



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
210 S Wesley Street- Indianola, IA 50125
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Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm - Sunday 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Daily Mass: Wednesday-Friday 8:00 am and Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Mass at Smith Chapel on Simpson Campus: 5:00 pm on Sundays
while school is in session
First Tuesday of the month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext. 4
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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 6:30 in the church as we pray for peace, families, and your special intentions. The rosary is also prayed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:40 a.m. before Mass.

Liturgy of Baptism: Pre-baptism classes are the third Saturday of every month. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Prayer Chain: To be put on the prayer chain, call Kris Gross 515-210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 515-240-2029 or follow this link: pray.mysta.org

Care of the Sick & Homebound: Call the office to request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist, or follow this link: care.mysta.org

Newcomers/Change of Addresses: new.mysta.org 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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Parish Office: 515-961-3026

Website: stthomasindianola.com

 Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

For Sacramental Emergencies: call 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Saturday, February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

535: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

Sunday, February 23

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

81: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass

Monday, February 24

341: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, February 25

342: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday, February 26

343: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Donald Mangold

Thursday, February 27

344: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Wilma Hill & Loretta Petersen

Friday, February 28

345: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Dick Krapfl

Saturday, March 1

346: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Charlene Fisher, Gerald & Delphine Schneider

Sunday, March 2

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

84: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the People

10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Keith & Mary Joslyn

5:00 pm—Simpson Mass



Father Adam's Five for February 20– February 26

1) Ash Wednesday is just around the corner- March 5! Our Masses will be 7 a.m., and 7 p.m. at St. Thomas, and Noon at Simpson.

2) Please bring your palms to be burned to make the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday liturgy. There is a box in the gathering space where you can place them.

3) We are gearing up for another launch of ChristLife Part One: Discovering Christ. For more information and to register, go to dc.mysta.org. Or go to the church app, click "More", and click the signups.

4) We've successfully completed the 2024 ADA campaign, and will be earning a refund of more than \$6,000. Thank you all for your generosity! We were the 16th parish to complete our ADA. We had 158 families contribute. We had 35 families contribute 1% or more of the ADA goal. Our average family gift was \$526.59.

I'd like to be in the first 10 parishes to complete the ADA 2025, which starts March 1. To reach our goal, we need 40 families to contribute 1% or more of the ADA goal. Our goal for ADA 2025 is \$80,084. Please consider giving a one-time gift of \$801 dollars when the campaign launches March 1, but truly, any gift helps us reach our goal. Thank you!

5) Our STAT mission teams will be making an appeal this weekend to help support the mission trip to Kansas City in 2025.

Parish ChristLife Part One: DC

New Parishioner and information update



Attention– all Church Committees



Please submit your budgets for fiscal year 2026 by March 7 to Leasa Garrett, business manager, at lcs3garr@yahoo.com

ADORATION

Lent begins in less than a month away (Ash Wed. is March 5th). We are still in need of adorers for the hours below- Only 4 more adorers and we can have Jesus exposed on Tuesdays!!! Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour each week with Jesus.

Here is an updated list of hours we need to fill.

Tues: 1 adorer at each of the following hours: 9am, noon, 3pm and 4pm

Wed: 1 adorer at each of the following hours: 11am, 12 pm and 1pm

Thurs: 2 at noon, 1 at 1 pm and 1 at 4pm

To sign up for one of our open hours or if you have questions, please contact Anitta Spenner at 515-344-7850 or spennani1976@outlook.com

Reminder for past or present adorers: There will be a celebratory reception/open house for past and present adorers including substitute adorers on Sunday, February 16 from 2-4. Please RSVP to Anitta if you are able to attend.

"There is no doubt that the flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration." St. Pope John XXIII

Bring In Your Palms!

We are collecting your blessed palms from previous Palm Sundays. Put them in the box marked "Palms" underneath the black offering box in the gathering space, across from the reception desk. We will burn these blessed palms and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 5, so be sure to bring them in before then!

Prayer List

For all those in need, Clara Hill, Axel Hammer, Leasa Garrett, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McE Iroy, John Schletzbaum & all 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 at 515-961-3026 to add or remove names from the bulletin.

Don't Miss Out!

Creation Care



Corner

Just a friendly reminder to sign up for our Lenten program, **"We Do Not Stand Alone."** The Creation Care Team and the Social Justice Committee are teaming up to provide 4 evenings of information and conversation about the seven social teachings of the church. The insert in today's bulletin provides more information. The deadline for signing up is March 2. We hope many of you will consider attending as part of your Lenten journey.



Saint Thomas parishioners playing in the snow: (top left, clockwise) Blythe & Beckett McPherson; Kaylee Dykstra on Shoofly; Anna (left) & Andrew Sparks; Amelia, Thomas, Austin & Christopher Priest; Andrew & Michael Sparks, & Fr. Adam doing his infamous snow dance.



News from the Knights

Upcoming events

KC Breakfast— Sunday Mar 2-9 to 10AM

Lenten Fish Fries— Mar 7, 14, 2, 28, Apr 4, 11

Monthly Meeting— April 10— 6:30 to 8:00

IVHC Bake Sale— April 12 & 13—After all masses



All male parishioners 18 and over are always invited to attend our monthly meetings.



Listen to Iowa Catholic Radio Feb. 25-28th for special programming throughout the day, "Proclaiming Truth. Providing Hope." You will hear inspiring stories and messages of hope during our semi-annual fundraiser.

Learn more about how you can help connect people to Christ at IowaCatholicRadio.com

Coffee with Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas & Fellow Christian Women Friends

What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, March 1st, 2025

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Multi-Purpose Room

Bring a friend!
Come and enjoy some fun, faith, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning
The Coffee With Jesus Crew



At our March meeting, we will be making meals for the Gathering Table. To donate supplies, please go to the Sign Up Genius link - thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FDF4BAFAC2FA3FF2-55184717-coffee>

Returning for Lent!

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 these for Lent— pick one up this weekend on the table in the gathering space!



Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

STAT - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
7:00-8:40

CHRISTLIFE - MEET IN THE HALL

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DINNER



MESSAGE



SHARING



DESSERT

Topic:

Why Is the Resurrection Important?

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