

December 2, 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

Pastor, Rev. Douglas Loecke (563)852-7805  
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Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126  
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Director of Faith Formation -  
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### Pastorate Office

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Website www.stapastorate.org  
Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

### Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
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### Aquin System of Catholic Education

Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331  
Principal, Vicki Palmer  
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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–Jan. 7, 2019, 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: Chris Krapfl  
Vice-Chair: Joyce McQuillen  
Secretary: Jean Their  
Bob Green, Chuck Shanahan,  
Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll & Kevin Schockemoehl

### 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 – Kerri Takes  
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, Dec. 3	10:30am (C) Funeral for Odie Boffeli
Tue, Dec. 4	8:30am (C) Ed Rehak
Wed, Dec. 5	7:00am (C) Phyllis & Jerry Green
Thu, Dec. 6	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Fri, Dec. 7	7:00am (C) Connie Schaecher 5:30pm (T) Herb Peiffer
Sat, Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am (C) Helen Dehner 4:00pm (F) Joe & Betty Mausser 5:30pm (C) Dola & Willard Potter
Sun, Dec. 9	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate 10:00am (C) Loras Gudenkauf

### Confessions

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

## First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

makes you “drowsy”? Talk about them with your spouse, and pray for peace.

### Pastorate

#### Reconciliation Schedule for next week:

Sacred Heart – Dec 4: 6:30pm - 7:00pm  
St. Peter – Dec. 7 following 5:30pm Mass  
Schedule for St. Pat’s and St. Matthias will be in next weeks

#### Nativity Crib Lighting at 714 1st Ave E., Cascade Sunday, December 2nd at 4:30pm

There are many different ways to for you to prepare for Advent this year. One way was a book called Advent Gospel Reflections (all the books are now taken). We want to thank the St. Thomas Aquinas Council 930 and Lois Merkes Catering for their donation.

#### Thanks to everyone that participated in our Pastorate Grateful Poster- here are some of the responses:

Coworkers	Sunrise/Sunset
Mom, Dad	Family
Toys	Good Health
Prayers & Perspective	Warm Coats
Smiles	Grandpa & Grandma
Fr. Loecke	My Faith
My Family’s Health	My Eternal Father
Eternal Salvation	Hope & Grace
My Church	Fr. Loecke’s Homilies
My Siblings	Roof Over My Head
All God’s wonderful gifts	My Brother
Priests	Our Clergy
Living in the USA	Living in Iowa
Religious Freedom	Our Pastorate
Having Jesus in My Life	Veterans
Opportunity of Daily Mass	My Marriage
My Wife	Great Friends
My New Great Grand Baby	Nature
Ben Franklin Eye glasses	Word & Communion
Family Time	New Friend
Good Outcome of Health issues	My Husband
Aquin Students/Staff/and Families	
For Living in a Loving Community	

Poinsettias: We will continue the custom of donating in memory of loved ones to cover the cost of the poinsettias to decorate the churches. The requested donation is \$15. Place in an envelope separate from your budget envelope and on a separate check from your budget check. Make a separate check out for each church. On a separate sheet of paper or on the outside of the envelope write the parish to receive the donation, your name and the name of the persons for whom the memorial is being made. Place in the collection or bring to the pastorate office by Sun. Dec. 16th. A list of memorials will be in the Dec. 30 bulletin.

Caring for Your Marriage “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from...the anxieties of daily life.” (Lk 21:34) Advent is a time of watchful expectation. What

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you or someone in your family is or will be hospitalized and a visit from a priest is desired, please call the pastorate office to let us know the name of the person and where the person can be found. Sometimes the hospital will call to provide the names of parishioners and sometimes they do not. If the patient is admitted through the emergency room, the hospital does not call us.

