



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

Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am on March 11

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

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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: Parents must attend Pre-baptism classes. 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, 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

Monday, March 3

347: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, March 4

348: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas—Beverly Krier

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

219: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Robert Slinker

12:00 pm—Simpson Mass, Smith Chapel

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, March 6

220: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Frank Colella

Friday, March 7

221: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas

Saturday, March 8

222: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

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

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas—Larry Cutts

Sunday, March 9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

24:Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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 27– March 5

1) Ash Wednesday Masses will be 7 a.m., and 7 p.m. at St. Thomas, and Noon at Simpson.

2) Deacon Tom will be preaching Fr. Adam's masses this weekend.

3) Please consider signing up for one of our Lenten renewal opportunities. Discovering Christ is a 7-week experience allowing you to get to know Jesus and your fellow parishioners better. For more info go to dc.mysta.org.

We Do Not Stand Alone is a 4 session deep dive into Catholic Social Teaching. For more info go to cst.mysta.org.

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!

Please go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal> and be sure to select Indianola- St. Thomas Aquinas from the drop-down menu.

5) Please pray for the SIMPSON and STAT Discovering Christ participants as they make their retreat this weekend.

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

MASS TIME CHANGE

This month's mass at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home will be on March 11 at 9:30 instead of on March 4th.



2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



This weekend is the kickoff weekend for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each year, Bishop Joensen and Fr. Adam Westphal ask each member of our parish family to make a prayerfully make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries. These programs provide services that no one parish could provide on its own – faith formation training, marriage prep support, medical insurance for priests and staff as well as support for our seminarian and diaconate training programs. We are part of the larger Diocese, and each parish provides support.

Our parish goal is \$80,084 and 100% participation. Remember that the money our parish raises above our goal stays right here at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to carry out our mission of serving the people of God in southwest Iowa.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to Cultivate Connections in Christ and support the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and our parish benefit. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Please visit www.DMDiocese.org/giving to make an online gift today!



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 A ndreasen, Patrick S handley, 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.

Creation Care

As I have been praying for Pope Francis this week, I was compelled to revisit his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In chapter 6, he says: "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor persons' face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things."

Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the church app.



Corner

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who kindly donated to our mission trip this weekend!!!

This year, we'll be traveling to Kansas City with more than 80 teens and chaperones to lend a helping hand and do God's work. We understand that many of us are feeling the strain of rising costs, and we truly appreciate every dollar you've graciously contributed. Your support makes a real difference.

We've set up a drop box at the back of the church where you can place your empty M&M container along with any donation, no matter the size. We hope you enjoyed your sweet treat, and we can't wait to share our journey with you in the months ahead. Thank you for being so supportive; it means the world to us!

Ellen Miller, Diane DeWall & Gina Piper



Knights of Columbus Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council is offering higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students.

For scholarship information, go the St. Thomas Aquinas website at stthomasindianola.com. The application is at the bottom of the home page and also on the Knights of Columbus tab under Ministries.

Applications are to be emailed to vandy.omeara@gmail.com or mailed to **Pat O'Meara, 201 North J Street, Indianola, IA. 50125.**

Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 6, 2025.





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.

KNOCK DOWN HUNGER

Don't forget to bring your cereal donations for Helping Hand and the new High School Food Bank. Please bring your donations by March 9 and place them in the gray tote in the Gathering Space.

Thank you--Social Concerns Committee.

"We Do Not Stand Alone" Registrations due March 2nd

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to learn about Catholic social teaching this Lent. The four part series, featuring videos, presentations, Bible study and discussion runs on the following Sundays: March 9, 23, 30 and April 6 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Youth lessons will be available to take home to children or grandchildren.

There are three ways to register:

1. Go to cst.mysta.org
2. Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space
3. Scan the QR code



Pick up a Rice Bowl on your way out of Mass this weekend!

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the **pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

The return date for the bowls will be March 30

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

STAT Ash Wednesday Mass

MARCH 5
20
25



MASS TIMES:
7:00AM AT ST. THOMAS
12 NOON AT SMITH CHAPEL
SIMPSON COLLEGE
7:00PM AT ST. THOMAS

FASTING/ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES:
FASTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY MEANS 1 FULL MEAL, TWO SMALLER MEALS NOT EQUAL TO THE MAIN MEAL.
ALSO NO SNACKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
ABSTINENCE MEANS NOT EATING MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT.

NO FORMAL STAT THIS WEEK.

HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER?
GIVE UP SOMETHING?
TAKE ON SOMETHING?

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