



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

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 26

266: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
 3:30 pm—4:15 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas—Ann & Evon Puetz and Naomi & Mark Gross*

Sunday, April 27

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

45: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
 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, April 28

267: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, April 29

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

268: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 6:00pm *Mass at St. Thomas—George Phillips (birthday)*

Wednesday, April 30

269: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Scott Peterson and Rich Peterson*

Thursday, May 1

270: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Dan Ripperger*

Friday, May 2

ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

271: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Bev & Rich Krier*

Saturday, May 3

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

561: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 3:30pm — 4:15pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas—Lori Frueh*

Sunday, May 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

48: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
 8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas—For the People*
 10:15 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Bill Thomas*
 5:00 pm—*Simpson Mass*



Father Adam's Five for April 24 – April 30

- 1) We are a church in mourning, even during the Easter Octave. As a sign of mourning we have placed violet wreaths on our entrances and have displayed a picture of our late Holy Father at the steps of the sanctuary. In your kindness, please pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the repose of his soul.
- 2) The Easter Octave goes through Divine Mercy Sunday (this weekend). Fasting is prohibited during this time; when Monday comes, I'd invite you to offer some small fast as the Church discerns the will of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the next Pope.
- 3) I will be out of the office for two weeks starting April 27.
- 4) Our stained glass committee is looking for your input. We have met with two companies and have two more to go, but in the meantime we are generating ideas for our stained glass. Please go to mysta.org and click the picture of the stained glass to offer your input.
- 5) Bailey Petersen has been accepted as a FOCUS missionary, and we'd like to help her as she journeys to this next stage of the walk with the Lord. In addition to praying for her and wishing her well, we'd like to take care of a part of her fundraising quota. Each missionary is required to raise a certain amount of money for FOCUS before being sent to a campus, and St. Thomas would like to help Bailey with her goal. If you'd be interested in supporting her, please go to focus.mysta.org and fill out the form. Thank you for your support!

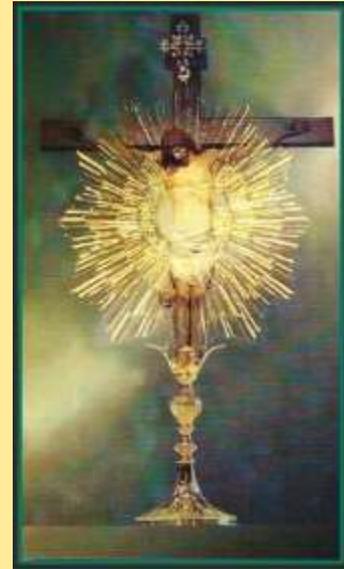
Coffee With Jesus

Who: Ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas and Fellow Christian Women Friends
What: Faith, Fellowship & Fun
When: Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
9:00—10:00 a.m.
Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Church Multi-Purpose Room

Bring a friend!
 Coffee, juice & breakfast
 treats provided
 Please bring your rosary and a
 fun-filled spirit!



He is Risen! Come let us adore Him!



We still need adorers for the following spots:

Tuesday: 9 am , 2, 3, and 4 pm
Wednesday: 1 pm
Thursday: 12, 4 and 5 pm

To sign up or if you have questions, contact Anitta at spennani1976@outlook.com or at 515-344-7850

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



As you probably know, **Earth Day** was celebrated on April 22. One of the legacies that Pope Francis left us is his great care and concern for our earth. We all need to follow his lead in taking care of our Mother Earth and make every day an Earth Day. Please enjoy the seeds that will be handed out at the end of each Mass. We hope they will be "seeds of hope" for our beautiful earth.

A big thank you to all students that submitted artwork for the prairie stations. They will be up soon (if not already). Please enjoy these beautiful pictures as you meditate on the beauty of our prairie.

We did have two pictures that were submitted that did not fit into the stations because of size and perspective (horizontal instead of vertical). We apologize for this and have posted them in the back of church.

Anyone interested in joining the Creation Care Team can call Rita Bresnan at 515-783-0643 or go to the Church App here: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/groups/cause-oriented-groups/creation-care> and request to join

Corner



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



St Thomas Aquinas Parish
INDIANOLA JUNE 16-20

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 \$25, registration opens on April 1. Go to mysta.org and click on signups or use this link: <https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2850500>

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL MAY 14- only \$10 a child!

Knights News



We are pleased to announce that the following individuals will be awarded a \$500 scholarship for the 2025-26 academic year: **Alex Lynch, Joseph O'Meara, Isabella O'Meara, Avery Grover and Andrew DeWall.** Congratulations and good luck.

The IVHC bake sale was very successful. We collected \$2,244 in donations. The council will donate \$1,000 to IVHC. Thanks to everyone who made a monetary donation or provided us with some delicious baked items for the sale.

The May meeting will be on Thursday, May 8. A social time at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 PM. All male parishioners 18 and over are always invited to attend our monthly meetings.

Social Concerns



Chocolate Chip Cookie Sale for Child Abuse Prevention

The Social Concerns Committee will be holding its annual chocolate chip cookie sale next weekend after Masses to help raise money for child abuse prevention efforts in Warren County. Get a half dozen cookies for just \$5 and support an important cause!

S.T.A.R.S

To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary before all weekend masses in May. Please join us! We'll begin in approximately twenty minutes before mass.

*If anyone would like to help lead the Rosary, please reach out to Kim Delay (delayedacres@gmail.com) or Patty Alexander (pseregalexander@gmail.com).

Saint Thomas Aquinas Teens

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

STAT FINALE

RELAX AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!

April 30 | 7-8:30pm

- Cookout• Games & Activities

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Weather pending - multi-purpose room
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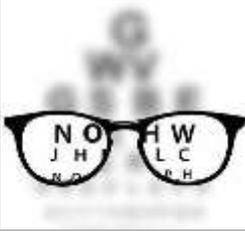
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO
ARE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST THIS
WEEKEND

Crew Dycus

Eiley Enquist

Adeline Keppler

Logan Keppler

Beckett McPheron

Thomas Phillips

Jacob Schneider

Henry Schortmann

Leo Selgrade

Jace Siebersma

Andrew Sparks

Andrew Strable

Brenna Strong

Dana Valdivia



CST 101 THEMES FROM

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



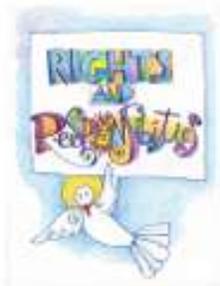
LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



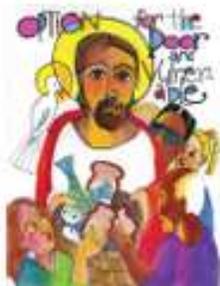
CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.



OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



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¹ Paul VI, *For the Celebration of the Day of Peace* (Rome: January 1, 1972).

May The Month of our Blessed Mother

"And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.' Luke 1:28

Coffee with Jesus

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What: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun

When: Saturday, May 3rd. 2025

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

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Church Multi-Purpose Room

Bring a friend!

**Coffee, juice & breakfast treats provided Please bring your rosary and
fun filled spirit!**

Look forward to seeing you Saturday morning,

The Coffee With Jesus Crew

