

April 22, 2018

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate



The mission of the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate is to use our love and faith to inspire and serve God's people by cultivating a welcoming Catholic Community – working as one and living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Directory

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Pastorate Support Staff

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Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020
Director, Jenny Recker jrecker@aquin.org

New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next class–June 4, 2018, 7pm
Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181 to register for the class.

Contact the pastorate office to schedule a baptism.

Weddings

Contact Fr. Loecke at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Pastorate Council

Chair: Loren Manternach
Vice-Chair: Joyce McQuillen
Secretary: Chris Krapfl
Janet Felton, Bob Green,
Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll,
Jean Thier

Parish Council Contacts

St. Patrick – Vicki Noonan
Sacred Heart – Chuck Noonan
St. Peter – Chris Krapfl
St. Matthias – Bob Green

Pastorate Committee Chairpersons

Community Life –
Faith Formation – Dan Kurt
Social Justice – Chris Krapfl
Liturgy – Kathy Beck

Prayer Requests

Eileen Steffen – 852-7168
Anita Gudenkauf – 852-3043
Shirley Curoe - 563-599-3973
Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Mon, April 23	7:00am (C) Bridget Manternach
Tue, April 24	8:30am (C) Larry Volk
Wed, April 25	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of the O'Brien, Callahan, Koch & Goedken Families
Thu, April 26	7:00am (C) W/C
Fri, April 27	7:00am (C) W/C
Sat, April 28	4:00pm (G) Dan Federspiel & Carlos Foust 5:30pm (C) Danny Noonan
Sun, April 29	8:00am (C) St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate 10:00am (C) Connie Schaecher

Confessions

Confessions are available 20 minutes before the 4:00 Mass and immediately following the 5:30 Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Easter– April 22, 2018

Pastorate

Feed the Hungry - \$500.00 of money collected from containers in St. Matthias Church was distributed to the area food pantries and the needy. Thank you for all your donations in those containers. Every donation DOES make a difference! Life Savers will be sold at various Masses during the month of April by the Catholic Daughters. Proceeds will go to “The Open Door Program”.

Please join us for the National Day of Prayer

for our country on Thursday, May 3rd at noon at the City Hall in the council room for a brief prayer service.

Mass Server Training for students currently in grades 4-11 will be Thursday, May 10th at 8:30am and Saturday, May 12 from 9:00am-10:00am at St. Matthias. This training is for those interested in becoming Mass servers at any of the pastorate churches. Students interested may pick up a registration form at Aquin, from their CCD or RTR teacher, or in the back of the pastorate churches. Pre-registration is required. Any questions call the pastorate office at 852-3524. The next server schedule will be mailed after the training.

Liturgical Minister Training / Eucharistic Minister

Commissioning: Training for liturgical ministers will be held on Wed. May 9 at 6:30pm at St. Matthias. This is for all new ministers serving as lectors, commentators, Eucharistic Ministers and ushers. It is also for those currently serving in those roles who would like to attend.

Baccalaureate Mass: The pastorate Mass honoring all the high school graduates from our pastorate will be Sunday, May 27, 10:00 am at St. Matthias. If your child is graduating from any other school than Cascade High School. Please call the pastorate office at 852-3524.

Simplify your routine! We offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your contributions to your Parish. Enrolling is easy - complete a simple form and your bank account will automatically be debited around the 15th of each month! Contact Kerri or Shellie at the Pastorate Office to enroll or for more information.

Caring for Your Marriage – “Peace be with you.” (Lk 24:36)
The peace of Jesus promises us often through forgiving your spouse when he or she hurts you. Is there something you’re finding hard to forgive? Take it to Jesus in prayer, and ask for His peace.

Bereavement Series: The Pastorate will host a 5-part series for person who have experienced a loss of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting April 24 – May 22, 7:30pm in the Pastorate Office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Dianne Reiter - 852-3962 or Jean Mausser - 852-7709.

