



**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*

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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](http://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](http://care.mysta.org)

**Newcomers/Change of Addresses:** [new.mysta.org](http://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](mailto:mhelm@stthomasindianola.com)

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

**Parish Office:** 515-961-3026

**Website:** [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com)

Saint Thomas Church Indianola IA

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

**Saturday, March 29**

242: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

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

4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas- Kathleen Martin*

**Sunday, March 30**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

10:15 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Mary Miller (birthday)*

5:00 pm— *Simpson Mass*

**Monday, March 31**

244: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS**

**Tuesday, April 1**

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

6:00pm *Mass at St. Thomas*

**Wednesday, April 2**

246: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas*

**Thursday, April 3**

247: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

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

**Friday, April 4**

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas— Frueh Family*

**Saturday, April 5**

249: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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

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

**Sunday, April 6**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

36: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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

10:15 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Donald Mangold*

5:00 pm— *Simpson Mass*



# Father Adam's Five for March 27—April 2

1) Our stained Glass committee met for the first time and had a good conversation. We've identified the next step, and are going to be setting up meetings with 4 companies to get some ideas of what our options are for our facilities.

2) The Knights of Columbus are having fish fries during Lent. Please consider coming Friday from 5:30 until 7 to enjoy an amazing all-you-can-eat fish dinner. At 7 p.m., we will have stations of the cross in the church.

3) Thank you so much to everyone who has rallied behind this year's ADA. As of March 21, we are in 5th place (measuring percentage completed) and have moved up one spot from last week. We are way ahead of where we were last year at this time, and have a real chance of finishing in the top 10 parishes reaching their ADA goal.

To provide everyone an opportunity to help us reach our goal and finish in the top 10, we have several giving avenues. First, donating online at [ada.mysta.org](http://ada.mysta.org) (and choosing Indianola from the drop-down menu). Second, if you'd like to donate by check, please drop the check in the wooden box by the ADA sign at weekend Masses. We will put the checks in our safe and mail them to the Diocese throughout all of March. Third, you can bring your donation directly to the office.

Please make checks out to the Diocese of Des Moines. Thank you for your generosity!

4) During Lent, I'm adding extra confession times. In addition to the normal Saturday confessions, I will hear confessions 45 minutes before mass begins until 15 minutes before Mass begins (including Simpson).

5) This Lent I am preaching on the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church. In the first homily, I gave an introduction and compared our social work to restoring Eden and foreshadowing heaven. In the second homily, I spoke of solidarity and subsidiarity. In the third homily, I talked about the sacramental bond of marriage and the duty to educate children. In the fourth homily (coming this weekend) I will focus on human labor and care for the poor. 3 of the homilies have been uploaded and can be found at [homily.mysta.org](http://homily.mysta.org)



St Thomas Aquinas Parish  
INDIANOLA JUNE 16-20

Join us for "Vacation Bible School" with the School Sisters of Christ the King and learn about the Sacraments!

Open to children who have finished grade 1-8, the program will run from 9am to 2pm every day from June 16-20. A separate program will be offered for pre-k and kindergarten children.

Cost is \$10, registration opens on April 1. Go to [mysta.org](http://mysta.org) and click on signups or use this link: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2850500>

## Adoration Update

We are still in need of adorers to sign up for hours on Tuesday and Thursday so that we can expand our adoration ministry. This ministry is such a blessing for us and we can be confident that it has brought peace and blessings to those who spend an hour with Jesus each week as well as to our parish. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of the hours below or ask a friend to share the hour with you if your schedule doesn't permit an hour each week. Either way, just try it, you will be hooked!!

### Hours Needed:

**Tuesday: 1 adorer for 9:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00**

**Wednesday: 1 adorer at Noon and 1:00**

**Thursday: 1 adorer at Noon, 4:00 and 5:00**

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

"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces." (St. Faustina)

## Prayer List

For all those in need, A lex Lynch, 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](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 at 515-961-3026 to add or remove names from the bulletin.



Psst! Did you notice that Fr. Adam is wearing **PINK** today?!!!

That's because it's

## Laetere Sunday!

And it's actually ROSE, not pink.

Usually the priest wears purple vestments during Lent—purple symbolizes our need for repentance and reminds us of the purple robe Pilate placed on Jesus before he was crucified. If you have a child in CGS they will tell you "Purple is for Preparation", as we are preparing our hearts for Jesus's death and resurrection. *Laetare* is latin for Rejoice! On this Sunday the church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.



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*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Psalm 57:70*

## *Coffee with Jesus*

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

**What:** Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

**When:** Saturday, April 5, 2025 Time: 9:00 - 10:30a.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*

