

December 15, 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

Pastor, Rev. Douglas Loecke (563)852-7805
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Pastorate Office

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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Pastorate Support Staff

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Principal, Vicki Palmer
E-mail vpalmer@aquin.org
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 Dec. 16	5:30pm (C) Wilfred & Phyllis Merfeld
Tue Dec. 17	8:30am (C) Merlin & Irene Rogers, Mary Ann Weber & Jeremy Merkes
Wed Dec. 18	7:00am (C) Vince & Edith McLees, and Leo & Helen Miller
Thu Dec. 19	7:00am (C) Rusty Finn and the Finn & Takes Families
Fri Dec. 20	7:00am (C) Stan Callahan
Sat Dec. 21	4:00pm (T) Tom Hoffmann 5:30pm(C) Leon Kurt
Sun Dec. 22	8:00am(C) LaVern Weber 10:00am(C) St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate

Confessions

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

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 201

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:

St. Matthias – Dec. 14 after 5:30pm Mass
Dec. 15 after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
Dec. 16 after 5:30 Mass
Dec. 17: 7:00-8:00pm
Dec. 21: after 5:30pm Masses
Dec. 22: after 8:00am & 10:00am
St. Peter – Dec. 21: 3:30pm before 4:00pm Mass

***Anyone who would like to sing in the choir for 6 pm Christmas mass on Saturday, Christmas Eve is welcome to come practice on Tuesday at 6:30 pm, Dec. 17th. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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 – In today's Gospel (Matt 11:2-11), Jesus reminds John's disciples about the fruits of his ministry. How has your marriage helped the people around you, in your family, parish, or community?

A Grateful Thank You

During this time of year, we reflect on how blessed we are for all of you that help our parishes and pastorate flourish.
Thank you: It takes many workers and volunteers to meet the needs of the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate parishes. Thank you to all who share their Time, Talent and Treasures in various ministries throughout the pastorate: Deacons and their wives; Homebound Eucharistic ministers; Befrienders; Sacristans, Cleaning of the churches, office and rectory; Cemetery board and cemetery grounds keepers; Transportation ministry; Bereavement group leaders; Card Ministry; Money counters; Parish & Pastoral council members; Finance committees; All pastorate committees: Liturgy, Social Justice, Community Life, Stewardship, Faith Formation; Rosary Leaders; Choirs and Musicians; Prayer Line participants; Adoration Participants; Seven Sisters Participants; Ushers; Lectors, Commentators; Eucharistic Ministers, Bulletin Stuffers, weekday, weekend and funeral servers and all other individuals who give of their time and talents to the pastorate parishes. None of this could be done without you!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
ST. MATTHIAS FEBRUARY FUN NIGHT IS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020



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: Dec. 7-8, 2019: Budget:

\$335.00; Auction: \$750.00; Total \$1,085.00

Liturgical Participation: (Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 – 5:00pm)

Lector: Claire Brown; *Commentator:* Chloe Bell; *Eucharistic Min.:* Carolyn Turnis, Joan Turnis; *Servers:* Megan Bergfeld, Corinne Rea; *Crossbearer:* Carli Recker

Church & Hall Cleaning - (by Dec 24, 2019) Chuck & Amy Noonan, Nic & Cody Noonan, Morgan & Laura Ryan, Chad & Keeley Curoe, Dennis & Amber Petesch, Martin Stoffel, Morgan & Laura Ryan

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 7-8, 2019 – Budget: \$1,323.00;

Offertory: \$123.25; Christmas: \$200.00; Holy Days: 275.00; Total \$1,921.25

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: Dec. 7-8, 2019 – Budget: \$365.00;

Youth Budget: \$2.00; Holy Days: \$95.00; Total: \$462.00

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 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. 18 - 7:00 PM.
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: Dec. 7-8, 2019 – Budget: \$9,457.65; Offertory: \$502.43; Children's Collection: \$24.00; Thanksgiving: \$500.00; Christmas: \$1,075.00; Holy Days: \$260.00; Grain Bank: \$1,578.92.; Total: \$13,398.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Dec. 16-20, 2019) -
Server: Bill Gehl; *Lector:* Linda Takes Davis; *Euch. Ministers:* Kay Lehman, Linda Takes Davis, Marie Finn
Saturday – Dec. 21, 5:30pm – *Lector* – Kay Takes; *Commentator:* Kerri Takes; *Ushers* – Mike & Jan Donovan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Anita Gleason; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jacquie Manternach, Pat Noonan, Linda Recker, Susie Stille, Kay Takes; *Servers:* Levi, Madelyn & Sydney Reiter; *Music:* Guitar Choir; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Nick & Jeanette Callahan

Sunday – Dec. 22, 8:00am – *Lector* – Chuck Casey; *Commentator:* Megan Smith; *Ushers* – Mike & Monica McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:* Dave & Jenice McLees; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Matt Knepper, Nathan Knepper, Jessi Koob, Ronda Kurt, Anne Kauder; *Servers:* Ella Nauman, Nicolas Mausser, Levi Lynch; *Music:* Angie's; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Matt & Kara Hosch

Sunday – Dec. 22, 10:00am – *Lector* – Barb Sauser; *Commentator:* Jason McDermott; *Ushers:* Ken & Karen McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:* Nick & Deb Holub; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jason McDermott, Joyce McMullen, Barb Sauser, Shellie Schlemme, Lilly Trumm; *Servers:* Anna Conlin, Emma Conlin, Samantha Coyle, Ellie Green; *Music:* Becky; *Lighting Advent Candle:* Dave & Dana Simon

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.

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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

The Archdiocese wants us to remind you that IRS regulations have tightened over the past few years. Parishes will not be able to post donations that are given to us after noon on December 31, 2019. Anything after noon on December 31, 2019, will be posted in 2020 even if the donation is postmarked prior to December 31st. We encourage your generosity but we also have to follow IRS rules.

Fearless! Faithful! On Fire!

We're fired up for the 2020 Archdiocesan Women's Conference and we'd love to have you join us! Two fabulous women, Hallie Lord, author of *On the Other Side of Fear* and Katie Prejean, author of *Follow: Your Lifelong Adventure with Jesus*, will speak to women of all ages—teens to more mature—on getting past our fears to live more courageously!!

Plan now to attend the Conference on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 AM). Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Jackels presiding. Adoration and Reconciliation and great vendors will also be available.

REGISTER by January 6, 2020 for a \$10.00 per person discount at <https://archwomensconference.org/registration/>. (Financial assistance is available)



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