

August 9, 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)852-3524
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Pastorate Office

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Pastorate Support Staff

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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. 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 Aug. 10	10:00am (C) W/C
Tue Aug. 11	7:00am (C) Bob Knepper- 10 year anniv.
Wed Aug. 12	7:00am (C) Grace Roling
Thu Aug. 13	7:00am (C) Pat Green & The Jerome Green Family
Fri Aug. 14	5:30pm (C) Joe & Anna Otting Family; Stan Callahan
Sat Aug. 15	8:00am (F) Jim Krapfl 4:00pm (T) Members of the Stoll Family 5:30pm (C) Irwin Simon
Sun Aug. 16	8:00am (C) Merlin & Irene Rogers, Mary Ann Weber and Jeremy Merkes 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

If there is a funeral, there will be no
7:00am Mass.

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 9, 2020

From Fr. Mark

Archbishop Jackels met with the other Catholic bishops of Iowa on August 6th to discuss what policies need to be in place for the coming weeks to safeguard the health of our people who come to mass. Our churches will stay open! So that is the good news. We still need to be vigilant. Here is an excerpt from the Archbishop's email from 2 weeks ago:

"So, if the numbers increase for a two-week period across the board in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, we will be forced to close the churches to public Mass.

And this could easily happen if we don't do what we can easily do:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands.
- Don't touch your face.
- Cough into your elbow.
- Wear a mask.
- Keep a six-foot distance from others.
- Use your hand to receive the Eucharist, but not to dip in holy water, or hold a hymnbook, or exchange a Sign of Peace."

I, (Fr. Mark) would like to thank all of you who are doing these things upon which the Archbishop is insisting. I know it is not easy, but the opening of schools and faith formation in the next few weeks presents even greater challenges for the health of all the members of our communities.

Speaking of challenges, today we hear the story of Jesus (and St. Peter), walking on the water. Wouldn't that be every fisherman's dream: To be able walk on the water? St. Peter does fine as long as he keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus. But when he is more focused on the force of the wind, and the height of the waves, he quickly sinks. Jesus takes him by the hand, and teases him about his doubts. Well, I think Peter had good reasons for doubt. And living with doubts is part of the process as we grow in our faith. Peter could have stayed in the boat with the others. But he had enough faith in Jesus to leave the boat in an effort to be closer to Jesus. In the midst of life's challenges, let's put our faith in Jesus to help us do what we need to do, which includes taking the risk of leaving our comfort zone, and drawing closer to Him.

Pastorate

Our parishes depend upon your weekly financial generosity to continue meeting the operating expenses and its ministries in this critical time of crisis when attending Mass has become more difficult. You may mail your contributions to PO Box 699, Cascade IA 52033-0699, or can drop them off in the back of St Matthias Church, or any of your local churches or at the Pastorate Office. There is a mailbox on the outside of the office you can drop them in. We also offer Electronic Funds Transmission (EFT). Call the office for more information about this option.

Reminder – CCD / RTR Registration: This is a reminder to families whose children attend public schools – You now register for CCD or RTR for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact Nicole Casey if you would like a covenant emailed or if you have any questions at dbq023ff@dbqarch.org or 852-3601. Registration covenants will also be available in the Pastorate Office.

Your support makes a difference in the life of our Church. Our Church invites you to consider an IRA gift, a gift of appreciated stock, life insurance, real estate or cash to ensure the financial health of our Catholic ministries. For questions about how to complete a gift like this, please contact Fr Mark at 563-852-3524 to speak confidentially about your wishes.

Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic?

Or maybe you are already Catholic & would like to learn more about your faith. Instructional classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning August 19th. The classes are very informal with lots of time for discussion. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the Pastorate office at 852-3524 or Deacon Joe Schockemoehl at 852-3126.

Caring For Your Marriage - Just as Elijah recognized the Lord in a "tiny whispering sound" (1 Kings 19:13), so we must attune ourselves to the sometimes subtle signals our spouse gives in distress, warmth, concern. Learn to read between the lines.

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.**

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: Aug. 1-2, 2020: Budge/Total: \$1,380.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 – 4:00pm)
Commentator/Lector: Betty Wagner;

Ushers: Ann Callahan, Diane Callahan, Linda Recker

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Aug. 1-2, 2020 – Budget/Total: \$285.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 – 4:00pm)

Commentator/Lector: Denny Brackemyer;

Ushers: Don Meloy, Bob Noonan

Weekend Money Counters: Aug. 2020– Loras Federspiel & Wanda Loewen

Church & Hall Cleaning (Aug. 2020): Judy Schmit, Kevin & Deb Pfab, Matt & Melissa King

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Aug. 1-2, 2020: Budget: 290.00;

Parish Picnic: \$50.00; Total: \$340.00

Liturgical Participation: (August 15, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Chris Krapfl; *Eucharistic Minister:*

Sue Trumm; *Usher:* Brian & LuAnn Manternach, Sue

Trumm, Marci Roe

Church Cleaning: Lois Andrews (leader), Tom & Evelyn Stoll, Robert & Linda Stoll, Doug & Amanda Stoll, Liz & Al Takes, Jake & Kara Takes, Warren & Bonnie Callahan, Travis & Katie Andrews (before August 15)

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

St. Peter's Blood Drive: Wed., September 23, 2020 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM in the parish hall. This is a change from the previous date of September 16th.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Aug. 1-2, 2020 – Budget:

\$4,362.00; Offertory: \$127.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Fun Fest: \$40.00; Total: \$4,539.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Aug 10-14, 2020) -

Lector/Eucharistic Minister: 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. Call Diana at 563-852-3285.



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August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history – the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ’s disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. “The Immaculate Virgin...when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, No. 966, city LG, no.59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors withing herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no.65).