

December 9, 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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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
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Pastorate Support Staff

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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. 10	5:30pm (C) Nancy, Bob & Rob Loes
Tue, Dec. 11	8:30am (C) Phyllis Turnis
Wed, Dec. 12	7:00am (C) Brian Kurt, George Kurt, Ed Rehak Family
Thu, Dec. 13	7:00am (C) Denny Meyer
Fri, Dec. 14	7:00am (C) Connie Schaecher
Sat, Dec. 15	4:00pm (T) Frank & Rose Heim 5:30pm (C) Larry Nauman, Jake & Edwina Nauman
Sun, Dec. 16	8:00am (C) Tom Green 10:00am(C)St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate

Confessions

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

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

Pastorate

December 24th Masses are as follows:

3:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Garryowen
4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Cascade
5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Fillmore
6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Cascade

December 25 Masses

8:00am Christmas Day Mass at Cascade
9:30am Christmas Day Mass at Temple Hill

January 1 Mass

5:30pm New Year's Eve at Cascade
8:00am New Year's Day at Cascade

Reconciliation Schedule for next week:

St. Patrick – Dec. 11: 6:30pm – 7:00pm
Dec. 22: 3:30pm-4:00pm
St. Matthias – Dec. 10: after 5:30pm Mass
Dec. 17: after 5:30pm Mass
Dec. 19: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Dec. 22: after 5:30pm Mass
Dec. 23: after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses

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 “John [the Baptist] went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Lk 3:3) The sacraments are essential to the Christian life. Encourage your spouse to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. Participation in this sacrament will strengthen not only your relationship with God, but your relationship with your spouse.

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email iljwwme08@gmail.com

Advent

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your Parish or Aquin through your will or a planned gift. These gifts allow our churches and school's mission to endure beyond our time. For questions on parish needs or how your gift could help us continue Christ's mission, please call Fr Loecke at 563-852-7805 to speak confidentially about your wishes.

The Archdiocese wants us to remind you that IRS regulations

have tightened over the past few years. The parishioners will not be able to post donations that are given to us December 31, 2018. We have to post the donation to the calendar year that it is received. If we receive a donation on Jan. 1, 2019 it will be posted to the calendar year 2019 even if the donation is postmarked prior to December 31st. We encourage your generosity but we also have to follow IRS rules.

Grain Bank: Innovative Ag Services and L&S Ag Center are again participating in the grain bank program this fall. If you are familiar with the process, feel free to call L&S Ag Center (855-2255) or Innovative Ag (852-7245) for information. The parishes appreciate the generosity of those who have participated in the past and would like to thank each of the businesses for their part in this important fundraiser.

2019 Farley-Epworth CEW

(Christian Experience Weekend)

Come experience this special weekend and grow in your relationship with God.

Women's Weekend Jan. 11-13, 2019 Carla Brosius women's Lay director. Call 563-590-7320 for more information.

Men's Weekend Jan. 18-20, 2019 Tyler Gotto men's Lay director. Call 563-599-7330 for more information.

There are flyers with detailed information about CEW in the back of all the church.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

*Remember to buy Scrip for all your holiday purchases. Scrip makes a great gift.

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

*There will be a 1:00 dismissal on Friday, December 21st. We will be on Christmas break from Monday, December 24 through January 2nd. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

*The Early Childhood Open House/Parent Mtg. will be held in the Aquin gym on Thursday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00. If you have a child who will be in the 3 YO or 4YO or Kindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year, please plan on attending. Weather make-up date is January 24th.

*No School January 14th. This is a Professional Learning Day for staff.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 1-2, 2018: Budget/Total: \$460.00

Liturgical Participation: (Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 – 4:00pm)

Lector: Marty Mausser; *Commentator:* Chloe Rea;

Eucharistic Min.: Bridget Rea & Kathy Staner; *Servers:* Samantha & Carli Recker; *Crossbearer:* Megan Bergfeld

Mary's Candle burns for a Special Intention.