Gluten-Free Hosts are available at all pastorate Masses. If you wish to have a gluten-free host consecrated please speak to the priest before Mass and be sure you receive Communion from the priest. At least until you become familiar to the priest, you may need to inform him before receiving that you are the person who requested the gluten free host. Another option is to receive from the cup only, which still qualifies as receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

### Aquín Catholic Elementary School

\*If you are Schwan’s customer or want to be one, 20 % of your sales can go to help Aquín. Please go to [www.schwans-cares.com](http://www.schwans-cares.com) and look for a campaign Technology Fund/Aquín. Profits will go to support our Technology Fund. The Aquín code is #41926.

### Please Remember to Shop with Scrip this Holiday Season!!!

\*The K-5 Christmas music program will be held on Monday, December 10th at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm at the Ellen Kennedy Center.

### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Nov. 24-25, 2018: Budget: \$385.00; Auction: \$27,035.85; Total: \$27,420.85

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 – 4:00pm)

*Lector:* Megan Knapp; *Commentator:* Ann Callahan;

*Eucharistic Min.:* Jean & Marty Mausser; *Servers:*

Alyssa & Brianna Koppes; *Crossbearer:* Corinne Rea

Mary’s Candle burns for a Special Intention.

Church & Hall Cleaning - (November 2018) Joe & Karen

Meier, Joe Mausser, Jason Mausser, Marty & Jean Mausser

### St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 24-25, 2018 – Budget: \$1,633.00; Offertory: \$356.17; Children’s Collection: \$14.00; Total: \$458.00

Liturgical Participation - (Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018 – 4:00pm)

*Commentator:* Sr. Marlene McDonnell; *Lector:* Margie Bradley;

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Judy Coyle, Jean Brackemeyer, Sr. Marlene McDonnell; *Ushers:* Mark Redmond, Bob Noonan; *Acolytes:* Hugh

Molony, Allison Rollinger; *Cross:* Alyssa Koppes

Weekend Money Counters: Dec – Jean Their & Tom Donovan

Rosary before Mass: Dec. 22, 2018 – Lois Gavin

Church & Hall Cleaning (December 2018): Rita Federspiel, John

& Gloria Federspiel, Ric & Trena Gravel

## St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Nov. 24-25, 2018 – Budget: \$460.00; Youth Budget: \$2.00; Total: \$462.00

Liturgical Participation: (December 15, 2018 - 4:00 PM)

Lector: Marie Knepper Commentator: Joe Strang

Eucharistic Min.: Karen Knepper, Lucinda Turnis,

Sandy Koppes Ushers: Dave Heim, Joe Trumm

Servers: Jonah, Madeline, & Nathaniel Manternach;

Gifts: Jay Manternach; Greeter: Chris Krapfl

Church Cleaners (before December 15): Joe & Sara Trumm (leader), Kevin & Janet Schockemoehl, Eric & Stacie Schockemoehl, Ryan & Shelly Schockemoehl, Renee Coyle, Jordan & Robert Trumm, John & Evelyn Noel

Rosary/Eucharistic Adoration - Wed., Dec 5 at 7:00 PM

An Advent Discussion group will follow Eucharistic Adoration over in the hall on the first three Wed. nights in December.

Our 6th Annual Cookie Exchange will be Tues., Dec. 11th at the Temple Hill hall at 6:30 PM. Just bring 3 dozen cookies or so to exchange & share. Hot cocoa & cookies will also be available to munch on. Come & join in this delicious community building activity. Non-baking cookie eaters are also welcome!!

The Next Mass at St. Peter's will be on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

Our Holiday meal will follow in the hall with a very familiar visitor from the North Pole expected!! Come & enjoy this special catered meal with turkey & dressing and all the trimmings as well as a visit with Santa! (Desserts would be welcome.)

Tickets for the Mid-Winter Fling & Dessert Auction may be purchased in the entry of the church beginning this weekend. The Fling is Saturday, January 26th at the Legion Hall in Cascade with social time at 6:30 PM and dinner served at 7:00 PM. Sign-up sheets for desserts and "set up" volunteers are in the back of the church or by e-mailing Julie.

