



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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Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition is available
Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the adoration chapel
and most Friday mornings in the sanctuary

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://
tinyurl.com/STA-PRAY](https://tinyurl.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://tinyurl.com/STA-PRAY>

Newcomers/Change of Addresses: tinyurl.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

Saturday, November 2

ALL SOUL'S DAY

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. IOOF Cemetery
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Luke Clutter

Sunday, November 3

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

152: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Frank Colella
5:00pm Simpson Mass

Monday, November 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

485: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
No Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, November 5

486: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Daniel Ripperger

Wednesday, November 6

487: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Carol Bailey

Thursday, November 7

488: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Friday, November 8

489: Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Saturday, November 9

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

671: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre & Joe Chiappine

Sunday, November 10

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

155:1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 r 12:41-44
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 lunch from (12p.m.–1p.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 October 31– November 6

1) We have a new piece of technology! Hearing Loop technology has been installed and covers the first 8 rows of the WEST main section. As you enter the church, it is the main section on your right. We are working on signage to make it easy to find the pews for guests; stay tuned for more info. If you have hearing aids, set them to "T" to use the hearing loop.

2) Operation Christmas will be collecting funds after Masses this weekend. You may also give online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-GIVE> and choosing Operation Christmas as the fund.

3) Thank you for your support of the Disaster Relief Fund during the 2nd collection last weekend! We collected over \$1800.

4) On November 7 @ 7:30 pm please come join us at Simpson for a time of adoration, praise and worship, and prayer. It will be at Smith's Chapel. We are hoping to do something like this every 1st Thursday.

5) We still need about 10 new people to go through E.M.H.C. training before we start bringing back the precious blood. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-EMHC> or use one of the QR codes in the back of the church.



Adorers
Needed

We are currently in need of adorers for several of our hours on Wednesdays. We are trying to have 2 persons for each hour on days that when Jesus is exposed on the altar and need an additional adorer at the following times:

- Noon to 1:00 pm
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week at one of these times. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus are inviting the adult men of our parish to join our local Council 5032! We will be holding an Exemplification after the 10:15 am mass on Sunday, November 17 and the ceremony is open to families and to the public. Current First Degree Knights may also attend this ceremony to attain their Third Degree. Contact Adam Naughton (515-401-2672) for more information.



Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, November 4. We have been serving large numbers the past two months so please prayerfully consider helping out with main dishes, side dishes or dessert. Items can be put in the walk in refrigerator or freezer early if you can't come by on Monday. Servers can come anytime between 4:45 and 5 p.m.

You can sign up on the Church App on the Home page or at the following link:

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

Thank you for supporting this important ministry in our community.

Prayer List

For all those in need. Clara Hill, Jim Franken, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kalle 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 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



Indianola Knights
Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners
Only Two Left!

November 1st and 8th
St Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall
5:30pm to 7:00pm, Dine-In or Take-out service

Adults and Take-Out \$13, Children Ages 6-12 \$6, Children Under 6 are free

Boy Scout Troop 123 will host a dessert table
Three dollars from each meal will be used to support: Helping Hand, Heal House, Hope Foundation and the Indianola Ministry Association



Social Concerns

Thank you to all who attended Deacon Randy Kiel's presentation on "Matters of the Mind" last Sunday, sponsored by our parish's Social Concerns committee. It was a fascinating, visually engaging and informative look at mental health issues in today's society. No one thinks twice about discussing home or car maintenance or physical health issues, but mental health is rarely discussed openly. Deacon Randy dispelled that notion by providing insight into various categories of mental health and six levels of communication to form a deep relationship and prevent the most common traits of mental illness which are isolation and aloneness. He also explained the eight progressive steps of a mental disorder beginning with emotional, such as anxiety, and he provided ways to reduce the stressors in our life.

If you would like more resources, especially for accompanying persons and caregivers with mental health diagnosis, the Des Moines diocese just released a new website in September:

www.dmdiocese.org/mentalhealthministry





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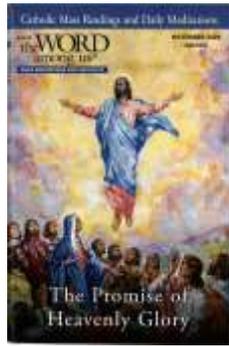
Medicare Part D Check-Up
Coming November 14-15

The Social Concerns Committee will once again sponsor a Medicare Part D Check-Up this fall. The Check-Up will be Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15. After Masses on Nov. 2-3 you will be able to sign up for a time to have your Part D/Medicare Advantage comparison done. If you will not be at Masses that weekend, or will not be available on November 14-15 but want a comparison done, please call/text Kris Gross at 515-210-0169.



This magazine offers daily meditations based on the

Mass readings of the Catholic church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more. St. Thomas Aquinas has purchased 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.



Creation Care Corner

We hope you enjoyed our plastic free products given out over the last 3 weeks. If you want to learn more about how to end plastic pollution, go to Earth Day Network and download the Plastic Pollution Primer and Action Tool Kit. This toolkit includes information about plastic pollution, a Plastic Pollution Footprint Calculator to learn and reflect about how much plastic you consume, options and ideas about things that you can do to help and a tool to create your Personal Plastics Plan and to track your progress. Thank you!

This program began almost 38 years ago when it was discovered some residents in Warren County needed help, providing assistance for food and presents for children.



You can make a donation by labeling it "Operation Christmas" and placing it in the collection basket. If you write a check, please make it payable to *Helping Hand with Operation Christmas* in the memo. You can also give here <https://tinyurl.com/sta-give>; just choose "Operation Christmas" in the drop down box.

December 8th will be the night for the gift distribution. If you want to help distribute the vouchers that evening, please contact Jan Gunnarson at 515-205-3748. Questions about this program, please contact Debbie McDaniel, 515-240-2029. Thanks!!

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

Wednesday, November 6th
Class Night 7:00-8:30

Freshman
Multi-purpose room
class

Sophomores
St Thomas room
Class

Juniors
Meet in the Church kitchen for activity

Seniors
Meet at Church Fun activity St David Room



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