

December 8, 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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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
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Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Mon Dec. 9	5:30pm (C) Richard & Murilla Gehl
Tue Dec. 10	8:30am (C) Leonard, Cecelia and Laura McGuire
Wed Dec. 11	7:00am (C) Larry Nauman, Joe & Christina Kraus, Jake & Edwina Nauman
Thu Dec. 12	7:00am (C) Harry McLees
Fri Dec. 13	7:00am (C) Herb Green
Sat Dec. 14	4:00pm (F) Stan Callahan
	5:30pm(C) St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate
Sun Dec. 15	8:00am(C) Tom Green
	10:00am(C) Bob & Shirley Sadler

Confessions

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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019

From Father Loecke

Thanks to all those who helped with or attended the Sacred Heart Auction. All the bills are not quite in but the auction went well. The Parish Council put in a lot of time and effort to make the day a successful event.

Pastorate

December 24th Masses are as follows:

3:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Garryowen

4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at Cascade

5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Fillmore

6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Cascade

December 25 Masses

8:00am Christmas Day Mass at Cascade

9:30am Christmas Day Mass at Temple Hill

January 1 Mass

5:30pm New Year's Eve at Cascade

8:00am New Year's Day at Cascade

Reconciliation Schedule for next week:

Sacred Heart - Dec. 10: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

St. Patrick – Dec. 11: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

St. Peter – Dec. 12: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Communal Anointing: Dec. 14-15 at all Masses. Fr. Loecke will celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for all wishing to be anointed – anyone who desires this sacramental anointing is encouraged to do so, especially the elderly, those in poor health or with chronic illnesses.

Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in on Sunday, the Mass is transferred to Monday but the Holy Day obligation to attend Mass doesn't apply. However, we will have a Mass at 5:30pm for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Matthias.

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 – "John (the Baptist) appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Mark 1:3). In any marriage hurts are inevitable. It may not be major, like a sin, but often small, like a pinch. Is there anything to forgive today?

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. 30-Dec. 1, 2019: Budget: \$ 2,335.00; Auction: \$200.00; Total \$2,535.00

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. 30 – Dec. 1, 2019 – Budget: \$593.00; Offertory: \$62.00; EFT: \$525.00; Thanksgiving: \$160.00; Energy Needs: \$200.00; Total \$1,540.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 – 4:00pm)

Commentator: Denny Brackemyer; *Lector:* Mike Molony;

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Redmond, Diane Vaske, Janet Felton;

Ushers: Bob Noonan, Don Meloy; *Acolytes:*

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

Weekend Money Counters: Dec. 28, 2019– Loras Federspiel, Wanda Loewen

Rosary before Mass: Dec. 28, 2019 – Pearl Shanahan

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

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2019 – Budget: \$1,037.00; Youth Budget: \$4.00; Offertory: \$102.00; Votive Stand: \$5.00; Children's Budget: \$1.00; Total: \$1,149.00

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

Liturgical Participation: (December 25, 2019 - 9:30 AM)

Lector: Marie Knepper *Commentator:* Marci Roe

Eucharistic Min.: Becky Trumm, Ellie Loes, Mary

Stecklein; *Ushers:* Brett Schoenherr, Gary Fagan

Servers: Eldon Kurt, Adam Knepper, Ashlyn

Schockemoehl; *Gifts:* Jim Welter; *Greeter:* Joe Trumm

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 Sat, Dec 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. 11 - 7:00 PM.

