

June 7, 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

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Principal, Vicki Palmer
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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 June 8	6:30pm (C) Jim Melloy
Tue June 9	6:30pm (C) Bee Gudenkauf & Ade Kurt
Wed June 10	6:30pm (C) Paul Lehman Family
Thu June 11	6:30pm (C) Tim & George O'Brien
Fri June 12	6:30pm (C) Sherman & Gladys Conlin
Sat June 13	4:00pm (C) Betty White 5:30pm (C) St Thomas Aquinas Past.
Sun June 14	8:00am (C) Phil Dahlem 10:00am (C) Bill, Doris, John & Billy Talbert

The Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

From Father Loecke:

First, I would like to thank everyone involved with the surprise parade for me last Sunday afternoon. I had no clue what was going on. When I saw Fred in the police car and heard the siren followed by the fire trucks, I wondered to myself who had a birthday or some other event that was being recognized. Not until I saw my family did I know what was happening. The entire experience was so meaningful and very touching. Often times it is the little, thoughtful things that we do for one another that brings the greatest amount of love and joy in our lives. To see people from all the parishes, and all different ages, people that I buried a spouse or a loved one, young couples that I witnessed their marriage or baptized their children, people that I have come to know and love as a spiritual father meant so much to me. Thank you again for your kindness to me.

Second, a brief note on the Masses last weekend. I had no idea what to expect. We had about 65 at the 4 pm Mass, about 45 at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday the 8 am Mass was near capacity of 96 the 10 am Mass had about 40 people in attendance. As I said at Mass last weekend, it will take time to rebuild Mass attendance due to the virus. The cleaning of the church went smoothly. All in all, things went well for our first Sunday back.

In the next weeks, a letter will be sent to each parishioners giving an update as to where each parish is financially as we come to the end of the fiscal year. The letter is an opportunity to thank you for your support this year along with a copy of your contribution statement for the calendar year 2020.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to deal with the virus and returning to Mass. The group of healthcare professionals who helped devise the current plan will be meeting again in the next week or so to review and modify if necessary.

Fr. Loecke

Pastorate

**The Most Holy Trinity:
The Father
The Son
The Holy Spirit**



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

- 6/8/2020 Grace Meyer, daughter of
Jared Meyer
- 6/9/2020 Andrew Noonan, son of
Doug & Emily Noonan
- 6/10/2020 Keely Hemmer, daughter of
Nolan & Gina Hemmer
- 6/11/2020 Beau Takes, son of
Jake & Kara Takes
- 6/12/2020 Leah Boyle & Ally Noonan
Leah Boyle, daughter of
Scott & Elizabeth Boyle
Ally Noonan, daughter of
Nic & Cody Noonan
- 6/13/2020 Harper Green, daughter of
Mica & Rachel Green
- 6/14/2020 Kira Rausch, daughter of
Marty & Angie Rausch
Abby Noonan, daughter of
Matt & Ashley Noonan

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Caring For Your Marriage - "Encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Cor 13:11) Follow the advice of St. Paul today. Parents, set an example of love and peace for your children.

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.

Congratulations to all candidates making their confirmation. May they be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

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| 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 Pastorate has so many people to thank that kept us going while under quarantine:

Thanks to the Aquin School and St. Patrick - for letting the Pastorate Social Justice Committee hold Pop-Up Food Pantries in the Aquin School and the St. Patrick Hall for the past 2 months.

Thanks to Carol Cigrand for continuing to take care of the sacristy.

Thanks to Muriel Schlemme, Nancy Strang & Ginny Knepper for storing and changing out the missalettes.

Thanks to Joyce McQuillen for taking the bulletins around to Shady Rest, River Bend and Claddaugh Court.

Thanks to all who willingly said yes when called to lector during Holy Week Masses and usher/lector/commentator during the first week back to Mass.

Thanks to Becky Williams for all her time put into the music during Lent, Holy Week & Easter Masses, First Communion Masses, filming Masses and collaborating with the Voces Group for music during quarantine.

Thanks to Ray & Carol Noonan, John & Diane Gerken, Bob & Deb Green, Bridget Rea, Tara Noonan, Muriel Schlemme, Kathy Beck, Jean Conrad, Carly Conrad, Carter Conrad, Hallie Kelchen, Nancy Strang, Ginny Knepper and Jeanne Driscoll who helped us get countless mailings out.

Thanks to Gloria Otting & Nikki Manternach for making the masks.

Thanks to Kay Hoffman, Ashley Noonan, Abby Archer, Patti Simon, Dianne Reiter, Joyce McQuillen, Diane Wagner, Bridget Rea, Tara Noonan, Jenny Recker, Cathy Rubel, Kelly Wink, Chris Pfab, Kim Vaske, Ginny Knepper, Doris Sauser, Resources Unite and the Lions Club and all those who donated food and money and time to the Social Justice Food Pantry.

Thanks to Bill Gehl for always fixing things that are broken.

Thanks to Blair Gleason to come running anytime we need anything.

Thanks to Jean Simon to keep the cemetery going, even during quarantine.

To All of you, your kindness was very much appreciated!

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Support Local! Buy Scrip!!

Did you know that several local businesses participate in the Scrip Program? Support Local AND our parishes & school by purchasing scrip for Gas Groceries Retail Restaurants

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: May 30-31, 2020: Budget: 150.00; Holy Days: \$20.00; Total \$170.00

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: May 30-31, 2020 – Budget/Total: \$350.00

**Thanks to all the really great workers who helped with the rectory & pasture project. Thank you!

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: May 30-31, 2020: Budget: \$327.00; Offertory: \$27.00; Total: \$354.00

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: May 30-31, 2020 – Budget: \$6,660.00.00; Offertory: \$167.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Cash Club: \$120.00; Total: \$6,957.00

A visiting Pastor was attending a men’s breakfast in Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began.

“Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed,

“Lord, I hate lard.”

Now the Pastor was worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, “And Lord, you know I don’t care much for raw white flour.”

Just as the Pastor was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, “But Lord, when you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don’t like, when life gets hard, when we just don’t understand what you are sayin’ to us, we just need to relax and wait ‘till You are done mixin’, and probably it will be somethin’ even better than biscuits. Amen.”

Now that is a great illustration of our lives. Many times we do not like or appreciate the individual events that make up our circumstances. But the reality is that when they are all mixed together, there is great benefit.

Romans 8:28 states: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” God has a Plan. God has a Purpose. And we can trust a loving Heavenly Father to work it all out for our Good and His Glory. Amen!



