

March 15, 2020



# 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

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
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## Aquin System of Catholic Education

Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331  
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–June 1, 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 Mar. 16	5:30pm (C) Bob & Shirley Sadler
Tue Mar. 17	8:30am (C) Vernon & Mae Becker
Wed Mar. 18	7:00am (C) Gracie Kane 7:00pm (C) Confirmation For All of St. Thomas Aquinas Confirmation Candidates
Thu Mar. 19	7:00am (C) Nancy, Bob & Rob Loes
Fri Mar. 20	7:00am (C) Mary Jane Boleyn
Sat Mar. 21	4:00pm (T) Herb Peiffer 5:30pm(C) Mary & Walt Knepper
Sun Mar. 22	8:00am(C)Ed, Millie & Kathy Hosch 10:00am(C)St Thomas Aquinas Past.

## Third Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2020

### Pastorate

Join Us For

# PASTORATE CHOIR

Rehearsals for Confirmation  
Holy Week and the Easter Vigil



**Mon, Mar. 2**  
**Mon, Mar. 9**  
**Tues, Mar. 24**  
**Tues, Mar. 31**  
**Mon, Apr. 6**

**6:30 p.m. | St. Matthias**

Confirmation: Mar. 18 at 7 p.m.  
Holy Week: Apr. 9 - 10  
Easter Vigil: Apr. 11

### Pastorate Reconciliation Schedule

Sacred Heart – March 16, 2020 6:30pm – 7:00pm

### Father Loecke's Holy Land Experience Presentation –

Father and others will show slides and tell stories of their Holy Land Trip on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Club Hall, Cascade at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**Confirmation** – Congratulations and God Bless our Pastorate Candidates as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 18th.

Rosa Barrios	Davis Manternach
Jack Carr	Isaac Martin
Ben Fransen	Cole Miller
McKenna Gehl	Isaac Nava
Elizabeth Gibbs	Laura Otting
Ally Hoffman	Sydney Reiter
Ty Kelchen	Justin Roling
Keagan Lamey	Lauren Schwenker
Willy Lynch	Tanner Simon
Callie Lynch	Megan Smith
Ethan Lyons	Maggie Trumm
Gavin Manternach	Isabella Turnis
Madeline Manternach	Jared Weber

The 2020 St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Fish Fry was another great success and many helping hands make this event a success! Thank you to the volunteers that worked during the evening and with the cleanup, those who attended, and great weather! We want to especially thank those who donated the following: Use and removal of garbage dumpster by Stan & Justin Reiter, McDermott Oil for the LP tanks and take out trays, Ohnward Bank for the cups and napkins, Calvin Rea for the plates and table coverings, and all of our wonderful dessert makers for the delicious array to choose from! We also want to thank the Earlville Parish Men, Dan Wheeler & friends, for cooking the fish, Marilyn's Catering for all of the tasty extras, and Terry "Coon" & Jill Leytem. Thank you!

### 40 Hour Collection:

A \$3000.00 check was made out to the Dominican Fathers that we collected for 40 Hours. Thank you to all your generous support for Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes.

### Catholic Daughters will be selling Lifesavers

at 4:00 Masses the following dates. The Proceeds will go to help domestic violence.

St. Patrick: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

St. Peter: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Matthias: Sat. & Sun. April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

### Meetings

#### Befriender Day of Reflection:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020. We will meet at Otting Body Shop at 8:30am.

**Pastorate Social Justice Meeting:** Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

The location is yet to be determined.

**Caring for Your Marriage** - "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Ps 95:8) Do you harden your heart against God...or against your spouse? Pray together for a tenderness of heart toward your beloved, even when he or she repeats an annoying habit. God has patience with us; it's a great example of the patience spouses should practice.

### Aquin Catholic Elementary School

- We are very proud of the strong program we have at Aquin. If you are interested in visiting our school or want to learn more about it, for your children, please contact the school at 563-852-3331.
- Looking Ahead:
  - Grandparent's Day Mass is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.
  - Volunteer Appreciation Mass is Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

### Employment Opportunities:

- Aquin Catholic School is seeking cleaning staff beginning June of 2020. To learn more about the job, please contact Kelli Trumm at [dbqe06s@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqe06s@dbqarch.org) or Vicki Palmer at [vpalmer@aquin.org](mailto:vpalmer@aquin.org)

### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Mar. 7-8, 2020: Budget/Total: \$385.00

**Liturgical Participation: (Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 – 8:00am)** *Lector:* Claire Brown; *Commentator:* Ruth Rea; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Bridget Rea, Kathy Staner, Carolyn Turnis; *Servers:* Carli Recker, Megan Bergfeld; *Crossbearer:* Corinne Rea

**Church & Hall Cleaning** - (by April 12, 2020) John & Sue Krogman, Randy & Jody Knapp, Dave & Sherry Menke, Pam Lynch, Tom Recker, Tom & Jennifer Hunt, Scott & Ashley Tumey, Andy & Megan Knapp

