

May 10, 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 Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes
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Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331
Principal, Vicki Palmer
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Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020

New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

Baptisms

Baptism class required.
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
Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule

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

Mon May 11	12:00pm (C)	Ellen Burke*
Tue May 12	12:00pm (C)	Dolores & Steven Kleitsch*
Wed May 13	12:00pm (C)	Peter & Viola Volk*
Thu May 14	12:00pm (C)	Grace Roling*
Fri May 15	12:00pm (C)	Cecelia Meloy*
Sat May 16	12:00pm (C)	Gary Kelchen & David Quint and Lavern Weber *
Sun May 17	12:00pm (C)	Ed & Lucy Green and Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate*

***Father will say Mass each day at noon at St. Matthias. The church will not be open to anyone during this time, but you can also honor God in your home each day at noon with prayer to ask him for his help during this difficult time.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

Pastorate

Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise
for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count
toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed
with patience and tenderness to care for their families
and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured
and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in
strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from
their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May
they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes
every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still
love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-
grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live
forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Fr. Loecke

and the staff at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate
would like to wish all Moms

a Happy Mother's Day!!

Caring For Your Marriage - "Do not let your hearts be
troubled," says Jesus. (Jn 14:1) What causes your heart to
be troubled? What causes your spouse's heart to be
troubled? Share your troubles with each other. Then give
them to Jesus and pray for peace in your marriage and in
your home.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: May 2-3, 2020: Budget/Total:
\$60.00

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: May 2-3, 2020 - Budget: \$625.00;
Easter: \$25.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Total: \$675.00

St. Pat's Auction Reminder - Since you and/or your kids are
home- maybe you can get creative and make something or
buy local gift cards for this year's auction.

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: May 2-3, 2020 - Budget: \$40.00;
Easter: \$10.00; Total: \$50.00

St. Matthias, Cascade

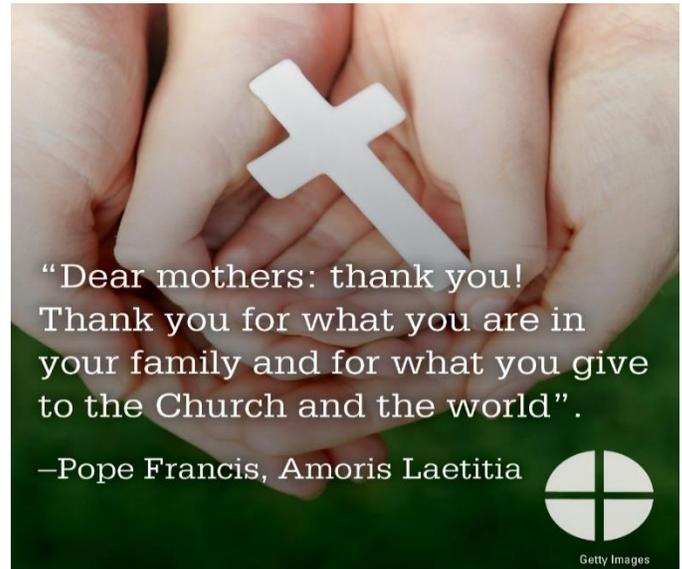
St. Matthias Generosity: May 2-3, 2020 - Budget:
\$6,022.00; Easter: \$100.00; Holy Days: \$30.00; Cash Club:
\$1,140.00; Total: \$7,317.00

The Aquin System Board of Education would like to thank
everyone for your support of the Aquin System Benefit Raffle.
Next drawing will be August 31, 2020. Congrats to all!

\$500.00: Janice Trumm;

\$100.00: Natalie Boeckensted, Kevin & Janet Schockemoehl,
Peg Kearney, Shelley Manternach, Ivan & Bette Kurt;

\$50.00: Joan Kramer, Karen Stoffel, Rich Koppes, Mike
Reiter, Mark & Cathy Knuth, Dennis White, Ray & Jeanne
Manternach, Doug Green, Loras Schlemme, Shirley Hoffman



Talking to God

Me: Hey God.

God: Hello.....

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I would rather not.

Me: Why?

God: Because you aren't a puzzle.

Me: What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down
onto the ground?

God: Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason.
Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces
back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

God: No - you don't understand. You are breaking through.
What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding
the things and the people in your life that are holding you back.
You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take
some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need
anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the pieces that
don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

God: Only the very best pieces of you.

Me: I'm scared of changing.

God: I keep telling you - YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE
BECOMING!

Me: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and
love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and
grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow
pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling
to with such greed and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I
love you! Don't change! ... Become! Become! Become who I
made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you
remember it.

Me: There goes another piece.

God: Yep. Let it be.

Me: So ... I'm not broken?

God: Of course Not! - but you are breaking like the dawn. It's a
new day. Become!!!

Author-John Roedel

A Letter from the Aquin Gala Committee

It is with a saddened heart that we announce we are canceling the 2020 Aquin System Gala. Not only is this the largest fundraiser for Aquin, it is also an incredibly fun and enjoyable evening where we bond as an Aquin family. Much work and coordination go into this event, but we must keep the health and safety of all those who attend as our top priority.

With that said, we are proceeding with moving all remaining items on-live via Aquin's Facebook page. On May 8th and 9th as well as May 15th and 16th, we will auction off all remaining silent auction items and Faith Family baskets. May 22nd and 23rd we will auction off the classroom projects, and finally, on May 29th and 30th, we will auction off all live auction items. We realize this is not ideal, but we hope that you can support the event and contribute in any way that you can... whether that means sharing the Facebook posts with your friends, neighbors, and family, offering to bid as a proctor for those that may not have Facebook, bidding on one or more items for yourself, or keeping the Gala's success in your prayers. Also note, even if you did not purchase a dinner ticket to attend the event, you may still participate in any of these options, especially spreading the word.

We rely on the funds raised for operational expenses such as textbooks, curriculum material, and classroom supplies so tuition remains affordable for our students. Additionally, the funds are used so that we can provide religious education programs for students in our parishes. And finally, funds raised are used to make improvements in technology so our teachers can give their students the best educational opportunities. We want our students to have these advantages, so they are prepared for not only high school, but their future. Since face-to-face learning was not possible for the past months, we learned firsthand how important our Chrome books are for the continued education of our middle school students. We would love to expand these to other classrooms because unfortunately distance learning may be a part of the future.

For those who have purchased dinner tickets, in the spirit of the Gala, we would kindly request that you consider donating your ticket to the school. If you would like a tax receipt for your contribution, Shelly or Megan can provide you with that. However, if you are unable to donate your dinner ticket purchase, and would like a refund, please contact Shelly or Megan, co-chairs of the 2020 Gala, or Tory Topping, school board chair. Their contact information will be included in this email. Please reach out to them by May 15, 2020. If we do not receive your request by then, we will assume your intentions are to donate your dinner ticket to the school. The Gala Committee would like to take this time to thank all of our corporate sponsors, the businesses and individuals that have donated towards this event, the ladies that solicited donations, the teachers who worked on both classroom projects and faith family baskets, all those who participated in previous Facebook auctions, Molly Knuth for her help with social media, and Ms. Palmer and Tory Topping for their guidance and support during these unprecedented times.

This pandemic has affected each of us in different ways, but God's blessings are great, and we will pull out of this as a stronger community filled with Aquin Pride!

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