The Aquin Education System

Aquin School Board Elections will be in May. There is one opening this year at each of the 4 parishes: Sacred Heart, St. Matthias, St. Patrick & St. Peter. It is a 3 year term, | and you may serve two consecutive terms. Please call Aquin by May 1, 2018, if you are interested in running for a school board position.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: April 14-15, 2018: Budget: \$755.00; Offertory: \$85.65; EFT: \$50.00; Easter: \$50.00; Total: 890.65
Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, May 12, 2018 – 4:00pm)
Lector: Molly Droeszler; Commentator: Betty Wagner;
Eucharistic Min.: Carol Gehl, Carol Walsh; Servers: Megan Bergfeld, Brianna Carroll; Crossbearer: Carli Recker
Church Cleaning: (Before May 12): Joan & Mike Turnis, Ted & Deb Mausser, Jerry & Kristen Miles, Richard & Hayley Leppert
Hall Cleaning: Donnie & Kathy Staner, Tony & Laurie Decker, Marty & Megan Staner, Kelly & Jenny Ryan
Mary’s Candle burns for the intention of Marv & Rita Recker.

Please join Sacred Heart for the Sacred Heart Spring Fling this weekend, Sunday, April 22, 2018.

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: April 14-15, 2018 – Budget Total: \$1,353.00
Liturgical Participation - (Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 4:00pm)
Commentator: Wanda Loewen; Lector: Mike Molony;
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Vaske, Jean Brackemyer, Judy Coyle;
Ushers: Denny Brackemyer, Mike Donovan; Acolytes: Matt Pfab, Alyssa Koppes; Cross: Brianna Koppes
Weekend Money Counters: April 28, 2018 – Lynn & Loras
Rosary before Mass: April 28 – Rosie Noonan
Church & Hall Cleaning (April 2018): Denny & Jean Brackemyer, Mike & Colleen Burke, Frank & Darlene Conlan
St. Patrick Parish Council Members needed:
There are 3 openings for new parish council members. Please consider volunteering your time and talents You may call Vicki Noonan at 879-3132.

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: April 14-15, 2018 – Budget: \$200.00; Youth Budget: \$2.00; Easter: \$500.00; Total: \$702.00
Liturgical Participation: (May 19, 2018 - 4:00 PM)
Lector: Marci Roe; Commentator: Chris Krapfl
Eucharistic Min.: Shelly Schockemoehl, Sandy Koppes, Joan Hoffmann; Ushers: Dan Welter & Jim Welter
Servers: Madeline Manternach, Michael & Maggie Trumm
Gifts: Donnie Manternach Greeter: Lois Andrews
Church Cleaners (before May 19, 2018) : Mary Irene Peiffer (leader), Carla & Donna Koppes, Paul & Sandy Koppes, Keith & Samantha Koppes, Don & Judy Supple JD & Jodi Dolphin
Our next regular Mass at St. Peter's will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 4:00 PM with a potluck social following Mass in the hall.
Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM
Rosary - Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 PM
Thank You to all who helped with our Parish Cleaning Day on April 14. Outdoor projects will be scheduled for a future date.
Parish Council Elections are coming up on May 19th. Please prayerfully consider running for one of the open positions: Women & Men's Community Life, Pastorate Council, Board of Education, & Youth Representative Let Julie or one of the current council members know if you are interested by May 7th.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: April 14-15, 2018 – Budget: \$8,947.00; Offertory: \$430.46; Children’s Collection: \$43.50; EFT: \$3,337.00; Easter: \$690.00; Community Life: \$2,090.00; Total: \$12,200.96

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: April 23-27, 2018) -

Server: Bill Gehl; *Lector:* Jean Lynch; *Euch. Ministers:* Jean Lynch, Jane Strang, Paul Peiffer

Saturday –April 28, 5:30pm– Lector: Kay Takes; Commentator: Mark Otting; Ushers –Jake & Tara Noonan; East Entrance Greeter: Jim & Judy Betzner; Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Strang, Kay Takes, Susie Stille, Linda Aschtgen, CeAnn Brickley; Servers: Jonah, Madeline & Nate Manternach; Music: Guitar Choir

