

November 10, 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

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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 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
Karen Knepper, Mike Otting,
Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll, Eric Vaske

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 Nov 11	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Nov 12	8:30am (C) W/C
Wed Nov 13	6:00pm (C) Ed & Lucy Green
Thu Nov 14	7:00am (C) Anne Feeny
Fri Nov. 15	7:00am (C) Gary Kelchen & David Quint
Sat Nov. 16	10:00am (C) Funeral for Patricia McGrory 1:30pm (G) Nuptial Mass for Sara Redmond & Jared Wellik 1:30pm (T) Nuptial Ceremony for Ethan Small & Kaylee Kremer 4:00pm (T) Larry Manternach 5:30pm (C) Susan Kurt, Lawrence & Bernadette Kurt
Sun Nov. 17	8:00am(C) St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate 10:00am(C) Irwin Simon

Confessions

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

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, November 10, 2019

Pastorate

All Parish Cemetery Winter Reminder: The Cemetery Board of Directors from each of the parishes remind all to please remove any memorial items from the cemeteries that will not tolerate the winds and snow. The Cemeteries are not responsible for remaining items.

Social Justice Meeting

All pastorate members are invited to attend a Social Justice Learning Session November 19 at 6:30pm led by Sr. Christin Tomy and a fellow sister. The Sisters will outline the Catholic Church's teachings on social justice, and share their insights into social justice work by sharing experiences from their ministry. A location will be chosen for the session to accommodate those interested. Please contact the pastorate office if you're interested in attending.

Caring for Your Marriage – Do you sometimes dance around touchy subjects with your spouse rather than ask a direct question? Practice using tact and gentleness to ask a difficult question. Try holding hands when discussing something sensitive. It physically reminds you that you may disagree about something, but that you're still connected and committed to each other.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Holiday Scrip promotion



Aquin Catholic Elementary School will be having a Holiday Scrip promotion during the weeks of November 4th-November 22nd

For every \$100.00 of scrip you purchase during this time, your name will go in a drawing for a chance to win a **\$250** scrip certificate.

Drawing will be held on Tuesday, November 26th.



Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Nov. 2-3, 2019: Budget/Total: \$885.00

Liturgical Participation: (Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 – 4:00pm)
Lector: Carolyn Turnis; *Commentator:* Betty Wagner;
Eucharistic Min.: Karen Callahan, Linda Recker; *Servers:* Dylan Bergfeld, Jacob Stoll; *Crossbearer:* Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning - (by Dec 14, 2019) Chuck & Amy Noonan, Nic & Cody Noonan, Morgan & Laura Ryan, Chad & Keeley Curoe, Denise & Amber Petesch, Martin Stoffel, Morgan & Laura Ryan

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 2-3, 2019 – Budget: \$1,333.00; Offertory: \$290.00; Thanksgiving: \$25.00; All Saints: \$28.00; Auction: \$2,440.00; Total: \$4,116.00

Liturgical Participation - (Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 – 4:00pm)
Commentator: Wanda Loewen; *Lector:* Sr. Marlene McDonnell;
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Felton, Margie Bradley, Diane Vaske;
Ushers: Rich Molony & Bert Melloy; *Acolytes:* Laura Rollinger, Allison Rollinger; *Cross:* Brianna Koppes

Weekend Money Counters: Nov. 2019– Chuck Shanahan, Eric Vaske

Rosary before Mass: Nov. 23, 2019 – Mary Lee Laban
Church & Hall Cleaning (Nov. 2019): Bob & Vicki Noonan, Alan & Lois Gravel

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Nov. 2-3, 2019 – Budget: \$517.00; Children's Collection: \$4.00; All Saints: \$16.00; Total: \$537.00

Liturgical Participation: (November 16, 2019 - 4:00 PM)
Lector: Shelly Schockemoehl *Commentator:* Kevin Schockemoehl; *Eucharistic Min.:* Evelyn Stoll, Lucinda Turnis, Mary Irene Peiffer; *Ushers:* Jeff Kelchen, Dave Heim; *Servers:* Calvin, Bayne, & Davis Manternach; *Gifts:* Matt Manternach; *Greeter:* Russell Steeper
Church Cleaners (before November 16): Nic & Diane Loes (leader), Ron & Monica Fagan, Gary & Sue Fagan, Casey & Jackie Huston, Greg & Carol Bertling, Mike & Sharon Bertling

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

March for Life Soup Supper to benefit the Aquin students going on the March for Life in Washington DC will be after the 4:00 PM Mass on November 16th in the St. Peter's Parish Hall. All are welcome & encouraged to attend and support this great cause with a free will donation!

