

August 16, 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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Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126
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Pastorate Office

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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

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
Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020
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 Aug. 17	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Aug. 18	7:00am (C) Larry Volk
Wed Aug. 19	7:00am (C) Janet Staner
Thu Aug. 20	7:00am (C) Dick, Etheleen & Tim Driscoll
Fri Aug. 21	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Sat Aug. 22	1:30 (G) Nuptial Mass for: Lana Otting & Joey Nachtman 4:00pm (G) Willard & Marie Noonan 5:30pm (C) Richard & Murilla Gehl
Sun Aug. 23	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Ann O'Brien

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

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 16, 2020

From Fr. Mark

The prophet Isaiah, speaking for God, proclaimed this prophecy: "My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples." Hopefully we, as the Catholic Church, can do our best to live up to that high standard today. However, we have a lot of work to do. My hope is that we can open our Communion to people of other churches. My hope is that we can establish women in greater roles of leadership in the Church. My hope is that we can be even more welcoming of people who come from cultures and speak languages other than our own.

Some of you have reached out to others in a variety of ways. You may have learned a language in addition to English. You may have adopted a child into your family. You may have cared for a special needs family member for many years. You may have helped with the food pantry. You may have reassured a son or daughter who was trusting enough to inform you that they have a sexual orientation which is not heterosexual. You may have gone to other areas to help with disaster relief. Some of you may have traveled to help restore power or take care of downed trees even this past week in the areas affected by the straight-line wind. All of these situations "stretch us" beyond our own comfort zones.

In today's gospel, Jesus at first does not seem particularly open to helping the Canaanite woman, just because she is from a Gentile culture. But she is persistent, and talks him into healing her daughter. Does even Jesus of Nazareth have blind spots when it comes to race and religion? I don't have a good answer to that question, and this is a troubling story. It is interesting that the later editors didn't "white out" this story from the gospels! Jesus, in healing the Canaanite woman's daughter, was living up to the prophecy from Isaiah: "My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples."

We have the opportunity to meet Hung Le (pronounced "Hong Lay") this weekend. He is studying for the priesthood, with two more years remaining at Loras College, and then plans to go to the major seminary at Mundelein in Chicago. Hung has said goodbye to his parents in the northern part of Viet Nam and is willing to study for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. (Viet Nam's government restricts the number of seminarians who can study in their own country.) Hung is making a big sacrifice for the Church. The Vocations office, led by Fr. Jon Seda, asked if Hung could spend time with us. After speaking with about a dozen parishioners and our parish staff, I told Fr. Seda that we would make Hung welcome if he chooses to be with us.

Pastorate

Meetings:

Aquin School Board Meeting – August 18, by Zoom

6:30pm Finance

7:00pm Board

Pastorate Social Justice Meeting – Aug. 20, 5:30pm, Past. Off.

Pastorate Liturgy Meeting – Sept. 3, 4:30pm,

St. Matthias Finance Council Mtg – Sept. 3, 5:30pm, Past. Off

Pastorate/All Parish Meeting – Sept. 8, Aquin Gym

6:30pm Pastorate

7:00pm All Parish Council

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.

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 - "But the woman came and did him homage, saying, 'Lord, help me'" (Mt 15:25) Have the humility to come to God when you are struggling with problems in your family and life.

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 24th for K-8. First day of preschool is August 26th.

On August 16th, Jean Nauman turns 86! Please send a card to wish her a happy birthday at:

Jean Nauman
Shady Rest Care Center
701 Johnson St NW
Cascade, IA 52033

On August 20th, Alan McDermott turns 90! Please send a card to wish him a happy birthday at:

Alan McDermott
1126 Clare Court NW
Cascade, IA 52033

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Financial report as of July 31, 2020	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$3,765
YTD Expenses	\$5,331
Excess Income/Exp	-\$1,566
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 7/31/2020	

Sacred Heart Generosity: Aug. 8-9, 2020: Budge: \$1,025.00; Offertory: \$15.00; Total: 1,040.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 – 4:00pm)

Commentator/Lector: Betty Wagner;

Ushers: Ann Callahan, Diane Callahan, Linda Recker

St. Patrick, Garryowen

Financial report as of July 31, 2020	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$7,866
YTD Expenses	\$10,340
Excess Income/Exp	-\$2,474
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 7/31/2020	

St. Patrick Generosity: Aug. 8-9, 2020 – Budget: \$2,818.00; Assumption: \$25.00; Total: \$2,843.00

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

Financial report as of July 31, 2020	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$47,490
YTD Expenses	\$11,966
Excess Income/Exp	\$35,524
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 7/31/2020	

St. Peter Generosity: Aug. 8-9, 2020: Budget/Total: \$80.00

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

Financial report as of July 31, 2020	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$37,058
YTD Expenses	\$50,113
Excess Income/Exp	-\$13,055
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 7/31/2020	

St. Matthias Generosity: Aug. 8-9, 2020 – Budget:

\$6,808.00; Offertory: \$214.00; Holy Days: \$35.00; Fun Fest: \$620.00; Total: \$7,677.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Aug 17-21, 2020) - Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Lynch

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.

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith! The 2020 Christ Our Life Conference will be held at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, September 26 & 27. Among the speakers are Fr. Donald Calloway, Sister Miriam James, Deacon Harold-Sivers, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Jon Leonetti and Mirjana Soldo. As well as Steve Angrisano providing music and storytelling.

You can attend in person or by livestream. More information concerning Covid 19 precautions and updates as well as tickets are available at christourlifeiowa.com.

Prayer for Rain

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, who now is empty and clear. We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of people will be made glad. Amen.