



# 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 & 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 anyone in need. Call Kris Gross 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 515-240-2029 or follow this link: <https://tinurl.com/STA-PRAY>

**Care of the Sick & Shut-ins:** Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist, or follow this link: <https://tinurl.com/STA-PRAY>

**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [tinurl.com/STA-NEW](https://tinurl.com/STA-NEW) Please update your address in a timely manner if you move.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Michelle Helm - [mhelm@stthomasindianola.com](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

Saturday, September 14

THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas— Mark Kollash

Sunday, September 15, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

131: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Frank Colella  
**5:00pm Simpson Mass**

Monday, September 16

SAINT CORNELIUS

131: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35  
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 17

443: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 7:1-10  
see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Jn 17:11b-19  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Wednesday, September 18

444: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Thursday, September 19

445: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Loretta Petersen & Wilma Hill

Friday, September 20

SAINT ANDREW KIM & COMPANIONS

446: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Evangeline Mangold  
& Carol Bailey

Saturday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW

447: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 Lk 8:1-3  
see 642A: Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 9:23-26  
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—**Robert O'Meara**

Sunday, September 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

131: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Rodrigo Parra  
**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**

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

# Father Adam's Five

for September 12—September 18

- 1) The ChristLife Let Down Your Nets Training is this weekend! Please keep the participants and the leaders in prayer.
- 2) We will be commissioning our EMHC's throughout September. If you'd like to be a part of the ministry, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EMHC> and fill out the form to be added to the training process. If you are already in the process, you will see future signups under the "ME" button of the Church Center App as soon as the training sessions are scheduled.
- 3) We've been updating our doors throughout the facility. We are working on learning the new system. In the meantime, please be aware that your old keycards will not work.
- 4) R.E. registration is still open <https://tinyurl.com/STA-RE2024>
- 5) We are updating our texting service. In order to use the new service, we need to have your express permission to send you SMS/MMS messages. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-TXT> to give your permission. We'll still send out texts the old way for awhile (one way announcements) but will be upgrading to the new system in the near future.

## STARS Reboot

Hello Fellow St. Thomas

### **Altar & Rosary Society Friends!**

Welcome to a new year!

Join us to celebrate the Rosary and to build Faith, Fun And Fellowship!

**When:** Monday, September 16th at 7:00pm

**Where:** St. Thomas Aquinas Multipurpose Room

**Time:** 7pm to 8pm

**What to expect:** snacks, drinks and saving souls!

Here's our Agenda:

**Rosary :** Joyful Mysteries

**Business: Vote:** Officers/Secretary/Dues/  
Mission Statement

Fun and Fellowship

Sign up to Pray the Rosary in October

Cookie Walk Updates

### **Closing Prayer**

**Hope to see you there! Bring a Friend!**



## \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Money Counters Needed!! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The parish is in need of two or more money counters to serve on Monday mornings, ASAP. Training will be provided, usually a one hour commitment, once a month, starting time flexible between 7:30 and 8:00 am. Call the office or email Michelle Helm at [mhelm@stthomasindiana.com](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindiana.com) to volunteer or with questions.

## Adorers Needed



We need adorers to fill several hours. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week.

Wednesday: Noon - 1 pm, 1 - 2 pm, 2 - 3 pm and  
6 - 7 pm

Thursday: Noon - 1 pm and 5 - 6 pm

To sign up contact Anitta at (515) 344-7850 or at  
[spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com)

Thank you for your consideration

## Prayer List

For all those in need. Jim Franken, Axel Hammer,

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 Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com) or

515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 515- 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 515-

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 Michelle Helm (515-961-3026) to add and remove names from the bulletin

## SAVE THE DATE!

The third annual "Family Celebration of Our Prairie" will be held Saturday, October 5, 5:30-7 p.m. by the prairie. Watch the bulletin for details in the next couple weeks.



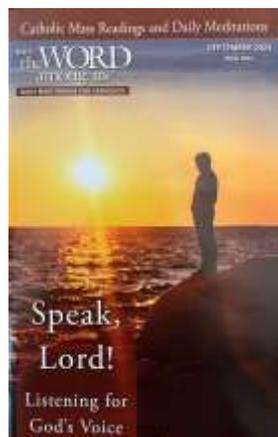
A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the people who are volunteering as Catechists in our RE, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and STAT programs. Please pray for our catechists as they guide our children through their faith formation this year.

## To our Catechists!

CGS Toddler: Andrea Ooms, Brittany Priest  
CGS Level One: Chelsie Wilson, Marcia Konrad, Jen Strange, Maddie Kampf, Lori Wiedmaier, Michelle Helm  
CGS Level II: Elizabeth Williams, Michelle Helm, Val McPheron, Michelle Fick, Melanie Overton  
RE Grade 3: Erin Lullman, Dorothy Gezel  
RE Grade 4: Susan Pottebaum, Kathy Slinker, Katie Bee, Donna Krizmanic  
RE Grade 5: Anitta Spinner, Patty Alexander, Megan Gute, Judy Hutton  
RE Grade 6: Mindy Blanchard, Katie Sparks, Nate Thomason, Derry Butler  
RE Grade 7 & 8: Deacon Dave, Joe Gezel, Amanda Adams  
STAT Grade 9: Drew Brazie, Jen Strange, Andi Sadler, Kristen Hanes-Carrel  
STAT Grade 10: Matt DeWall, Rosie Grover  
STAT Grade 11: Laura Rothchild, Sheila Kanne, Rachelle Kjellberg  
STAT Grade 12: Diane DeWall, Annette Corbett, Christin Aldridge

## The Word Among Us— Daily Meditations for Catholics

*The Word Among Us* magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more. St. Thomas Aquinas purchases copies of these for our parishioners, which can be found in a basket on the table under the picture of Pope Francis in the church entrance. We invite you to take advantage of this gift and take one today. September's issue will be removed next weekend, so grab one while you still can!



## The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

### OCIA

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming catholic or knowing more about the catholic faith, prayerfully consider joining the RCIA program which will begin again sometime in late September. To register or for more information call the church office 515-961-3026

## Social Concerns

### Cultivating Kindness

During the month of September the Social Concerns Committee is going to share prayers about cultivating kindness. We hope these prayers bring you new thoughts or reminders about the value of kindness and caring in our lives.

*Heavenly Father,  
In Your wisdom, You created a world of diversity, a reflection of Your endless creativity and love. We come before You today, seeking Your grace to dissolve the walls that divide us. Teach us, Lord, to see with Your eyes, recognizing the beauty in our difference and the strength in our unity.*

*Pour out Your spirit of unity upon us. Let it seep into our hearts, softening them, making us agents of inclusion, acceptance, and belonging. May we echo Your love in our actions, drawing those around us into the warm embrace of Your family. Help us to understand that in Your Kingdom, everyone has a place at the table, and no one is turned away.*

*Inspire us to build bridges where there are chasms of separation. Grant us the courage to challenge the narratives of division, replacing them with Your message of unconditional love. In every word spoken and every action taken, let us exemplify the unity You desire among Your children.*

Amen

The Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Des Moines is looking for a receptionist to work 4.5 hours per day M-F. Please go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment> for more information.

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