



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125  
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am,  
Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass  
Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am  
1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am  
Simpson Masses start September

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**Perpetual Adoration** Wednesday from 9am to 9pm  
And Friday mornings from 9:00am to noon.

**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 are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and must be registered with the church, one sponsor must be Catholic.

**Liturgy of Marriage:** Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

**Prayer Chain:** Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for a anyone in need.  
Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-0209

**Care of the Sick & Shut-ins:** Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

**Newcomers/Addresses:** Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.

**Change of Address:** Notify the office when you change your address.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

## 2023

### Sunday, September 3

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

124: Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Evangeline Mangold  
& Winston Sayre  
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

### Monday, September 4

#### WEEKDAY

431: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30  
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

### Tuesday, September 5

#### WEEKDAY

432: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37  
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Pauline Ripperger & Beverly Krier  
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

### Wednesday, September 6

#### WEEKDAY

433: Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—James Briseno  
& Shelby McCasland

### Thursday, September 7

#### WEEKDAY

434: Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Winston Sayre  
& Shelby McCasland

### Friday, September 8

#### NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

636: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30  
Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Joe & Rachel O'Meara

### Saturday, September 9

#### SAINT PETER CLAVER

436: Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5 see 719-724  
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—John Manders  
& Shelby McCasland

### Sunday, September 10

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

127: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20  
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people  
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas—Jerry Ripperfer  
& Carmen Koth  
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Friday's in the summer 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.-1 p.m.)  
Parish Office: 515-961-3026 Website: [stthomasindianola.com](http://stthomasindianola.com) Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

**For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7**

## Father Adam's Five for September 2—September 8:

1. THANK YOU! As of last week we are expecting that we will meet and exceed our ADA goal. For a breakdown of the numbers please visit <https://tinyurl.com/STA-BAG>
2. If you contributed to the ADA through the online portal or a pledge card, you should have received a Thank You note. If you did NOT receive a note, please contact the office to make sure we have your address correct and to make sure St. Thomas was given credit for your donation.
3. September 6 is the last chance to register for R.E. before we begin meeting this fall. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-REG>.
4. Simpson Mass has resumed. 5 p.m. on Sundays in Smith Chapel.
5. We are still looking for a Coordinator of Music Ministry. This is a full time position. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CMM>.



Thank you to all those that helped with and attended the Sarah Hart concert.



**Gathering Table** is on for **Monday, September 4th**. Please consider signing up to help in some way with this important need in our community. Here is the link for signing up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA4AF2EA6FBC43-gathering>

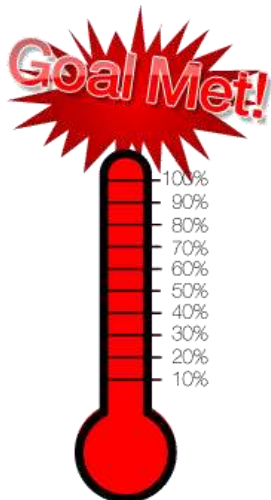
Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity.

STARs



**Next Weekend  
September 9 & 10  
is the annual  
Seminarian  
Appeal Collection**



*Thank you  
to everyone that  
contributed to the  
ADA campaign!  
May God reward  
your generosity.*

### Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,  
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,  
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at [jjward71@gmail.com](mailto:jjward71@gmail.com) or  
515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029  
to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest  
of the group to start immediate prayers for  
you or your loved one in need.

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 Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name  
to the list published in the bulletin.

Names will remain on the list for a month unless  
you indicate otherwise.

## Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd parents,

Several items

1. Our faith formation year begins next **Wednesday, Sept. 6** with a **potluck** from **6:00-7:30 pm**. The children can visit their classrooms, see who is in their class and meet their teachers.

We will provide sloppy joes, lemonade and water, plates, cups, tableware and napkins. Please bring a dish to share or a free-will donation (suggestion of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child). We need you to RSVP by this Friday, September 1, so we know how much food to prepare. The families who have RSVP'd so far are listed below.

The potluck is for the families who have children in both Wednesday sessions and the Sunday CGS sessions.

2. The **8th grade parents** will have a meeting with JoAnn from **7:00-7:30 the night of the potluck (Sept. 6)** to go over the new curriculum for 8th graders this year. We have a 5-session curriculum on relationships spread throughout the year (relationships between God, others and oneself) and want parents to know what will be presented and discussed.

3. We will have a meeting in mid-October for the First Communion parents.

4. If you are putting together your calendar for the year, our first regular sessions begin on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9:00-10:00 am for the Sunday group and on Wednesday, Sept 13 for the Wednesday sessions, 5:30 -6:40 and 7:00-8:10. We'll meet at regular class time the remaining Wednesdays and Sundays in September.

5. On **Wednesday, October 4**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, **ALL sessions** (Wednesday and Sunday) will meet from **6:00 to 7:00 pm** (hopefully, outside if the weather allows). We'll have a skit, a police K-9 demonstration, blessing of the animals (bring a picture of your pet) and ice cream.

The Sunday CGS group will not meet on October 8.

We will meet every Wednesday and Sunday until Thanksgiving break. There is no RE-CGS on Wednesday, Nov. 22, nor Sunday, November 26.

We will meet for three Wednesdays after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13). The Sunday sessions will meet Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

We resume in **January** on Wednesday, **Jan. 10** and Sunday, **Jan. 14**. And every Wednesday and Sunday after that. On February 14, Ash Wednesday, all sessions will meet for Mass at 7:00 pm.

There will be no RE-CGS during spring break which includes Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 13.

Our last day of Religious Education is Wednesday, April 24.

## Adorers Needed

We still are in need of 3 adorers to fill our Thursday hours. We have an opening for one adorer at each the 1, 5 and 8 pm hour.

We also need an adorer for 7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Please consider praying before/spending time with our Eucharistic Lord for one of these hours each week. If your schedule makes it difficult to do so weekly, find a friend or friends that you could rotate with.

Please contact Anitta at 515-344-7850 or on email at [spennani1976@outlook.com](mailto:spennani1976@outlook.com) to sign up.

God Bless



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## Creation Care Corner



Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given.

But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet.

Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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