

May 5, 2019

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 Steve Strang (563)852-3435
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Pastorate Office

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Pastorate Support Staff

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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–June 3, 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 Thier
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 Committees

Call the Pastorate Office for more information.
Community Life
Faith Formation
Liturgy
Social Justice

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, May 6	5:30pm (C) Lavern (Flute) Weber
Tue, May 7	8:30am (C) For the Living & Deceased Members of the O'Brien, Goedken, Callahan and Koch Families
Wed, May 8	7:00am (C) Louie Leibold
Thu, May 9	7:00am (C) Stan Callahan
Fri, May 10	7:00am (C) Karl (Butch) Kurt
Sat, May 11	4:00pm (F) Denny Meyer 5:30pm (C) Fred Neiers
Sun, May 12	8:00am (C) St Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am(C) Owen & Elizabeth Howard, Mike Howard and the Deceased Members of the Howard Family

Confessions

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

Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019

From Father Loecke

Over the past few weeks some parishioners have gotten text messages from me asking for gift cards to iTunes or Ebay. The text number is not mine but is from some place in Ohio. First, do not respond to any number that is out of the 563 area code as that is the prefix I use. Second, I would never text parishioners asking for money or gift cards. Third, the story that is told in these texts is that I have a childhood friend that has cancer. None of this is true. I am not sure how my name is connected with these texts but just be aware if you get one it is not from me.

In last weekend's bulletin it was announced that we are looking for a suitable candidate to fill the role of pastoral associate/parish nurse, the position currently held by Jean Conrad. If interested please send your resume to the office, Box 699, Cascade, Iowa 52033, attn: Search Committee. The deadline is May 20, 2019.

Pastorate

Flower Memorials that were not listed in last weeks bulletin:

Donor

Intentions of the Donor

Sacred Heart:

Marty & Jean Mausser In Memory of Joe & Betty Mausser
And John & Gladys Fox

St. Matthias:

Ginny Knepper & Family In Memory of Bob Knepper

Mass Server Training for students currently in grades 4-11

will be Thursday, May 9th at 8:30am-9:30am or Saturday, May 11th 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.

Caring for Your Marriage – “Simon, Son of John, do you love me?” (John 21:16). Sometimes married couples feel they have to fish for compliments or for those magic words, “I love you.” Can you be the first to say them to your beloved today? If you missed being first, try being the last.

Bereavement Series: The Pastorate will host a 5 - part series for persons who have suffered the death of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting April 23, 2019, 7:30pm in the Pastorate office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Jean Mausser – 852-7709 or 563-495-2206.

Cascade Area Right to Life will be selling roses after each of the Masses on Mother's Day Weekend, May 11-12.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

- We are very proud of the strong program we have at Aquin. If you are interested in visiting our school or want to learn more about it, for your children, please contact the school at 563.852.3331.
- The Annual 4-6 grade Walkathon will be on Friday, May 3rd. There will be an 8:45 prayer service in the gym. All are welcome to attend the prayer service.

- Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 6-10. Blessings to all our Aquin teachers for all they do for our students.
- Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday, May 12th. A big thank you to Fr. Loecke for all he does for our school and parishes.
- Our annual Relay for Recess will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd.
- Our 8th grade graduation Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 Mass.
- The last day of school for Aquin students will be on Friday, May 31st. This will be a FULL day of school.
- Remember to buy Scrip for all your shopping needs.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Apr. 27-28, 2019: Budget: \$275.00; Community Life: \$120.00; Spring Fling: \$100.00; Auction: \$1,500.00; Total: 1,995.00

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 4:00pm)

Lector: Molly Droszler; *Commentator:* Ruth Rea;

Eucharistic Min.: Carol Walsh, Carol Gehl; *Servers:*

Nick & Jake Wagner; *Crossbearer:* Brianna Carroll

Mary's Candle burns for a Special Intention.

Church & Hall Cleaning - (by May 11, 2019) Margie Gehl, Jim & Marge Schuster, Jason & Kelly Simon, Roamn & Brooke Hummel, Ann Callahan, Randy & Rosie Stoffel, Bob & Joyce Stoffel, Kevin Gassman

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Apr. 27-28, 2019 – Budget: \$950.00; Offertory: \$127.95; Easter: \$340.00; Total: \$1,420.95

Liturgical Participation - (Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 4:00pm)

Commentator: Margie Bradley; *Lector:* Wanda Loewen;

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Pat Noonan, Deb Redmond, Janet

Felton; *Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Kevin Felton;

Acolytes: Nicole Felton, Allison Rollinger; *Cross:* Laura Rollinger

Weekend Money Counters: May 2019 – Mark Redmond & Loras Federspiel

Rosary before Mass: May 5, 2019 – Mary Lee Laban

Church & Hall Cleaning (May 2019): Karrie Kuntz, Rita Kurt, Mark & Ann Kaufman

* PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Parish Council Elections are coming up on May 25th. We have 4 spots open on the council and have a few volunteers who have already offered to be on the ballot. If you would like to be on the ballot for Parish Council elections, please let any of the current council members know as soon as possible.