## St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Nov. 24-25, 2018 – Budget: \$5,825.00; Offertory: \$661.31; Children's Collection: \$44.00; Thanksgiving: \$3,802.00; Christmas: \$325.00; All Saints: 10.00; Grain Bank: \$1,547.30; Total: \$12,214.61

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Dec. 3-7, 2018) -

Server: Mark Otting; Lector: Dianne Koppes; Euch.

Ministers: Mark Otting, Dianne Koppes, Nancy Strang

**Saturday – Dec. 8, 5:30pm** – Lector: Kay Takes;

Commentator: Nancy Strang; Ushers – Mike & Jan Donovan;

East Entrance Greeter: Jim & Judy Betzner; Eucharistic

Ministers: Vicki Kelchen, Marie Knepper, Dale Manternach,

Sharon Manternach, Kay Takes; Servers: Clara Lynch, Elijah

Merfeld; Music: Angie's; Lighting Advent Candle: Terry &

Delores O'Brien

**Sunday – Dec. 9, 8:00am** – Lector – Loren Manternach;

Commentator: Mollie Bergfeld; Ushers – Tony & Susie Stille;

East Entrance Greeter: Chris & Nicole Casey; Eucharistic

Ministers: Jeff Otting, Chuck Reiter, Jean Simon, Mike

Steffen, Naomi Steffen; Servers: Carson & Ella Nauman;

Music: Guitar Choir; Lighting Advent Candle: Dennis & Lois Merkes

**Sunday – Dec. 9, 10:00am** - Lector – Jill Gehl;

Commentator: Jason McDermott; Ushers – Owen & Kristi Walleser; East Entrance Greeter: Judy Grob; Eucharistic Ministers: Jason McDermott, Madison Gehl, Barb Sauser, Kennedy Schlemme, Shellie Schlemme; Servers: Allsion & Laura Rollinger, Margaret Seitz; Music: Dolphin's); Lighting Advent Candle: Nate & Dawn Otting Family  
2019 At Home with the Word books are now for sale at the Pastorate Office. They are available in the large and small print. The cost is \$8.00.

### Christmas Season Project 2018:

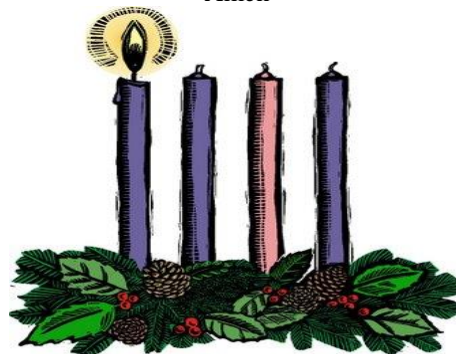
A HUGE Thank You to all who made soup, bread, chex mix, supplied the baskets with fruit, crackers, cocoa or tea. Also those that brought us baskets, containers, ziplock bags or helped make bows and decorations. A special thanks to Brother's Market for the Cuties and McDermott Oil for the crackers. Finally, to those that are going to help with filling the baskets and delivering the baskets. You have no idea what that means to our recipients!!! Your kindness and generosity has not gone unnoticed!! God Bless Each & Every One of You!!!

**The National Night of Prayer for Life** is a prayer service consisting of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer, and hymns. On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, churches from across the nation will gather in unity to pray in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The National Night of Prayer for Life will be held at The Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville (6:00pm - 9:00pm) and at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Dubuque (5:30pm – 8:30pm). Please join us for a few hours, one hour, or even for just a few minutes to adore Christ in His True Presence!

Week 1 of Advent

(Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence)

Christ our Light,  
Shine in our lives with hope and promise.  
Give us right vision so that we remain attentive  
to this holy season.  
Remind us to love for you in small acts of  
kindness and love.  
We await your coming with wonder.  
Amen



**First Sunday in Advent**

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