

December 1, 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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Pastorate Office

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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 Dec. 2	5:30pm (C) Janet Staner
Tue Dec. 3	7:00am (C)
	8:30am (C) Aquin Reconciliation – No Mass
Wed Dec. 4	7:00am (C) Phil Dahlem
	6:30pm (C) First Reconciliation
Thu Dec. 5	7:00am (C) The Deceased Members of the Neiers & Gehl Families
Fri Dec. 6	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Sat Dec. 7	4:00pm (G) Bill & Rita Martin, Clarence & Mary Clare Driscoll
	5:30pm (C) Leon, Bertha, Dale & Loras Driscoll
Sun Dec. 8	8:00am(C) Ray & Doris Weber
	10:00am(C) STAP

Confessions

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

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

Pastorate

Bless our participants who will be making their first reconciliation this week:

First Reconciliation Participants:

Addison Ambrosy	Gracy Meyer
Tate Andrews	Aleena Meyers
Jake Barrios	Elizabeth Meyers
Lauren Boffeli	Jack Miller
Leah Boyle	Conner Moats
Tanner Callahan	Maddie Muchow
Arya Dolezal	Abigail Noonan
Charley Draude	Ally Noonan
Caleb Drexler	Andrew Noonan
Brennan Fischer	Claire Oliphant
Harper Green	Charlee Orr
Will Green	Brandon Ortiz
Keely Hemmer	Danielle Ostwinkle
Clara Hosch	Caleb Poole
Cole Kelchen	Kira Rausch
Nora Kleitsch	Emmitt Ryan
Kelsey Koppes	Reed Schoenherr
Isaac Kremer	Russell Smith
Carson Loes	Beau Takes
Cole Loewen	Kalli Topping
Natalie Lux	Katelyn Trumm
Ellyana Lynch	Colton Urbain
Elliott Madsen	Nate Urbain
Keaton McAllister	Jenavieve White
Macie McCarthy	Nora White

Adoration: There is a need for someone for the adoration ½ hour time slot of 9:30am on Wednesday mornings. If you are willing to volunteer for that slot, please call the Pastorate Office at 852-3524.

Meetings

Transportation Ministry Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 3 at 3:00pm at the Pastorate Office. Bring your driver's license.

2020 At Home with the Word books are now for sale at the Pastorate Office or in the back of St. Matthias. They are available in the large and small print. The cost is \$8.00.

Caring for Your Marriage – One way to prepare spiritually for Jesus' coming is to try to correct a bad habit. Have you been overly critical of your spouse? Judgmental? Too preoccupied to really listen? Pick one fault and work on it.

**Nativity Crib Lighting at 714 1st Ave E.,
Cascade Sunday, December 1st at 4:00pm**

Marian Devotions: Sat, Dec. 7, 9:00 am at St. Matthias in reparation for the sins of the world.

REMEMBER TO USE SCRIP FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!!!

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. 15th. A list of memorials will be in the Dec. 29 bulletin.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Nov. 23-24, 2019: Budget/Total: \$525.00

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

Thank you all for your support of our annual parish auction. Door prize winners were Zoey Kleitsch, Mike Turnis, Julie Weiler, and Rosie Noonan. Raffle winner of the iPad was Carol Walsh and winners of the \$50 scrip of choice were Patty Delaney and Linda Melloy.

Looking for a larger table for upcoming family gatherings or crafting? Sacred Heart has a solid wood table available for silent auction that was previously used in our rectory. Table can be viewed at the Pastorate Office, and sealed bids should be submitted to the pastorate office by Friday, December 6th. Minimum bid will be \$200.

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 23-24, 2019 – Budget: \$1,398.00; Offertory: \$87.25; EFT: \$525.00; Christmas: 25.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Total \$2,060.25

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 – 4:00pm)
Commentator: Margie Bradley; *Lector:* Sr. Marlene McDonnell; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Judy Coyle, Jean Brackemyer, Mary Pat Noonan; *Ushers:* Bob Noonan, Don Meloy; *Acolytes:* Brianna Koppes, Laura Rollinger; *Cross:* Allison Rollinger
Weekend Money Counters: Dec. 7, 2019– Loras Federspiel, Wanda Loewen

Rosary before Mass: Dec. 7, 2019 – Rosie Noonan

Church & Hall Cleaning (Dec. 2019): Chuck & Mary Shanahan, Lois Lynch, Don & Joan Meloy

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Nov. 16-17, 2019 – Budget: \$1,867.00; Children's Collection: \$4.00; Offertory: \$193.00; EFT: \$150.00; Votive Stand: \$3.00; Hall Rent: \$50.00; Total: \$2,267.00

Liturgical Participation: (December 21, 2019 - 4:00 PM

Lector: Sue Trumm; *Commentator:* LuAnn Manternach;

Eucharistic Min.: Joe Trumm, Marty Knepper, Ryan

Schockemoehl; *Ushers:* Jay Trumm, Chris Krapfl

Servers: Hallie & Ty Kelchen, Luke Schockemoehl

Gifts: Jay Manternach; *Greeter:* Rick Turnis

Church Cleaners (before Dec. 21): Joe & Sara Trumm

(leader), Kevin & Janet Schockemoehl, Eric & Stacie Schockemoehl, Ryan & Shelly Schockemoehl, Emmett & Denise Grant, Renee Coyle, John & Everlyn Noel, Jordan & Robert Trumm

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Our Holiday Meal will be December 21st in the hall following the 4:00 PM Mass. Come & enjoy this special catered meal with turkey & dressing and all the trimmings as well as a visit with Santa! (Desserts would be welcome.)

