

# 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 godparent  
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](https://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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

Saturday, December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

698: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Bill Martin

Sunday, December 29

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

17: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Winston Sayre

Monday, December 30

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, December 31

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

6:00pm Mass, **Vigil for Solemnity of Mary** at  
St. Thomas—Pauline Wadle

Wednesday, January 1

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

18: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Frank Colella

Thursday, January 2

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Scott Peterson

Friday, January 3

206: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Pat Miller

Saturday, January 4

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

207: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Rodrigo Parra

Sunday, January 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

20: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Sonnie Brommel

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.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 December 26-January 1

- 1) Merry Christmas! We are now in the Octave of Christmas, and celebrate each of the next 8 days as Christmas day.
- 2) There was a special Christmas edition of the bulletin, please pick up a copy in the back of church. Also, we have a gift for you! Please pick up a copy of 33 days to Eucharistic Glory. The books are located in the gathering space.
- 3) January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be Dec 31 at 6 p.m. and Jan 1 at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) I will be accompanying 9 Simpson students to SEEK in Salt Lake City the first week of January. Please keep us all in prayer!
- 5) YEAR END GIVING UPDATE! Please pay attention to these special dates.  
To receive credit for your donation:
  - If you drop off a donation at the office, please bring it in no later than December 30. Our offices close early in anticipation of the new year.
  - If giving online, you may give through December 31.
  - If you mail in your gift, the envelope must be postmarked by December 31.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish!



## Holiday Office Hours

The office will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 31st.  
The office will be closed on January 1st.

## Newly Baptized- Congratulations!

- Kaylee Jenkins, daughter of Gregory and Amy Jenkins
- Axl Dycus, son of Ronald Dycus and Angela



## Adoration Hours Expanding

We are looking to expand Eucharistic Adoration and need to fill several hours. We need 2 adorers from different households for each hour to ensure we always have coverage. Below is a list of hours and the number of adorers needed for each hour. If you struggle committing to a weekly hour, consider signing up for an hour with a friend/friends to share the hour.

Spending time with Jesus in Adoration is so peaceful. You don't really need to do anything. Just rest with him, gaze upon him or just bring your needs to him. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with Jesus each week in Eucharistic Adoration.

- Tuesday:** 1 adorer each at 9am, Noon, and 4pm AND 2 each adorers at 2pm and 3pm
- Wednesday:** 1 adorer each at Noon, 1pm and **6pm** (*we are especially in need of someone to cover our 6pm hour*)
- Thursday:** 1 adorer each at Noon and 1pm

Please contact Anitta Spenner to sign up for one of these hours at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) or call 515-344-7850

## Prayer List

For all those in need. Clara Hill, Jim Franken, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kalley Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Karen Van Buskirk & 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

ChristLife Part 1:  
Discovering Christ



Operating Fund



Visioning Process



*Virgin of the Lilies*, Bouguereau, 1899

## Holy Day of Obligation

**The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God** masses will be December 31 at 6:00 p.m. and January 1 at 9:00 a.m.



## Creation Care Corner

Continuing with suggestions for a greener holiday, we offer these thoughts:

### Food

- Never underestimate the importance of food, ritual and the power of community.
  - Choose local, organic, seasonal products whenever you can.
  - Eliminate food waste. Shop smarter, find creative use for food scraps and send leftovers you won't eat home with guests.
  - Avoid disposables. Ditch tinfoil and plastic. Opt for stainless steel or glassware for leftovers.
- If you don't have enough reusables, encourage guests to bring their own!

### Energy

- Turn down the heat before people arrive. You'll save energy and your guests' extra body heat will warm up the room.
- Serve warm foods and beverages, utilize residual heat released from your oven or provide blankets to cozy up with loved ones.

# WARM and FUZZY Thank you!!

The Social Concerns Committee wants to thank you for your generous Advent Tree donations of hats, mittens and gloves for children of Warren County.



## Coffee with Jesus

Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas and Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, Fun  
 When: Saturday, Jan. 4th, 2025  
 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
 Where: St. Thomas Multi-purpose Room

Bring a friend.  
 Coffee, juice & breakfast treats provided.  
 Please bring your rosary, bible and fun filled spirit!  
 Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning,  
 The Coffee With Jesus Crew



## Indianola Knights



# Pancake Breakfast



### Sunday January 5 9:00 to 10:00 AM

**Pancakes, French Toast, 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.

## News from the Knights



### Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus would like to encourage participation in the Consecration to the Holy Family. Materials will be provided near the Knights' kiosk in the gathering space beginning December 28/29 (the Feast of the Holy Family). More information can be found on our website: [kofc.org/consecration](http://kofc.org/consecration). The consecration will culminate with a short ceremony during the evening mass on Tuesday, January 14. All participants are invited to attend.

*Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens*

**STAT** NEW YEAR  
**2024**  
**2025**  
 NEW YOU

TIME TO MAKE THOSE SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS:  
 DAILY PRAYER  
 WEEKLY MASS  
 MONTHLY CONFESSION

2025 IS A HOLY YEAR IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 LET'S WORK ON MAKING IT TRULY HOLY!

*Happy New Year*

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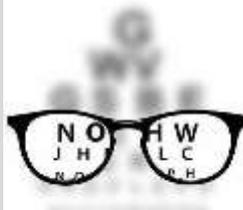
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