death of **Steve Forret**, Karen Harder's brother, who was buried last week. Please remember him, as well as Karen and the Harder family in your prayers.



**Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord  
And let perpetual lights shine  
upon Him, may he rest in peace.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

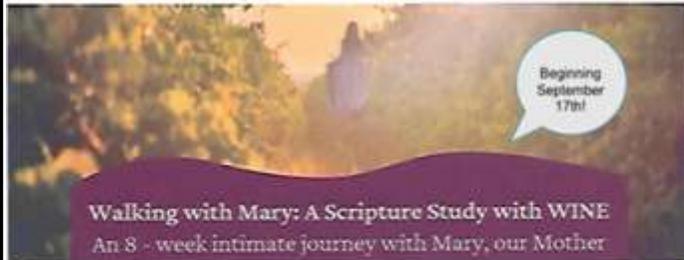
## HOLY MOMENTS



This week concludes our year of Holy Moments. We hope they have brought grace to your life and drawn you closer to God. We also encourage you to continue finding opportunities for holy moments in your life.

This week's Holy Moment Focus: *Encourage someone, coach someone, praise someone, affirm someone.*

## A New Book Club Opportunity



Participants need the best book that was ever written, one that has been on the Best Sellers list for years—you need your Bible. Every day, you will read and pray (Lectio Divina) the assigned Scriptures. Participants will be encouraged to write down their daily insights.

We will gather weekly on Tuesday evenings following 6 PM Mass and the rosary. The meeting should take about an hour. The week prior to each meeting, read the reflection, do the daily Lectio Divina, capture insights in your journal, answer the questions, and pray each day for the members of your small group as they too walk with Mary! When we gather we will, read the Scripture, review your time in Lectio Divina (noting how the Lord spoke to you), share your answers to the questions, and watch the weekly video lesson.

If you are interested in joining us or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Jackie Ward 515.250.7385 or [jward71@gmail.com](mailto:jward71@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Creation Care Corner



***Meditations  
for a Blessed  
Growing  
Season***

*You are invited to reflect on God's abundant gifts and ask for His continued blessings during this growing season by praying the fourteen Prairie Meditation stations along the border of our church's restored natural prairie (east of the parking lot).*



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