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary - Wed., Dec. 4 - 7:00 PM.

Our 7th Annual Cookie Exchange will be Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 PM at the Temple Hill hall. Just bring 3 dozen cookies or so to exchange & share. Hot cocoa & cookies will also be available to eat! Non-bakers are also welcome!

Tickets for the Mid-Winter Fling & Dessert Auction may be purchased in the entry of the church starting this weekend.

The Fling is Saturday, January 25th 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 emailing Julie.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Nov. 23-24, 2019 – Budget: \$8,192.00; Offertory: \$512.85; Children's Collection: \$65.25; Thanksgiving: \$1,005.00; Total: \$9,775.10

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Dec. 2-6, 2019) -

Server: Jim Betzner; *Lector:* Jane Strang; *Euch. Ministers:*

Jim Betzner, Jane Strang, Dianne Koppes

Saturday – Dec. 7, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Pat Noonan;

Commentator: Nancy Strang; *Ushers* – Fred Rogers & Kelly

Sullivan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Jan & Mike Donovan;

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Callahan, Rachel Callahan,

Amy Decker, Jeanne Driscoll, John Gerken; *Servers:* Jonah,

Madeline & Nate Manternach; *Music:* Angie's; *Lighting*

Advent Candle: TBA

Sunday – Dec. 8, 8:00am – *Lector* – Claire Brown;

Commentator: Cathy Knuth; *Ushers* – Tony & Susie Stille;

East Entrance Greeter: Tim & Jane Donovan; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Claire Brown, Mike Steffen, Naomi Steffen Casey

Conrad, Jean Conrad; *Servers:* Corinne Rea, Brianna Carroll,

Bryce Carroll; *Music:* Guitar Becky/Katie, *Lighting Advent*

Candle: Travis & Kelli Fagan

Sunday – Dec. 8, 10:00am – *Lector* – Megan Oliphant;

Commentator: Debbie Wessels; *Ushers:* Zach Green & Carter

Green; *East Entrance Greeter:* Shellie Schlemme; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Tom Dunne, Julie Dunne, Isabelle Fransen, Gene

Gudenkauf, Gina Hill Hemmer; *Servers:* Addison & Brooklyn

Trumm, Miley Trumm; *Music:* Piano Choir (Becky); *Lighting*

Advent Candle: Mark & Barb Otting

FALL CLEANING of St. Matthias church on Tuesday, December 3, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cleaning supplies provided but a couple of vacuum cleaners, scrub mops, buckets and a tall stepladder would be helpful. As in the past, many hands have made this big job easier for all who came.

There are sign-up sheets in the pews at St. Matthias. Please sign up if you would like to be a liturgical minister for the Christmas & New Year Masses. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, please call the Pastorate Office at 852-3524.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia – There will be an educational meeting. Tuesday, Decmeber 3, 2pm at Shady Rest Care Center. Presented by the Alzheimers Association. Questions? Call Megan Pedersen at 563-293-8058. All are welcome.

Supplies still needed for Christmas Project:

5 dozen pieces of homemade candy

10 dozen apples

5 dozen little cuties (oranges)

10 dozen pears

4 dozen packets of hot cocoa and tea

10 dozen Packets of crackers for soup

4 rolls of decorative cellophane to wrap baskets

We are in great need of families/group of people to deliver

the baskets. There is only a few that have signed up to date. It doesn't even have to be a family but a group (card club, book club, coffee group, Confirmation group). Please consider taking 3-4 baskets for delivery. Thank you!

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, 2019. We have to post the donation to the calendar year that it is received. If we receive a donation on Jan. 1, 2020 it will be posted to the calendar year 2020 even if the donation is postmarked prior to December 31st. We encourage your generosity but we also have to follow IRS rules.

Week 1 of Advent

(Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence)

Christ our Light,

Shine in our lives with hope and promise.

Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.

Remind us to love for you in small acts of kindness and love.

We await your coming with wonder.

Amen



First Sunday in Advent

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd - **That's Relationship!**
I shall not want - **That's Supply!**
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - **That's Rest!**
He leadeth me beside the still waters - **That's Refreshment!**
He restoreth my soul - **That's Healing!**
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - **That's Guidance!**
For His name sake - **That's Purpose!**
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - **That's Testing!**
I will fear no evil - **That's Protection!**
For Thou art with me - **That's Faithfulness!**
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - **That's Discipline!**
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - **That's Hope!**
Thou anointest my head with oil - **That's Consecration!**
My cup runneth over - **That's Abundance!**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - **That's Blessing!**
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - **That's Security!**
Forever - **That's Eternity!**

To God be the Glory...

CEW - Christian Experience Weekend. Do you need a break? Something missing in your life? Are you looking for something more? Consider taking time for yourself to make a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)! Unplug from the chaos of today and grow in faith, strengthen your personal relationship with God and get engaged with your Christian Community! This retreat includes talks, a sacramental presence of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend! Cost is \$40 for the weekend. Meals and lodging included. This amount will be returned to you if you are unable to attend. If the cost is too much for your budget, pay what you can. We don't want anyone to miss out because of the cost. The Women's weekend is January 10-12 and the Men's is January 17-19. Applications are available in the church entrances and parish office. If you have questions please contact the Lay Directors Trisha Greenwood 563-599-4644 or Andy Stelken 563-590-7706 or visit website farleyepworthcew.org