### St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** Mar. 7-8, 2020 – Budget: \$1,693.00; Offertory: \$287.50; Total: \$1,980.50

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Mar. 28, 2020 – 4:00pm)** *Commentator:* Wanda Loewen; *Lector:* Sr. Marlene McDonnell; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Janet Felton, Deb Redmond, Judy Coyle;

*Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Bert Meloy; *Acolytes:* Nicole Felton, Allison Rollinger; *Cross:* Laura Rollinger  
Weekend Money Counters: Mar. 28, 2020– Chuck Shanahan, Eric Vaske

Rosary before Mass: Mar. 28, 2020 – Pearl Shanahan  
Church & Hall Cleaning (Mar. 2020): John & Mary Pat Noonan, Matt & Ashley Noonan, Jennifer Hazer

St. Patrick's Irish Breakfast: is this Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Mass at 10:00 and breakfast served from 7:30am - Noon.

Plan to attend and support the parish.

### **St. Peter, Temple Hill**

Liturgical Participation: (March 21, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector:* Jonah Manternach *Commentator:* Ron Krapfl  
*Eucharistic Min.:* Shelly Schockemoehl, Karen Knepper, Paul Peiffer; *Ushers:* Les Welter, Joe Trumm

*Servers:* Samantha Coyle, Bayne & Davis Manternach

*Gifts:* Nic Loes *Greeter:* Kevin Schockemoehl

Church Cleaners (before March 21): Ken & Itza Heim (leader), Dave & Marvel Heim, Jason & Lisa Kurt, Josh & Alisha Smith, Mary Kay Kelchen, Randy Gavin & Brenda Williams, Jeff & Sherry Kelchen

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 4:00 PM with a potluck social following Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary - Wed., March 18 - 7:00 PM with Stations of the Cross.

St. Peter's Parish Blood Drive - March 30 from 4-8 PM in the hall.

Drew Manternach will be the new caretaker of St. Peter's Rectory.

### **St. Matthias, Cascade**

St. Matthias Generosity: Mar. 7-8, 2020 – Budget: \$7,186.00; Offertory: \$549.51; Children's Collection: \$23.30; Total: \$7,858.81

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Mar. 16-20, 2020) -

*Server:* Blair Gleason; *Lector:* Jean Simon; *Euch.*

*Ministers:* Blair Gleason, Jean Simon, Jean Conrad

**Saturday – Mar. 21, 5:30pm**– *Lector* – Barb Otting;

*Commentator:* Mark Otting; *Ushers* – Zach Green & Fred Rogers; *East Entrance Greeter:* Jan & Mike Donovan;

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jacquie Manternach, Barb Otting, Mark Otting, Linda Recker, Susie Steffen; *Servers:* Levi, Madelyn & Sydney Reiter; *Music:* O'Brien's

**Sunday – Mar. 22, 8:00am** – *Lector* – Claire Brown;

*Commentator:* Cathy Knuth; *Ushers* – Mike & Monica McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tim & Jane Donovan;

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Claire Brown, Tom Fah, Julie Green, Anne Kauder, Bridget Rea; *Servers:* Ella Nauman, Corinne Rea, Isaac Williams; *Music:* Becky/Katie & Megan

**Sunday – Mar. 22, 10:00am** – *Lector* – Brynn Kolpin;

*Commentator:* Shannon Kremer; *Ushers:* Owen & Kristy Wallerer; *East Entrance Greeter:* Shellie Schlemme;

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sydney Weber, Dan Kurt, Kathy Beck, Sheila Beringer, Emily Conlin; *Servers:* Miley Trumm, Gabby & Isabella Turnis, Klaire Bergfeld; *Music:* Becky

There are many items left in the back of St. Matthias in the Lost & Found: gloves, hats, mittens, glasses, sun glasses, and many children's items. Please take a look to see if they are yours.

Remember our loved ones at the nursing homes and assisted living centers with letters or cards during this time that people won't be getting out or getting visitors.

### **Six Ways to Evangelize during Lent:**

1. Ash Wednesday
2. Abstinence
3. Fasting
4. Conversion – Now, here is an interesting question. External sacrifices are the most obvious kind, so sometimes it does look like all we do is avoid chocolate. However, if you look closer, you'll realize that fasting and abstinence have always gone hand in hand with two of their best friends: prayer and almsgiving. External sacrifice is a manifestation of interior conversion: "...interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance." Interior conversion is where prayer and almsgiving come into play. In almsgiving, we show mercy and generosity to others, giving them a chance to experience the blessings we have. In prayer, we are communicating with God, asking him to bless and perfect our fasting and almsgiving: "...prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit." It's not just avoiding sweets. It's glorifying God by growing in His Love.
5. Symbolism
6. The Journey to the Cross

### **Lenten Prayer for Transformation**

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

