

July 12, 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  
E-mail dbqcm1@dbqarch.org  
Deacon Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448  
Deacon Steve Strang (563)852-3435  
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126  
Director of Faith Formation -  
Nicole Casey (563)852-3331  
E-mail dbq023ff@dbqarch.org

### Pastorate Office

408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW; PO Box 699, Cascade, IA 52033  
Phone (563)852-3524  
FAX (563)852-3528  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Website www.stapastorate.org  
Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

### Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
E-mail dbq023bm@dbqarch.org  
Administrative Assistant, Shellie Schlemme  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Music Ministry, Becky Williams  
E-mail dbq023s@dbqarch.org

### 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

### 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)

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| Mon July 13 | 7:00am (C) Dan Federspiel  |
| Tue July 14 | 7:00am (C) Janet Staner  |
| Wed July 15 | 7:00am (C) Curt Curoe  |
| Thu July 16 | 7:00am (C) To the Deceased Members<br>of the Neiers & Gehl Families            |
| Fri July 17 | 7:00am (C) Richard & Murilla Gehl  |
| Sat July 18 | 4:00pm (T) Tom Hoffmann<br>5:30pm (C) Jim Dunigan                              |
| Sun July 19 | 8:00am (C) Neal & Ellen Donovan<br>10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas<br>Pastorate |

## Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 12, 2020

We will be livestreaming Father's Farewell Celebration on Sunday, July 12 on 6:00pm on Facebook and our website at [www.stapastorate.org](http://www.stapastorate.org).

### Letter Father Loecke

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard for me to believe this is my last weekend with all of you. The last 13 years of my life have gone very fast. I came to you at age 44 and am leaving at 57, roughly the age Fr Krapfl was when he came to Cascade as pastor. I think about Fr. Krapfl often, he was a great man and a good friend to me. I believe he has been helping us from his place in heaven as I know he loved you as well.

The years with you have been some of the very best years of my life. Together, as a team, we have accomplished a great deal. I am most grateful for your trust and confidence in me as we maneuvered through the past years doing our best to strengthen the faith community of the pastorate for the present but also for the future. I would not trade the past 13 years for anything. Your love for God and for Jesus is so apparent. All I can say is keep trying your best and all will be well.

I would encourage you to help Fr. Osterhaus in his role as your new pastor.

Thank you from the very bottom of my heart and soul for the support, encouragement, and kindness you have shown to me over the years of my time with you.

May Mary, the Mother of God protect all of us as we continue our journey to heaven to be with God and all those we have loved in life who now rest in the hands of God.

Fr. Loecke

### Blessing for Fr. Loecke

Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh,  
from the beginning of creation  
you named and claimed us for yourself.  
Look with kindness upon your servant, Fr. Loecke  
who leaves this community,  
marked by your cross, fed by your word,  
filled with our care, and sent to be your presence  
to all he meets.  
Guide him on the way,  
and bless him with your wisdom,  
that he may be a word of hope for a world in need.  
We ask that you protect him from evil and bring him to  
everlasting life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Caring For Your Marriage** - "But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." (Mt 13:8) Is your marriage rich soil in which your family can flourish? If you want to do something for your children, do something for your marriage. Children benefit from a strong, loving marriage.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Kerri or Shellie at the Pastorate Office to enroll or for more information.

### Elementary School

*The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. We will be sharing information with all Aquin families in the upcoming weeks about our Return to Learn plan and what it will look like at Aquin when the students and staff return in the fall.*

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.

The first day of school for AQUIN students will be August 20th for K-8. First day of preschool is August 26th. ***\*\*\*Please note this is a week later than the public school.***

Aquin's registration will be held on Wednesday, August 5th. The office will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. You can drop off any lunch and/or tuition payments at that time. Most of the necessary paperwork can be found on our school web page at [www.aquin.org](http://www.aquin.org) under Parent/Registration. Updated registration materials will be available in mid-July. *\*Please note the office will be open all summer M-Thursdays from 8:00-10:00am if you want to stop when it's convenient for you.*

Remember to purchase Scrip for all your shopping needs. We will have our annual Back to School Scrip promotion beginning August 1st through August 14th. For every **\$300** of scrip you buy, your name will go in for a drawing to win a \$250 scrip certificate. Winner will be drawn on August 17th.

### **Sacred Heart, Fillmore**

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** July 4-5, 2020: Budget: 850.00; Spring Fling: \$1,100.00; Total: \$1,950.00

**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 Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Call Diana at 563-852-3285.

## Sacred Heart Parish Spring Fling Fund 2020

### Goal to reach:

Goal  
\$6,000

\$6000



**Amount Contributed  
As of July 5, 2020:  
\$4,195**

**Amount Still Needed:  
\$1,805**

**We are at 70%  
of our goal!!!!**



### St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** July 4-5, 2020 – Budget: \$1,843.00; Offertory: \$14.00; Easter: \$200.00; Votive Candles: \$133.10; Total: \$2,190.10

### St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** July 4-5, 2020: Budget: 200.00; Parish Picnic: \$1,850.00; Total: \$2050.00

**To date, the St. Peter Picnic fund total is \$22,105.00. Even though we have met the goal for the fund match, we welcome any and all donations towards this important fundraiser for our Parish through July 18, 2020.**

### St. Matthias, Cascade

**St. Matthias Generosity:** July 4-5, 2020 – Budget: \$4,746.00; Offertory: \$44.00; Cash Club: \$120.00; Fun Fest: \$100.00; Total: \$5,010.00

**Liturgical Participation:** (weekdays: July 13-17, 2020) - Lector: Jean Simon

**Fun Fest Envelope** – You may have noticed a new envelope this year in the St. Matthias budget envelopes. It is the Fun Fest Envelope. Although, St. Matthias is not having our biggest fundraiser: the Fun Fest this year, we can still give with this envelope! Add up all of the money spent on: donation items, tickets, on desserts/breads/produce for the food store, on food and drinks and games at the event, and on auction items. You can donate this amount in your Fun Fest envelope and the best part is that it will be counted on your budget donations that you will see on your statement at the end of the year!!

### Feast Day – July 16 –

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.

The seed that falls on  
good ground will yield  
a fruitful harvest

–Lk 8:8