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary - Wed., Nov. 13 - 7:00 PM.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Nov. 2-3, 2019 – Budget: \$7,899.00; Offertory: \$801.66; Children's Collection: \$26.40; Grain Bank: \$2,500.00; All Saints: \$853.00; Thanksgiving: \$3,135.00; Christmas: \$3,010.00; Total: \$18,225.06

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Nov. 11-15, 2019) -
Server: Elona McLees; *Lector:* Jean Lynch; *Euch. Ministers:* Elona McLees, Jean Lynch, Jim Betzner

Saturday – Nov. 16, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Kerri Takes;
Commentator: Candy Bradley; *Ushers* – Bill & Kerri Takes;
East Entrance Greeter: Jack Kuriger; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jacquie Manternach, Pat Noonan, Linda Recker, Susie Steffen Nancy Strang; *Servers:* Carter Conrad, Sienna Roling, Lilly Supple; *Music:* Guitar Choir

Sunday – Nov. 17, 8:00am – *Lector* – Ralph Manternach;
Commentator: Naomi Steffen; *Ushers* – Jake & Tara Noonan;
East Entrance Greeter: Ronda Kurt; *Eucharistic Ministers:*

Ralph Manternach, Rita Manternach, Jean Mausser, Jerry McAllister, Karen McAllister; *Servers*: Ella Nauman, Nicolas Mausser, Levi Lynch; *Music*: O'Brien's

Sunday – Nov. 17, 10:00am – *Lector* – Amy Ludwig; *Commentator*: Megan Oliphant; *Ushers*: Ken & Karen McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter*: Tom & Julie Dunne; *Eucharistic Ministers*: Sue Trumm, Kristy Walleser, Sydney Weber, Debbie Wessels, Dan Kurt; *Servers*: Luke Ludwig, Pete Ludwig, Brody Otting, Cooper Rausch; *Music*: Dolphins

St. Matthias has many drawings printed of the church. If anyone would like a drawing of St. Matthias, please stop at the Pastorate office to get as many as you would like.

ADVENT

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.” Jesus is coming! Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance, and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is also the first season of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. It always begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is also the Sunday closest to November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve.

Once again this year, our Pastorate has purchased a limited number of copies of a daily reflection booklet. This year the booklet, “Waiting In The Light” by author Steve Givens, provides an inspiring prayer, accompanied by Scripture, for each day of the season. Being attentive to prayer and God’s Word allows us to see the light shining through the darkness. Through prayer and reflection, we see Jesus, the Light of the World, this Christmas. These booklets will be available in the back of each of our churches over the next few weekends until they are gone.

For online Advent opportunities, Formed will be offering their daily Advent reflections. Sign up by going to Formed.org. You can also sign up for daily email reflections from Dynamic Catholic with their Best Advent Ever series. This year’s theme is “Amazing Possibilities” . To sign up, go to dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.

Everyone is encouraged to take time to slow down during the busyness of this season to focus more on the true reason of the season. Doing one or more of the options above are something you can do. Maybe you could help with our annual Christmas Basket distribution by making something to put in them, putting them together, and/or helping to deliver them. Maybe you could pray a Rosary more often during the weeks of Advent or stop by a church to sit in silence for several minutes to pray or just to sit still for that time. Maybe you could do an act of kindness each day for someone without them knowing or be more mindful of what you are grateful for each day. Consider having an Advent wreath in your home to light the candle each week and focus on the meaning of those candles as you get closer to Christmas Day. There are countless ways to enhance your Advent experience that will help you welcome Jesus more fully on Christmas Day...what will you do?

This year, the first Sunday of Advent is December 1st.

Our Pastorate has purchased a limited number of copies of the daily reflection booklet, “Waiting In The Light” by Steve Givens. These will be available at the back of each church over the next several weeks until they are gone. Online opportunities include daily reflections from Formed and Dynamic Catholic’s Best Advent Ever. See the bulletin for more information on how to sign up for those daily reflections.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at Resurrection Church on Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join your neighbors for a service of song and thanksgiving. Non-perishable food donations and paper products will be accepted for the Dubuque Food Pantry. There will be a monetary collection for “People in Need” (PIN). All are welcome!

Keeping Families Together Bulletin Series

Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services will be sharing a series of articles and facts related to immigrants through November and December to educate and raise awareness on significant issues related to our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Facts, not Myths, About Immigrants

FACT: Immigrants in all ethnic categories commit LESS crime than native-born Americans.

Immigrants have the lowest crime rates of any other demographic group in the U.S. In California, male Mexican nationals ages 18 to 40 -- those more likely to have entered the country illegally -- are more than eight times less likely than their U.S.-born counterparts to be imprisoned. According to a 2008 report from the conservative Americas Majority Foundation¹⁸, crime rates are lowest in states with the highest immigration growth rates. From 1999 to 2006, the total crime rate declined 13.6 percent in the 19 highest-immigration states, compared to a 7.1 percent decline in the other 32 states.

[Sources: American Immigration Council, SEIU, Bipartisan Policy Center, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP)]



LIVE NATIVITY
at The Bean Farm

DECEMBER 7:
2:00PM & 4:00PM
DECEMBER 8:
2:00PM & 4:00PM

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