Our 7th Annual Cookie Exchange will this 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. 30-Dec. 1, 2019 – Budget: \$4,684.00; Offertory: \$779.20; Children’s Collection: \$20.75; Thanksgiving: \$4,070.00; Christmas: \$100.00; Grain Bank: \$400.00; Total: \$10,053.95

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Dec. 9-13, 2019) -
Server: Chuck Casey; *Lector:* Nancy Strang; *Euch. Ministers:* Chuck Casey, Nancy Strang, Jean Lynch

Saturday – Dec. 14, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Barb Otting;
Commentator: Mark Otting; *Ushers* – John & Diane Gerken;
East Entrance Greeter: Jack Kuriger; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Blair Gleason, Vicki Kelchen, Jack Kuriger, Dale Manternach, Sharon Manternach; *Servers:* Ella & Eva Madsen; *Music:* Teen Choir; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Dale & Sharon Manternach

Sunday – Dec. 15, 8:00am – *Lector* – Cheryl Reiter;
Commentator: Mollie Bergfeld; *Ushers* – Bernie & Jessi Koob; *East Entrance Greeter:* Ronda Kurt; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Tom Fah, Julie Green, Julie (Ralph) Hosch, Loren Manternach, Tara Noonan; *Servers:* Elijah Casey, Addison Frake, Hallie Kelchen; *Music:* O’Briens; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Scott & Elizabeth Boyle

Sunday – Dec. 15, 10:00am – *Lector* – Rachel Rhomberg;
Commentator: Jean Lynch; *Ushers:* Charlie Knepper & Ted Weber; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Julie Dunne;
Eucharistic Ministers: Claire Knepper, Katie Knepper, Amy Ludwig, Brad Ludwig; *Servers:* Danny Trumm, Maggie Trumm, Klaire Bergfeld, Gillian Dowe; *Music:* Dolphin’s;
Lighting Advent Candle: Kye & Brynn Kolpin

THANK YOU to those who helped clean the church last Tuesday. It was a big job well done. Your hard work and spirit of cooperation were very much appreciated. Thanks again.

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.

Christmas Project:

Friday, December 13

3:00pm-5:00pm drop off your supplies at Aquin Gym
5:00pm – 6:30pm filling/decorating/blessing baskets at Aquin
5:30pm-7:00pm picking up baskets at Aquin Gym
Friday, December 13 – Sunday December 15: deliver baskets

If you haven’t dropped off your supplies, and are going to on December 13, you can drop off from 3:00pm – 5:00pm at the Aquin Gym. Call the Pastorate office if you have to make other arrangements.

We will be filling, decorating and blessing the baskets from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in the Aquin Gym. **All are welcome!!**

You must pick the baskets up at the Aquin gym between **5:30pm – 7:00pm on Friday, December 13.** (If your group wants to fill their own baskets, you can come earlier.)

You can deliver your baskets any time between Friday evening and Sunday (as long as you keep the soup cold) by caroling or visiting – however your group would like.

HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

The celebration of the birth of Christ is global, and EWTN brings you special programming throughout the season. Experience Mass in Italy at the Vatican, enjoy concerts from Europe, and visit sacred sites in the Holy Land. Visit ewtn.com for more programming details.

Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling: Friday, December 13. In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join Dubuque County Right to Life as they sing carols and pray, to share this Christmas hope where it’s needed most: the abortion facility. They will be taking a WindStar bus to Iowa City to pray outside of the Emma Goldman Clinic where they offer 1st and 2nd trimester abortions (up to 19 weeks and 6 days). **Please call DCRTL at 563-556-5960 to RSVP for this pilgrimage to Iowa City!** They NEED you, your friends, and your family! There is no charge for the pilgrimage but they simply ask for a good will donation. Please help them FILL THIS BUS. Your presence is worth so much more than you could ever imagine – the lives you save by being there is priceless. Please, call today to RSVP.

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. 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

With flu season upon us our first & best defense to stay healthy is good handwashing....Clean hands save lives!

Wash Your Hands Often to Stay Healthy.

1. Before, during & after preparing food.
2. Before eating food.
3. Before & after caring for someone not feeling well.
4. After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
5. After touching pets.
6. After using the restroom.

Wash Your Hands the Right Way.

1. Wet your hands with warm or cold running water.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
3. Lather the back of your hands, between your fingers, & under your nails.
4. Scrub for a least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum Happy Birthday song twice.
5. Rinse your hands thoroughly under clean running water.
6. Dry your hands with clean towel or air dryer.

Use Hand Sanitizer when you can’t use soap & water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Sanitizer can reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. “Life is Better with Clean Hands.”

