



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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Director, Jenny Recker jrecker@aquin.org

New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next class–Jan 6, 2020, 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

Chuck Shanahan - Chair
Bob Green – Vice Chair
Kevin Schockemoehl - Secretary
Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll,
Eric Vaske, 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 Oct 14	7:00am (C) Bill & Rita Martin
Tue Oct 15	8:30am (C) Dan T. & Danny M. Noonan
Wed Oct 16	7:00am (C) W/C
Thu Oct 17	7:00am (C) W/C
Fri Oct 18	7:00am (C) The Joe Merfeld Family & Joe Drew Family
Sat Oct 19	4:00pm (T) Herb Peiffer 5:30pm(C) Pat Hughes
Sun Oct 20	8:00am(C)St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate 10:00a(C) Tom McMullen

Confessions

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 13, 2019

From Father Loecke

We extend congratulations to Dan Kurt and Mark Otting as they became lectors as part of the diaconate formation program. This took place on October 3, at St Mark's in Edgewood. A special note of thanks to Barb and Janice for being so encouraging of their husbands. The program requires a lot of time and at least one full Saturday every month for classes. Both the husband and wife are expected to attend the classes. Dan and Mark will make great additions to the deacons we already have in this pastorate. May God continue to bless your desire and your effort.

On Tuesday night, October 8, the school sponsored a speaker by the name of Captain Scott Frank. Captain Frank is retired from his work related to Internet crimes, especially crimes against children. Now he travels the nation talking to parents and students about the dangers of the Internet. I use the Internet to look up addresses, find a good recipe to make and to watch historical videos. Without a doubt there is a lot of good content on the Internet which Captain Frank noted. However, he also provided those who attended with a lot of information about apps that kids commonly use on their phones, Apps like Snap Chat, and several others that I have never heard of. He talked about the danger of sexting and how sexting has ruined a number of smart talented young people who had full-ride scholarships but once their nude photos surfaced the offers were pulled for the individual. He mentioned that one young boy was forced to give up private data like his SSN and those of his family members in an attempt to blackmail him. Today the family is still trying to recover for the financial losses they encountered as a result of identity theft. Captain Frank has a website that I would encourage everyone who has children to read and study so as to help keep your kids safe. Here is the website. WWW.Digitalempowermentproject.com. You will need a password to enter. The password is empowerment all lowercase letters. Captain Frank gave me his permission to put this in the bulletin. Unfortunately, there were very few parents who were present for this presentation. I cannot stress to you enough how important his words were last night. I think everyone walked away shocked at what our young people are facing today. Captain Frank told me that if there would be sufficient interest he would do a video conference giving the same information he gave in person last night. I do hope there will be enough parents interested in hearing what he has to say so that we can offer this conference. I had no idea about the real and present dangers the internet presents. I left the session knowing a lot more. For the sake of your children and their protection I beg you to contact the school or the parish office to let us know of your interest in a video session.

Pastorate

The pastorate will be giving flu shots after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday October 26 & 27. Let's all work together and keep everyone healthy. Julie

Meetings:

Befriender – Monday, October 28, 6:00pm at the Pastorate Office. Jill Koopmann from River Bend will be the presenter.

To all Pastorate members. Thank-you everyone for welcoming me to the Pastorate Staff. The smiles, kindness and friendly "Hello's" have meant so much to me. I am truly blessed. It is an honor to serve you all. Julie Dunne.

The Knights of Columbus Council #930 is sponsoring "Coats for Kids" starting in September through the end of October. Please, if you have new or gently used winter apparel (coats, hats, gloves, mitten, scarves, snow/ski pants etc.) that is no longer needed, consider donating them to people that are in need of this winter apparel in our area. We are collecting both children's and adult sizes. Collection boxes have been placed at Cascade High School, Cascade Elementary, Aquin Elementary, Brother's Market, and the local parish churches. The distribution dates at the Columbus Hall in Cascade are Thursday, November 7, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, and Saturday, November 9, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

The Aquin 8th Grade Students for Life would like to thank the pastorate for the opportunity of speaking at the masses last weekend. They would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and their generous donations that make this trip possible.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Thanks to all who have dropped off prayer shawls in the past few weeks! They are so appreciated!!

Caring for Your Marriage – Today's Gospel reading (Luke 17:11-19) recounts the story of the ten lepers. All were healed, but only one returned to thank Jesus. For what can you thank your spouse today?

Bereavement Series: The Pastorate will host a 5 - part series for persons who have suffered the death of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting October 16th, 7:00pm in the Pastorate office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Dianne Reiter – 852-3962 or Jean Mausser – 852-7709.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

October is Respect Life Month. On October 23, we will host the Respect Life Speaker

Rosary for Life:

The Rosary for Life will be in the Aquin Chapel every Friday morning at 8:25am. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please note: there will be no rosary on November 1st due to the Holy Day School Mass.

The Living Rosary will be Thursday, October 17, 2019, 1:30pm at St. Matthias. All are welcome!

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Oct. 5-6, 2019: Budget/Total: \$360.00

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 – 4:00pm)
Lector: Megan Knapp; *Commentator:* Ann Callahan;
Eucharistic Min.: Jean & Marty Mausser; *Servers:* Corinne Rea & Brianna Carroll; *Crossbearer:* Dylan Bergfeld
Mary's Candle burns for a Special Intention.

