

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 Office

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Aquin System of Catholic Education

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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–Sept. 9, 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

Bob Green, Mike Otting
 Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll,
 Chuck Shanahan, Eric Vaske,
 Kevin Schockemoehl, Karen Knepper

Parish Council Contacts

St. Patrick – Wanda Loewen
 Sacred Heart – Chuck Noonan
 St. Peter – Kevin Schockemoehl
 St. Matthias – Bob Green

Pastorate Committee Opportunities

Call the Pastorate Office for more info
 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 July 15	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue July 16	7:00am (C) Lavern Weber
Wed July 17	7:00am (C) Willard Noonan
Thu July 18	7:00am (C) Jim & Dianne Koppes 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Fri July 19	7:00am (C) Bonnie Weber
Sat July 20	4:00pm (T) Jane Stanton 5:30pm (C) Donald & Lisa Otting
Sun July 21	8:00am (C) St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate 10:00am (C) Herb Green

Confessions

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

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 14, 2019

Pastorate

Reminder: A retirement party for Jean Conrad will be this Sunday, July 14 from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the KC Hall. Everyone is invited!

Caring for Your Marriage – In today's Gospel we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Sometimes we can miss the hurts and needs of those closest to us. Does your spouse have a wound that needs tending?

Simplify your summer 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 the Pastorate office at 563-852-3524.

Praying the Rosary:

A rosary for an end to abortion will be prayed during Eucharistic Adoration on Friday morning following 7:00am Mass.

The rosary was prayed at Aquin each Friday morning prior to the end of the school year; and will resume at Aquin when school starts again this Fall.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to pray this rosary for the unborn – God Bless You!

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.
- Back to School Scrip Promotion will begin August 1st through August 16th. Winner will be drawn August 20th. For every \$100 you buy in scrip your name will go in a drawing for a \$250 scrip voucher.
- Aquin Registration is August 7th from 3:00-6:00 in the school gym.
- Aquin Open House will be on Wednesday, August 21st from 5:00-7:00.
- First day of school for Aquin K-8 will be on Friday, August 23rd. NO EARLY OUT.
- First day of PRESCHOOL for Aquin will be Tuesday, August 28th.

If you are shopping for Back To School clothes and supplies, or even groceries or gas, please consider purchasing your items through Aquin Scrip! Order online or stop at Fidelity or Ohnward

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: July 6-7, 2019: Budget/Total: \$715.00

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 4:00pm) *Lector:* Diane Callahan; *Commentator:* Betty Wagner

Eucharistic Min.: Diane Callahan, Linda Recker; *Servers:* Dylan Bergfeld & Jacob Stoll; *Crossbearer:* Carli Recker

Mary's Candle burns for a Special Intention.

Church & Hall Cleaning - (by July 13, 2019) Karen Callahan, Dean & Tonya Johnson, Brad & Julie Miller, Greg & Joyce Knapp, Pat & Carol Gehl, Mary Wright, Joel Meyer

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: July 6-7, 2019 – Budget: \$2,518.00; Offertory: \$180.00; Total: \$2,698.00

Liturgical Participation - (Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 4:00pm)

Commentator: Margie Bradley; *Lector:* Mary Pat Noonan; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Deb Redmond, Mary Pat Noonan, Janet Felton; *Ushers:* Mark Redmond & Bob Noonan; *Acolytes:* Libby Felton, Allison Rollinger; *Cross:* Laura Rollinger

Weekend Money Counters: July 2019– Chuck Shanahan & Eric Vaske

Rosary before Mass: July 27, 2019 – Carmie Decker

Church & Hall Cleaning (July 2019): Steve & Angie Gravel, Deb Mahoney, Terry & Kate Gravel

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: July 6-7, 2019 – Budget/Total: \$180.00

Liturgical Participation: (July 20, 2019 - 4:00 PM)

Lector: Jonah Manternach *Commentator:* Kay Manternach; *Eucharistic Min.:* Emily Trumm, Shelly Schockemoehl, Karen Knepper; *Ushers:* Rick Turnis, Paul Koppes; *Servers:* Nathan & Luke Schockemoehl, Hallie Kelchen; *Gifts:* Joe Trumm; *Greeter:* Lois Andrews

Church Cleaners (before July 20): Jim & Denise Welter (leader), Dan, Ken, & Les Welter, Scot & Karen Knepper, Dennis & Julie Orris, Jacob Welter, Karen Supple, Amanda & Chris Miller, John & Anne Fagan, Dan & Sue Althoff, Gary & Renee Leonard

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, July 20 at 4:00 PM with a potluck social following Mass in the hall.

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary - Wed., July 17 at 7:00 PM.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: July 6-7, 2019 – Budget: \$8,167.00; Offertory: \$529.20; Children's Collection: \$63.00; Total: \$8,759.20

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: July 15-19, 2019) - Server: Chuck Casey; Lector: Dianne Koppes; Euch.

Ministers: Chuck Casey, Dianne Koppes, Elona McLees

Saturday – July 20, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Tom Gleason;

Commentator: Kerri Takes; *Ushers* – Bill Takes; *East*

Entrance Greeter: Jim & Judy Betzner; *Eucharistic Ministers:*

Kerri Takes, Jack Kuriger, Pat Noonan, Nancy Strang, Susie Steffen; *Servers:* Callie Lynch, Ella & Eva Madsen; *Music:*

Angie's

Sunday – July 21, 8:00am – *Lector* –Mary Frake;
Commentator: Nikki Manternach; *Ushers* – Jake & Tara
Noonan; *East Entrance Greeter*: Chris & Nicole Casey;
Eucharistic Ministers: Randy Schell, Bobbi Schell, Natalie
Recker, Cindy Trumm, Jean Conrad; *Servers*: Carson & Ella
Nauman, Nicolas Mausser; *Music*: Guitar Choir

Sunday – July 21, 10:00am – *Lector* –Megan Oliphant;
Commentator: Rachel Rhomberg; *Ushers*: Ken & Karen
McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter*: Judy Grob; *Eucharistic
Ministers*: Patty Even, Isabelle Fransen, Gene Gudenkauf,
Gina Hill Hemmer, Shellie Schlemme; *Servers*: Gabby &
Bella Turnis, Klaire Bergfeld, Maria McCarthy; *Music*:
Dolphin's

SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthias Fun Fest will be September 8, 2019

How do I pray?

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

What is meditation?

"Meditation is above all a quest."

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

What are devotions?

Popular devotions are expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II said in 2001:

Devotions promote the faith of the people.

"Genuine forms of popular piety, expressed in a multitude of different ways, derives from the faith and, therefore, must be valued and promoted. Such authentic expressions of popular piety are not at odds with the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy. Rather, in promoting the faith of the people, who regard popular piety as a natural religious expression, they predispose the people for the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

The correct relationship between these two expressions of faith must be based on certain firm principles, the first of which recognizes that the Liturgy is the center of the Church's life and cannot be substituted by, or placed on a par with, any other form of religious expression. Moreover, it is important to reaffirm that popular religiosity, even if not always evident, naturally culminates in the celebration of the Liturgy towards which it should ideally be oriented. This should be made clear through suitable catechesis" (Address to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, September 21, 2001).

"To see ourselves merely as spectators at Mass is to miss the opportunity to take our part in the highest action done upon earth."

FRANK SHEED

Taken from *Theology for Beginners*

 **Dynamic Catholic**

