

May 17, 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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Pastorate Support Staff

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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

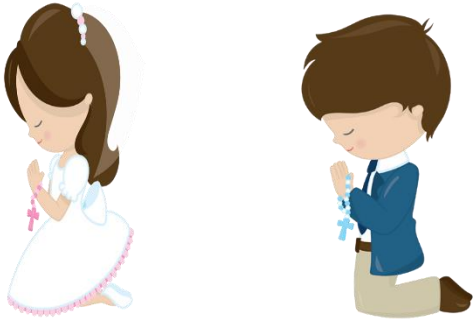
(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Mon May 18	6:30pm (C)	Harold Hosch*
Tue May 19	6:30pm (C)	Kay McDonnell*
Wed May 20	6:30pm (C)	Catherine Schmidt*
Thu May 21	6:30pm (C)	Don Droeszler & Elaine Johnson*
Fri May 22	6:30pm (C)	Jeannette Knuth*
Sat May 23	5:30pm (C)	Jerry & Phyllis Green, and The Francis & LauraBelle Knepper Family*
Sun May 24	8:00am (C)	Jean, Cletus & Scruff Donovan*
	9:00am (C)	The 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 6:30pm with prayer to ask him for his help during this difficult time.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

From Father Loecke



In an effort to make it possible for our young people to receive First Holy Communion, and since it is not possible to have large groups. Nicole Casey and I worked out the following option. Beginning Monday, May 18th the noon Mass will move to 6:30pm Monday through Friday. I will have one First Communion child and 8 of his or her family members to celebrate their First Communion. On Saturday, the Mass will be at 5:30 pm and on Sunday there will be two Mass times. This is the best way we can try to get as many children to make their First Communion as possible. Is it the way I thought or parents had hoped? Not at all but everything is different and there is no certainty about what will be possible in the future. In my opinion, it is very important that our young people receive the Body and Blood of Jesus sooner than later. I will do as many Masses as needed to accommodate those parents who wish to go this route.

Please pray for the following children who will be making their First Communion this week:

5/18/2020 Charley Draude, daughter of
Phil & Courtney Draude
5/19/2020 Jack Miller, son of
Chris & Amanda Miller
5/20/2020 Tate Andrews, son of
Travis & Katie Andrews
5/21/2020 Russell Smith, son of
Tim & Stephanie Smith
5/22/2020 Isaac Kremer, son of
Nic & Shannon Kremer
5/23/2020 Caleb Drexler, son of
Steve & Brandi Drexler
5/24/2020 Aleena Meyers, daughter of
Kain & Samantha Simon
5/24/2020 Keaton McAllister, son of
Jake & Jackie McAllister

Pastorate

We have many parishioners that have not given us their email addresses or we don't have an updated email address. Please call the Pastorate office, if you would like to receive notifications by email. 563-852-3524

Caring For Your Marriage - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15) Jesus is saying that if we love him, we will live as he lived – comforting one another, living the truth of the Gospel, being there for one another "in sickness and health," and seeing the inherent goodness in one another. Are you keeping Jesus' commandments?

Simplify your routine! We offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your contributions to your Parish. Enrolling is easy - complete a simple form and your bank account will automatically be debited around the 15th of each month. Contact Kerri or Shellie at the Pastorate Office to enroll or for more information.

The Calvary Cemetery Board reminds people that when decorating the graves for Memorial Day – no glass bottles or cans should be used for flowers, etc. and no planted flowers on graves.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, we can help you get connected to free food in the area:

Kids 18 & Under – Curbside breakfast & lunch from Mon-Fri 11:30-12:30 at Cascade Elementary

Seniors – The Northeast Iowa Area Agency of Aging provides home delivered meals to anyone over 60 Monday-Friday in the greater Cascade Area. There is a fee associated with these meals. For more information or to sign up call 1-800-423-2449.

Cascade Food Pantry – Opened every third Thursday from 3:00pm-5:30pm and every other Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Call Diana at 563-852-3285.

Let us get your groceries so you can stay home!

During this COVID-19 crisis, Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging is offering to purchase and deliver groceries through Brothers Market.

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NE13A) provides services and supports for older individuals and caregivers to help them remain in their homes and independent as they age.

To help you stay at home during the COVID-19 crisis, NE13A will work with Brothers Market.

- Available to individuals age 60 and over
- Groceries include enough food for 14 meals delivered each week.
- Available during COVID-19 safe at home time period.

For more information contact NE13A's Lifelong Links line at 1-866-468-7887. This program is made possible through the Families First and CARES Act.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: May 9-10, 2020: Budget/Total: \$580.00

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: May 9-10, 2020 – Budget: \$475.00; Easter: \$100.00; Total: \$575.00

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. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: May 9-10, 2020 – Budget: \$3,335.00; Cash Club: \$120.00; Total: \$3,455.00

This past week was **Nurse Appreciation Week**. We would like to thank all the nurses in our Pastorate for all your hard work and dedication to your profession. This last few months specifically has proven to be especially trying, but you have proven to be so resilient once again. We are praying for your safety, hang in there!!

It was also **Teacher Appreciation** this week. We would like to thank all of our teachers from our Pastorate, especially all the extra work you have put into this year. Thanks for being a role model and a great example to our children. Our community is so blessed to have all of you!!

Laudato Si Week May 16-24, 2020

This year marks the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. In celebration, he invites us to join Catholics around the world in committing to action that increases our response to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Visit www.LaudatoSiWeek.org for resources, action items and to see how Catholics around the world are making an impact.

Prayer to Care for our Common Home

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship—
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
Both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
By recognizing that we are all connected—
To our brothers and sisters around the world,
To those in poverty impacted by environmental
devastation, and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
Stirring to action the hearts of all—
Individuals and families,
Communities of faith,
And civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.
Amen.

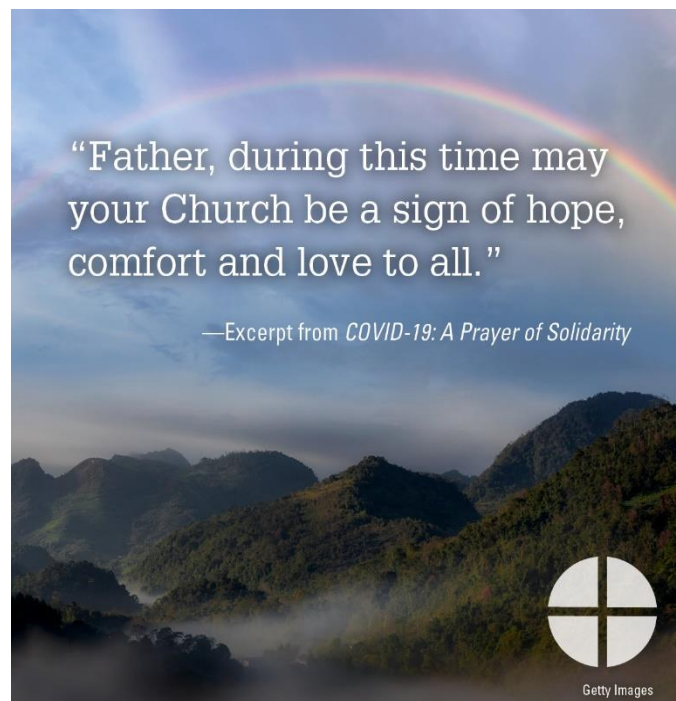
Don't forget to use Aquin Scrip this summer for all your gifts, grocery and gas needs! Available at both the banks in Cascade!

The Prayer for Priests as many are going to be ordained this week:

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (JN 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.



Wash your hands and say your prayers because.....



Jesus and germs are everywhere!