Church & Hall Cleaning - (December 2018) Missy Stoll, Randy & Gina Gadiant, Chuck & Patty Delaney, Pat Delaney

***Sacred Heart auction total is \$26,035.79 to date. A thank you to everyone who help to make it a success!

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 1-2, 2018 – Budget: \$908.00;
Offertory: \$100.01; Children's Collection: \$7.00; Auction: \$100.00;
Total: Immaculate Conception: \$25.00; Memorial Fund: \$50.00;
Total: 1,190.01

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: Dec. 1-2, 2018 – Budget: \$397.00;
Christmas: \$550.00; Mid-Winter Fling: \$600.00; Parish Hall
Rent: \$50.00; Total: \$1,597.00

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 Dec.

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 & fun activity.

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 or from parish council members. 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: Dec. 1-2, 2018 – Budget: \$7,446.00;
Offertory: \$369.25; Children's Collection: \$16.50; Christmas: \$339.00; Holy Days: \$40.00; Grain Bank: \$2,963.84; Total: \$11,174.59

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Dec. 10-14, 2018) -

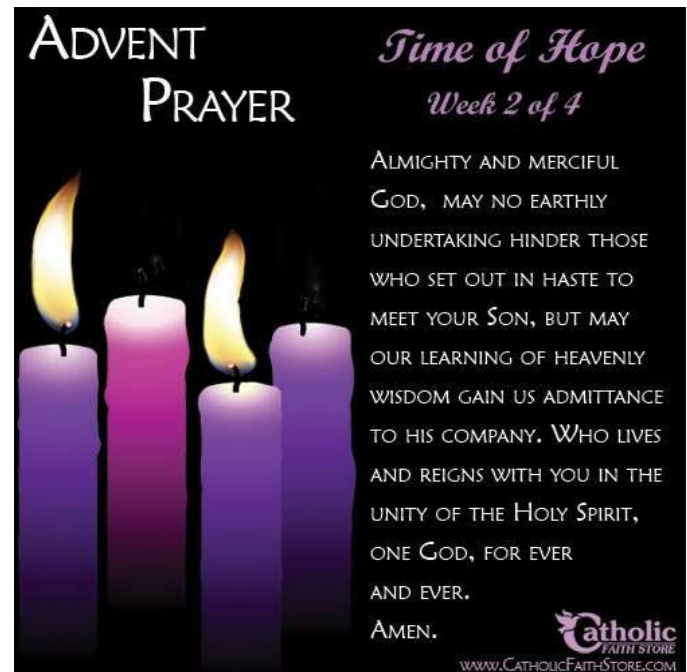
Server: Mike Steffen; *Lector:* Jean Lynch; *Euch. Ministers:* Mike Steffen, Jean Lynch, Jean Conrad

Saturday – Dec. 15, 5:30pm – *Lector:* Kerri Takes; *Commentator:* Renee Hamel; *Ushers* – Fred Rogers & Kelly Sullivan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Jack & Renee Kuriger; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jacquie Manternach, Pat Noonan, Kerri Takes, Jeff Reiter, Dianne Reiter; *Servers:* Ella & Eva Madsen; *Music:* Guitar Choir; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Fred & Megan Oliphant Family

Sunday – Dec. 16, 8:00am – *Lector* – Ralph Manternach; *Commentator:* Nikki Manternach; *Ushers* – Carson & Matt Nauman; *East Entrance Greeter:* Ronda Kurt; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Cindy Trumm, Jean Conrad, Casey Conrad, Tom Fah, Kathy Talbert; *Servers:* Laura & Ella Otting; *Music:* Becky/Katie; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Jerry & Karen McAllister

Sunday – Dec. 16, 10:00am - *Lector* – Gina Hill Hemmer; *Commentator:* Madeline Rhomberg; *Ushers* – Logan Otting & Isabelle Fransen; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Julie Dunne; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Madeline Rhomberg, Lilly Trumm, Sue Trumm, Madison Gehl, Gene Gudenkauf; *Servers:* Addison & Brooklyn Trumm, Claire Knepper; *Music:* Becky; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Ben & Kristie McCarthy 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.



ADVENT PRAYER

Time of Hope
Week 2 of 4

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL
GOD, MAY NO EARTHLY
UNDERTAKING HINDER THOSE
WHO SET OUT IN HASTE TO
MEET YOUR SON, BUT MAY
OUR LEARNING OF HEAVENLY
WISDOM GAIN US ADMITTANCE
TO HIS COMPANY. WHO LIVES
AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE
UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD, FOR EVER
AND EVER.
AMEN.

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