Sunday – April 29, 8:00am – Lector –Loren Manternach; Commentator: Nikki Manternach; Ushers – Tony & Susie Stille; East Entrance Greeter: Chris & Nicole Casey; Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Kauder, Matt Knepper, Jessi Koob, Dianne Koppes, Ronda Kurt; Servers: Nathan & Wes Knepper; Music: Becky

Sunday – April 29, 10:00am - Lector – Joe Wessels, Commentator: Jason McDermott; Ushers – Logan Otting & Jackson Knepper; East Entrance Greeter: Judy Grob; Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Gudenkauf, Gina Hill Hemmer, Katie Knepper, Jean Lynch, Jason McDermott; Servers: Gabby & Isabella Turnis, Klaire Bergfeld; Music: Dolphin’s

Mark Your Calendars: The St. Matthias Fun Fest will be Sunday, September 16, 2018.

St. Matthias Parish Council Members needed:

There are 2 open positions for the St. Matthias Parish Council. We will be voting for these positions and the Aquin School Board position on the weekend of May 12th – 13th. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for this position. You can call Bob Green at 852-3745 or the Pastorate Office at 852-3524 by May 4th if you are interested.

Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith Conference

All grandparents are invited to participate in a day to celebrate the important role of grandparenting in family life. Connect with other grandparents and hear from dynamic speakers on how to leave a legacy of faith for your children and grandchildren. The day includes keynotes, breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, lunch, and more. The Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith conference will take place on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Mary’s in Waverly. For more information and registration, please visit www.dbqarch.org/grandparent-day. For questions, contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at (800) 876-3546, ext. 233 or m.selby@dbqarch.org.

What You Should Know About the NEW TAX LAW & CHARITABLE GIVING

Now that the 2017 tax season has passed, our attention turns towards the recently passed Tax Reform Law and its potential impact on charitable giving in 2018. Below you will find some information and, hopefully, some helpful guidance as responsible stewards of God’s many gifts.

So, what will change?

- The standard deduction (allowed on federal tax forms) will nearly double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples. This change (coupled with other restrictions) will

reduce the number of individuals and families who itemize their federal taxes. Fewer people itemizing their federal taxes will mean that fewer people will be receiving a federal tax deduction for cash gifts given to charity.

But, what won’t change?

- Many different avenues of giving still remain very lucrative! Gifts, such as, those receiving a tax credit (for example, the STO), appreciated stock gifts, gifts of property, grain gifts, and IRA charitable rollover gifts will all continue to offer excellent ways to save tax.
- The tax benefits of charitable giving will remain the same on your state taxes in Iowa, since those still have not changed.
- The charitable deduction for those who will continue to itemize is still very much available and, in fact, has been enhanced, allowing individuals to deduct up to 60% (up from 50%) of their adjusted gross income to charity.

And, most importantly...

- Our reason for giving hasn’t changed! Rather than giving in order to save on tax, we give to a cause, to a mission, in the name of Christian charity. The message of Christ was, is, and will forever be the expectation that we help those in need by—among other things—being good stewards of the many gifts with which we have been entrusted. Supporting the mission of Christ through the sharing of our gifts at the local, diocesan, and universal levels is still very much a part of our identity as Catholics.

Other things to consider:

- Certain individuals and families might end up saving some tax under the new law. Perhaps those who do will think to donate a portion of those savings through charitable giving.
- Even this year, a certain number of us will be receiving a tax return. A generous option might be to share a portion of that return through a gift to a charity that supports the poor and disadvantaged or perhaps to our parish community.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Taxpayers should consult with their tax advisor as to his/her specific situation.

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1. True or False Canonization means no time in Purgatory.
2. What does the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mean?
 - A. Mary was conceived without sin.
 - B. Mary was Assumed into Heaven on a cloud.
 - C. Mary was chosen to be the mother of Christ.

1. False, Canonization is the act by which the Church declares a person who has died a saint. 2. B