



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 pm
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

Saturday, September 6

436: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

3:30pm — 4:15pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas - Larry Cutts*

Sunday, September 7

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

129: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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, September 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

636: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS

Tuesday, September 9

SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

438: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

6:00 pm *Mass at St. Thomas - Greg Day*

Wednesday, September 10

439: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas -Dick Krapfl*

Thursday, September 11

440: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas - Jack Kibbie*

Friday, September 12

441: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

8:00 am *Mass at St. Thomas -Gary & Vivian Elbert*

Saturday, September 13

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

3:30pm — 4:15pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:30 pm *Mass at St. Thomas - Richard Krier*

Sunday, September 14

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

638: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

10:15 am *Mass at St. Thomas—Scott Peterson*

5:00 pm *Simpson Mass*

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff

515-961-3026

Pastor: Fr. Adam Westphal ext 201

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Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele ext 208

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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 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

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 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 - mhelmstthomasindianola.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

Father Adam's Five

FOR SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 10

1) Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help lead CGS/RE/STAT this year! We have teachers for every grade, catechists for every classroom, and helpers/assistants for our rooms.

If you would be available to substitute on occasion throughout the year, please contact Michelle Helm at mhelm@stthomasindianola.com.

As we look to CGS/RE/STAT in 2026, we need 5 people to go through Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training. Our CGS program presents a different methodology for learning the faith. We will be hosting a Level 1 training in October- go to cgs.mysta.org for more information.

If you are a parent or guardian of a RE/CGS/STAT student, please download the church app by going to app.mysta.org. We are using a new method of checking people in this year, which should provide us a few more tools for attendance, safety, and communication.

2) We have a winner! Thank you to everyone who cast a vote for their preferred picture of St. Thomas Aquinas. We will be using that image on a shirt order for our parish in the near future.

3) The deadline for signing up for ChristLife is fast approaching. We will be running both a Discovering Christ and a Following Christ beginning mid September. To sign up for Discovering Christ, please go to dc.mysta.org. Following Christ is open to anyone who has been through Discovering Christ. Please call Trent or Michelle in the office to sign up, or check your e-mail- and invite went out to everyone who has attended Discovering Christ.

4) We still have an open position for an administrative assistant. Please contact Fr. Adam at pastor@stthomasindianola.com with your resume if you are interested in the position.

5) I will be the chaplain for a retreat this weekend on Saturday, and will not be at the Saturday Evening or Sunday 8:00 a.m. Masses.

Adoration Update

We are still in need of adorers to fill hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are so close!! We only need a few more adorers on Tuesday and Thursday to have Jesus exposed on those days and we need a replacement for 1 hour on Wednesday. We work to have 2 adorers each hour so that adorers always have a back up when they can't make their hour. Additionally we have many who have sign up to fill in when needed.

We are so blessed to have an adoration chapel. The Dynamic Catholic reports that parishes that have an active adoration ministry see many benefits including an increase in Mass attendance, greater participation in the sacraments (especially reconciliation), an increase in vocations and even a return of fallen away Catholics to the church. Additionally those who regularly spend time in adoration have an increase in inner peace and healing.

Oh how wonderful it would be to have Jesus exposed on the altar for adoration 3 days each week - please God!!

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these open hours. If it is easier, find a friend to share the coverage. If you are not able to sign up for adoration, then please offer your prayers that our hours will soon be filled.

Hours needed:

Tuesday: 9:00 am, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 12:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

To sign up contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or via email at spennani1976@outlook.com

Prayer List

For all those in need, Linda Mullen, Aleisha Fox, Judy Garrett, Alex Lynch, Clara Hill, Bryan Bradley, Kailey Peters, Kerri O'Meara, Carol Proctor, Helen Kollasch, Deanna Bahr, Doug Andreasen, Patrick Shandley, Martin Wernimont, Joan McElroy, 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 or mhelm@stthomasindianola.com to add or remove names from the bulletin.

Creation Care



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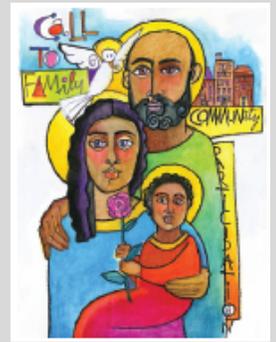
The Season of Creation (Sept. 1 - Oct 4) theme this year is "Seeds of Peace and Hope for Creation."

During this season, as individuals and families we can counteract the "throwaway culture" that Pope Francis refers to in Laudato Si'.

In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusable, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, water bottles, reusable bags, or cloth napkins and commit to making one change during this season.

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.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION



"Each of us has a mission...each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a cultured forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person." The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is 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 attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly 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."

Pope Benedict the XVI

Backpacks 4 Hunger

Requested Items - Individual Serving Sizes of:

- o Instant mashed potatoes
- o Canned chicken soup
- o Canned tomato soup
- o Rice Krispies Treats
- o Ramen noodles
- o Chili, no beans
- o Mac & cheese
- o Filled crackers
- o Spaghetti O's
- o Green beans
- o Popcorn
- o Cookies
- o Ravioli
- o Yogurt



Please place items in the tub in the Gathering Space by Sun. Sept. 28.

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring **Backpacks 4 Hunger**, a program that sends students home with backpacks filled with food and snacks for the weekend. Many Warren County elementary and middle school students go hungry over the weekend when they aren't in school. Your help can make a difference. Thank you for caring for the children of Warren County.

MAGNIFICAT

If you would like to renew your Magnificat or you are interested in a new subscription, please make a check payable to Christ the King Church for \$30 (this is a \$1 increase but still a savings of \$20!). You may also pay cash. Please **put your payment along with your name (or the name you want on the subscription) phone number and email in an envelope labeled CTK Magnificat**. CTK would like all orders by Sunday, September 14th. The yearly subscription starts with the November issue. *Orders/envelopes can be dropped off at the STA reception desk ONLY between 8am to 3pm, M-F, or given directly to Jackie Ward or Lois Taber.*

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



St. Thomas Altar & Rosary Society (STARS)

Cordially invite you to become a member! Join us for our **Kickoff Event on Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room**



KNIGHTS NEWS September Events



- Tootsie Roll Drive September 4, 5 & 6
- K of C Pancake Breakfast September 7
- K of C Monthly Meeting September 11

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

CGS/RE/STAT EVENTS THIS WEEK

- September 9th:** 5:15pm first day of Tuesday CGS sessions
- September 10th:** first day of CGS sessions and RE classes
- September 10th:** STAT service night

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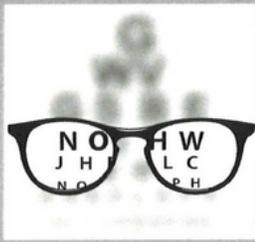
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HEY FARMERS!



Are you looking to lower your taxable income this year?

If so, you can donate a gift of grain directly to St.

Thomas Aquinas!

Our account at Heartland Co-op is 62951. When you unload your grain, just let them know it is for St. Thomas Aquinas and provide our account number. They will sell it on our behalf. Be sure to check with your accountant for the tax details.

Please let us know if you are donating grain in this manner so we can thank you for the gift.





Indianola Knights



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday September 7

9:00 to 10:00 AM

**Pancakes or French Toast, Breakfast Sausage or Ham,
Coffee & Juice**

Let us prepare your Sunday meal so you can spend time
with your family and friends.

The cost is a free-will donation which is used to support
our scholarships.

We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.