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Apr. 27-28, 2019 – Budget: \$501.00; Easter: \$30.00; Total: \$531.00

Liturgical Participation: (May 18, 2019 - 4:00 PM)

Lector: Loren Manternach *Commentator:* Linda

Schockemoehl; *Eucharistic Min.:* Janice Trumm,

Sue Trumm, Mary Beth Stecklein; *Ushers:* Ryan

Schockemoehl, Don Topping *Servers:* Eldon Kurt,

Adam Knepper, Madeline Manternach; *Gifts:* Tom

Stecklein; *Greeter:* Diane Loes

Church Cleaners (before May 18): Mary Irene

Peiffer (leader), Carl & Donna Koppes, Judy Koppes, Keith & Samantha Koppes, Josh & Kristy Howell, Danny Peiffer, Don & Judy Supple, Paul & Sandy Koppes, Pam Carr, Dennis & Brenda Koppes, JD & Jodi Dolphin

The next Mass at St. Peter's is May 18th at 4:00 PM.

There will be a social following Mass in the hall honoring those who have received the sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation along with our 2019 graduates.

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary -

Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM.

Parish Council Elections are coming up on May 18th.

Please prayerfully consider running for one of the open positions: Women & Men's Community Life, Pastorate Council, Aquin Board of Education, & Youth Representative.

Let Julie or one of the parish council members know if you are interested by May 8th.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Apr. 27-28, 2019 – Budget: \$3,067.00; Offertory: \$835.35; Children's Collection: \$10.25; Easter: \$3,931.00; Community Life: \$1,080.00; Total: \$8,923.60

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: May 6-10, 2019) -

Server: Mark Otting; Lector: Dianne Koppes; Euch. Ministers: Mark Otting, Dianne Koppes, Jean Simon

Saturday – May 11, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Tom Gleason; *Commentator:* Nancy Strang; *Ushers* – Zach Green & Fred Rogers; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Anita Gleason; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Dale Manternach, Sharon Manternach, Jacquie Manternach, Pat Noonan, Nancy Strang; *Servers:* Lilly Supple, Carter Conrad; *Music:* Guitar Choir

Sunday – May 12, 8:00am – *Lector* – Cheryl Reiter; *Commentator:* Randy Schell; *Ushers* – Bernie & Jessie Koob; *East Entrance Greeter:* Dave & Jenice McLees; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Loren Manternach, Nikki Manternach, Lori Loes, Dianne Koppes, Monica McDermott; *Servers:* Corinne Rea, Carson Staner; *Music:* Angie's

Sunday – May 12, 10:00am – *Lector* – Jill Gehl; *Commentator:* Jean Lynch; *Ushers* – Steve Sauser & Jackson Knepper; *East Entrance Greeter:* Nick & Deb Holub; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Patty Even, Jean Lynch, Isabelle Fransen, Gene Gudenkauf, Joyce McMullen; *Servers:* Carter & Ellie Green, Tyson Hill, Luke Ludwig; *Music:* Dolphin's

St. Matthias Parish Council Members needed:

There is 1 open position for the St. Matthias Parish Council and 2 positions open from St. Matthias to Aquin School Board. We will be voting for the Parish Council and the Aquin School Board positions on the weekend of May 18th-19th. 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 if you are interested.

In the month of May, we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. The most special way to do this is to pray the Rosary. You may have noticed the Rosaries on the pews or in a basket in the back of our churches. They are available to us thanks to the dedication of LuAnn Cigrand and her 6th grade CCD classes, Catholic Daughters, and other individuals who have helped make them. LuAnn used to make Rosaries as a child along with her siblings and had recently saw these while attending Mass at another parish so this sparked her interest in making them again to have them available in all of our parishes. She purchases the supplies through Our Lady Rosary Makers and once they are made, they are blessed by Fr Loecke and placed in church. These are for your use anytime you are in church and want to pray with one or you can even take one with you if you would like. If anyone is interested in helping with this ministry, you can contact LuAnn Cigrand at 563-852-7045. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to this ministry! Watch this section for more information about the Rosary during the month of May.

Grandparents This past Friday afternoon Aquin Elementary students and their grandparents attended a Mass and a reception together. This beautiful event has been going on almost as long as anyone can remember. Many who recall their children going to "Grandparent's Mass" with them are themselves grandparents today.

Most grandparents enjoy a special connection to their grandchildren. A grandmother once said she came to fully understand the meaning of unconditional love when she held her new grandchild for the first time. She compared her love for that little one with the unconditional love that Jesus has for each of us. Having been gifted with children of their own, grandparents are blessed with the unique opportunity to love the children of their children, and share that unconditional Christ-like love in a new and special way.

The disciples in today's gospel remind us of the strong faith grandchildren have in their grandparents. After a long night of fishing and no catch, the disciples were tired and hungry. Jesus told them to cast their nets over the right side of the boat. In spite of how they felt, in faith they obeyed, and were rewarded with an abundance of fish. Today Jesus told Peter to "Tend my sheep." Jesus gives grandparents "sheep" they can help their children tend. Children who are treated with love and kindness will tend to be loving and kind. Those who have the example of faith-filled, prayer-filled lives from their grandparents will tend to live faith-filled, prayer-filled lives of their own.

One does not have to do anything to become a grandparent. There is an inherent biological relationship, but the emotional bonding between grandparent and grandchild will only come with effort. It happens when your grandchild sees that you are open to forming a relationship. It happens when there is an effort to see through your own eyes what matters to your grandchild. It happens when a grandparent gives a grandchild the gift of time and love.

The Calvary Cemetery Board is taking bids on a John Deere X729 Ultimate with 56" deck and 880 hours. Sealed bids will be taken for two weeks (May 6, 2019) at the Pastorate office. Minimum bid of \$3000.00. May be viewed at the parish garage. Any questions please contact Bill Gehl 563-852-3480 or Pastorate office at 852-3524.

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