

May 24, 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

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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 25	9:00am (C) Mary A. Noonan*
Tue May 26	6:30pm (C) Bob Takes, Paul & Sybil Takes*
Wed May 27	6:30pm (C) Jack, Venita & Bob Knapp*
Thu May 28	6:30pm (C) Germaine Bechen*
Fri May 29	6:30pm (C) Deceased Members of the McMullen & McCullough Families*
Sat May 30	4:00pm (C) For the Intention of the Donor 5:30pm (C) Fred Neiers, Pete Schaaf & Joan Hamilton*
Sun May 31	8:00am (C) Bee Gudenkauf & Ade Kurt* 10:00am (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.**

The Ascension of the Lord, May 24, 2020

From Father Loecke

Dear Parishioners,

As you know by now, the Archbishop has given permission to begin holding public Mass beginning the weekend of May 30 and 31. This is wonderful news and so appropriate considering that is Pentecost Sunday! I know many of you have missed attending Holy Mass and I too, have missed a congregation being present when I say Mass. If we have learned anything during this time of absence is that we need one another and we need the Lord's help in life. I will be glad to see you all once again!

On Thursday, May 21st a nurse or someone in the medical field from each parish met with me and pastorate staff to put together a procedural plan for reopening. It was a good session and I believe a safe, workable plan has been put into place to protect the health of those who choose to attend Mass. We also discussed the best way to accommodate the greatest number of people for Holy Mass. The consensus of the parish reps was that all Masses should take place in Cascade for the time being. This allows for the most people to participate in these first Masses held in our pastorate since the pandemic began and most importantly, be able to receive Holy Eucharist. In a couple of weeks, we will reevaluate the plan and procedures and make adjustments.

Next week I will be sending a letter to everyone regarding the specific guidelines that will be used including a map drawn for each church to indicate how the seating will be arranged. I ask for continued patience and prayer as we work toward celebrating Mass in all of our parishes.

On another note, I sent letters to the Aquin eighth-graders and to the graduating seniors inviting them to come for a blessing after the 6:30 pm Mass. The eighth grade blessing will take place on May 27th and the senior blessing will be on May 28th. This is a way to acknowledge these students who were robbed of so much due to the virus. If you have a student in one of these classes please remind them of this blessing that will take place in the church parking lot between the church and pastorate office building.

Thank you and God Bless each of you!

Fr. Loecke



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

- 5/25/2020 Natalie Lux, daughter of
Matt & Julie Lux
- 5/26/2020 Jenavieve White, daughter of
Andrew & Brenda White
- 5/27/2020 Reed Schoenherr, son of
Dwight & Kathy Schoenherr
- 5/28/2020 Ellie Meyers & Claire Oliphant
Ellie Meyers, daughter of
Nick & Katie Meyers
Claire Oliphant, daughter of
Fred & Megan Oliphant
- 5/29/2020 Arya Dolezal, daughter of
Travis & Micaela Dolezal
- 5/30/2020 Clara Hosch & Macie McCarthy
Clara Hosch, daughter of
Matt & Kara Hosch
Macie McCarthy, daughter of
Ben & Kristie McCarthy
- 5/31/2020 Addison Ambrosy, daughter of
Jeremy & Jennifer Ambrosy
- 5/31/2020 Lauren Boffeli, daughter of
Brad & Lisa Boffeli

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

Congratulations to all the St. Thomas Aquinas High School Graduates. Please pray for the success in the future:

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| Jesus Barrios | Nicole McDermott |
| Sophie Callahan | Molly McElmeel |
| Jarrett Connolly | Natalie Merfeld |
| Skylar Dolphin | Luke Miller |
| Michael Droeszler | Ben Miller |
| Gavin Foust | Hugh Molony |
| Isabelle Fransen | Jose Nava |
| Nathan Gehl | Sam Noonan |
| Zach Green | Carter Oberbroeckling |
| Carter Green | Will Potter |
| Jess Hoffman | Samantha Recker |
| Isaac Hogan | Jordan Simon |
| Colby Holmes | Lilly Trumm |
| Nathan Knepper | Michael Trumm |
| Erin Knipper | Aliyah Weber |
| Wyatt Lynch | Abby Welter |
| Clara Lynch | |

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.



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Caring For Your Marriage - "I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20) Lift up your spouse today. Remind them that your love is always with them. Offer a compliment, a favor, help with a chore. Not only will it lift up your partner's spirit, it's amazing how these kind deeds return to bless us.

The Calvary Cemetery Board reminds you to remove all flowers and other items that are not on the foundation or in the vases must be removed by Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

**Let us wish the Aquin 8th Graders good luck in their future in high school!
Congratulations to the following:**

Jackson Curtis	Nathan Forrest
Ellie Gaul	Ellie Green
Mia Gehl	Kelsey Green
Anna Manternach	Jaren Hartbecke
Nathaniel Manternach	Grace Knepper
Evelyn Martin	Eldon Kurt
Jacob Stoll	Waylen Lynch
Emma Wink	Allison Rollinger
Brianna Carroll	

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: May 16-17, 2020: Budget: 225.00; EFT: \$50.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Total \$300.00

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: May 16-17, 2020 – Budget/Total: \$330.00;

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 9-10, 2020: Budget/Total: \$1000.00

St. Peter Generosity: May 16-17, 2020: Budget: \$200.00; EFT: \$150.00; Total: \$350.00

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: May 16-17, 2020 – Budget: \$3,715.00; Offertory: \$50.00; EFT: \$4,707.00; Cash Club: \$240.00; Total: \$8,712.00

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

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.



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Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Lord, on this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms. When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us remember, that our freedom to speak of you, and our freedom to worship you, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives. Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven. So too, your children died protecting us here on earth. Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms. Amen

