

July 19, 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. Mark Osterhaus (563)852-7805
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Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126
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Pastorate Office

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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
E-mail vpalmer@aquin.org
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Director, Jenny Knapp jknapp@aquin.org

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. Mark 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 July 20	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue July 21	7:00am (C) Marcella Green
Wed July 22	7:00am (C) Paul Pfab
Thu July 23	7:00am (C) Max & Jeannie Nolte
Fri July 24	7:00am (C) Larry Nauman, Joe & Christina Kraus, Jake & Edwina Nauman
Sat July 25	1:30pm (G) Nuptial Mass for Megan Redmond & Jacob Capesius 4:00pm (G) Mary Cahill, Peg & Ray Cahill
Sun July 26	5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 8:00am (C) Ed & Juanita Bergfeld 10:00am (C) Barry McGraw

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 19, 2020

Pastorate

From Fr. Mark

Hi Everyone in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate!

My name is Fr. Mark Osterhaus, and I will serve as your pastor. I am glad to be here and have been getting to know our staff members and some of you folks over the past few days. I am grateful to some Temple Hill members who helped me unload, and I also appreciate the food that people have dropped by the house. The house is very nice, and I am grateful to Fr. Loecke and all who had a hand in the renovation. I know many of you miss Fr. Loecke and I hope that he is getting acclimated to St. Matthew Parish in Cedar Rapids.

I served as pastor at Worthington, but left there more than 20 years ago, so I will be kind of rusty on names, but I will try to learn your name if I get enough opportunities. (I am not sure how many opportunities are "enough" but I will try...!)

Some people have informed me that some of our parishioners may drop off food in the refrigerator in the garage (where Ed Green used to live). I would especially welcome fruit and vegetables. I am trying to cut back on a lot of sugar, so I won't eat as much dessert as I used to! (I am also allergic to tree nuts.)

I know it is a little more difficult to meet people during these pandemic restrictions. But hopefully I will be able to touch base with you after Mass or at the parish office. God bless you all, and thanks for your kind welcome!

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PRIEST

Lord, we ask for your blessing upon our new priest, Fr. Mark. We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have bestowed upon him to fulfill his mission, Christ's work. May we be generous in our welcome and ever grateful for his ministry. May we and our new Companion on the Journey grow evermore deeply spiritually, socially and in service to one another to Christ our Lord.

Amen

Thank you to everyone who attended Father's farewell party and thanks to my crew who made this a wonderful and entertaining celebration!! Everyone's cooperation made this an easy and enjoyable event to plan! A special thank you to Jerry and Joan Otting for donating all the meat, your generosity is much appreciated!

Thanks again- "Dobbs"-Deb Manternach

From Fr. Loecke

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who attended the farewell party on Sunday afternoon. I was so pleased with the entire evening. I thought Carter Simons comment toward Dagwood to be witty and a quick come back. All the speakers did a great job. Just to clarify Joe's statement on shoe size, I were a 12 D not 14 or 15! Dagwood always make things fun so he did a great job as Emcee.

A special note to the grillers, Mike, Rocks and Tom Otting along with Scott Casey. They did a great job. I have since learned that Mike and Tom's parents paid for the meat that night. A big thank you to Joan and Jerry for their kindness. Thanks to Marilyn and her helpers, and a word of thanks to those who decorate the hall Everything was great. But none of this would have happened had it not been for the leadership of Dobbs. She did a wonderful job getting things organized. I am so glad we were able to have the party, I would have felt very bad if I would have just left on Tuesday not having the chance to see you before I left.

I must also express my deepest gratitude for the print of the four churches and for the statue of St. Thomas and to those who contributed to the cash farewell gift. With the amount of the check given to me and the cards sent directly to me, the total comes to right at 25,000 dollars. I cannot thank you enough. But for as much as I appreciate the gifts, what mattered most to me was the time we had together on Sunday night and throughout the past 13 years.

I loved and cared for you deeply and as I said my greatest desire is to do all I can to make sure we all get to heaven at the end of life. There is no goal that is more important in my mind and heart.

Thank you for being so kind and gracious to my family on Sunday night and through the years of my time in Cascade. My family could not say enough good about the farewell gathering.

Thank you again for a wonderful 13 years. I couldn't have asked for better people to be part of my earthly journey.

I wish you all the very best that life has to offer.

Reverend Douglas J. Loecke

If anyone needs Fr. Loecke's new address at St. Matthew:

Fr. Doug Loecke
2310 First Avenue N.E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Caring For Your Marriage - "For we do not pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Many couples are afraid to pray together. It may feel like letting another into one's private world. Try praying the "Our Father" together for a start.

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 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

Financial report as of June 30, 2020	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$81,751
YTD Expenses	\$75,946
Excess Income/Exp	\$5,805
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 6/30/2020	

Sacred Heart Generosity: July 11-12, 2020: Budget: 710.00; Offertory: \$13.00; Total: \$723.00

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Fling Fund 2020

Goal to reach:



\$6000

**Amount Contributed
As of July 12, 2020:
\$4,195**

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

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

St. Patrick, Garryowen

Financial report as of June 30, 2020	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$178,065
YTD Expenses	\$205,236
Excess Income/Exp	-\$27,171
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 6/30/2020	

St. Patrick Generosity: July 11-12, 2020 – Budget: \$3,748.67; Hall Rent: \$100.00; Total: \$3,848.67

St. Peter, Temple Hill

Financial report as of June 30, 2020	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$135,617
YTD Expenses	\$133,665
Excess Income/Exp	\$1,952
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 6/30/2020	

St. Peter Generosity: July 11-12, 2020: Budget: 275.00; Parish Picnic: \$2,825.00; Total: \$3,100.00

To date, the St. Peter Picnic fund total is \$24,930.00. 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

Financial report as of June 30, 2020	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$663,998
YTD Expenses	\$558,800
Excess Income/Exp	\$105,198
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 6/30/2020	

St. Matthias Generosity: July 11-12, 2020 – Budget: \$7,087.00; Offertory: \$132.00; Fun Fest: \$720.00; Total: \$7,939.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: July 20-24, 2020) - Lector: Dianne Koppes

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!!

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.

Rural life is not all sunshine and green pastures. [Here's a program geared](#) specifically to stress on the farm from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach called Stress on the Farm. Learn more about signs of depression and suicide, and how you can encourage a friend or family member to seek help. When a friend or relative experiences trouble, such as a death in the family, financial losses, divorce, or serious illness, it's easier to stay away or remain silent than it is to help because you don't know the right words. Explore these tips and ideas on how to offer help in an uncomfortable situation.

If you prefer a one on one counseling meeting via phone or video, consider one of our great [Catholic Charities licensed therapists](#).

Call us at 800-772-2758 to be connected with a licensed counselor.