



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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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, 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*

Monday, April 7

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, April 8

252: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

6:00pm *Mass at St. Thomas*

Wednesday, April 9

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas*

Thursday, April 10

254: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Bev & Rich Krier*

Friday, April 11

255: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Mike Metz*

Saturday, April 12

256: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

3:30 pm—4:15 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas—Larry Cutts*

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY

38: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

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

5:00 pm—*Simpson Mass*



Father Adam's Five for April 3– April 9

- 1) Palm Sunday is April 13, please plan on a little extra time for services that weekend.
- 2) This weekend Iowa Catholic Radio will be joining us for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Come say hi to the Iowa Catholic Radio crew.
- 3) We are over halfway to our goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for your generosity! If your family hasn't had an opportunity to give, please consider making a gift. Any gift helps. To make a gift go to ada.mysta.org and choose Indianola from the drop-down menu.
- 4) This weekend will be the last weekend for extra confession times, we will return to our normal Saturday at 3:30 confession schedule. We ARE having a makeup communal penance service this Wednesday starting at 5:40. The last one was cancelled due to weather.
- 5) Our projector system is installed in the parish hall. There are a few more tweaks that need to be made, but it is up and running. Thank you everyone who has supported the Ignite! campaign the last 2 1/2 years, which covered the cost of the projector system. We've collected ~85% of our Ignite! goal, and have a couple more projects identified with the remaining funds come in.

What is LENT anyway?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period where we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we abstain from meat on Fridays, but we also do a few other things differently. Perhaps at mass you have noticed:

- ◇ We don't sing the "Gloria"
- ◇ Instead of singing "Alleluia" before the gospel, a verse as given in the Lectionary is sung or chanted.
- ◇ The altar isn't decorated with flowers.
- ◇ There is also a difference in the music. We use musical instruments only to support the singing—there are no instrumental numbers during Lent.
- ◇ The priest wears purple, except on the Fourth Sunday, as you may have noticed last week, which is Laetare Sunday, and on Palm Sunday, when he will wear red to foreshadow Christ's death on the cross.

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.

"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 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

Help fill our prairie stations!



We have invited all students in grade 2-8 to help us reflect on the wonders of God's creation by submitting an artwork for our prairie signs.

The theme is "Experiencing God's love in the beauty of His creation." We have sent home an information sheet with details, but in case it didn't make it home from RE or your child was absent, we have information sheets and art paper in the back of the church. These are due by April 17 (Holy Thursday).

We hope you will consider entering your artwork to celebrate the beauty of God's world.

Corner



St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society Scholarship Information:

The St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society is offering two \$500 higher learning scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

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

Applications are to be emailed to pseregalexander@gmail.com or mailed to Patty Alexander, 8626 110th Ave. Indianola, Iowa 50125.

All Applications must be received at the correct email or mailing address by April 25th, 2025 or turned into the St. Thomas Aquinas Office no later than April 25th at 3:30pm.



COR JESU REX



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 and click on signups or use this link: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2850500>



News from the Knights



Upcoming events

Lenten Fish Fries— Apr 11

April 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.

Social Concerns

Gathering Table

Our next Gathering Table is Monday, April 7. Please consider those who are less fortunate and so appreciate the meals we provide. We have been serving large numbers 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>



Annual Diocesan Appeal: More ways our contributions matter!

Bishop's Office/Priests

- Funds travel to parishes for Confirmations and special Masses, meetings.
- Supports Priest Medical Fund
- Provides retirement benefits for priests beyond those provided by the Priest Pension Fund.
- Provides support for foreign born priests with immigration needs.
- Provides record retention & filings with state of Iowa for parishes and schools.
- Funds staff support for special initiatives and committees.



Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens



IMPORTANT Meet @ Church 6:15pm
Leave by 6:20pm
Estimated return 8:45pm
Leaders will drive
Food included

Wednesday
April 9th
St Ambrose
Cathedral



2025
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What happens for the jubilee in the Diocese of Des Moines?

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