

August 23, 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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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. 24	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Aug. 25	7:00am (C) Jim Dunigan
Wed Aug. 26	7:00am (C) Al, Anne & Dave Quint
Thu Aug. 27	7:00am (C) Agnese Hayes
Fri Aug. 28	7:00am (C) Paul & Anna Sauser
Sat Aug. 29	4:00pm (T) Roger & Mary Callahan 5:30pm (C) Leon Kurt
Sun Aug. 30	8:00am (C) Ed, Millie & Kathy Hosch 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

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

# Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 23, 2020

## From Fr. Mark

Today we hear the gospel story which is sometimes called the "confession of St. Peter". When the apostles were asked by Jesus: "Who do YOU say that I am?", Simon Peter replies: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is a very strong statement of his faith in Jesus. Then Jesus proclaims to Simon Peter; "You are Peter and upon this rock, I will build my church." This is a very important statement of the faith Jesus has in St. Peter. St. Peter, for all his flaws, has a very devoted loyalty to Jesus. Jesus will give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. These "keys" are the keys of forgiveness. The key of the House of David is mentioned in the first reading. "Opening and shutting", "binding and loosing" are the terms used for what God can do for us in offering us divine mercy. Jesus makes St. Peter and the church partners in this mission of mercy. This gospel is a very important story for us as Roman Catholics, as it gives us the foundation for the primacy of the bishop of Rome, whom we call the Pope. This story also makes clear that the authority of the Pope is founded on Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and compassion.

## Pastorate

### Meetings:

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

Faith Formation – Sept. 14, 7:00pm, Pastorate Office

School Board Meeting – Sept. 15, Aquin Library

6:30pm – Finance

7:00pm – Board Meeting

### Social Justice Committee

On the weekend of August 29-30, there will be a second collection taken for assistance to our neighbors in the Cedar Rapids and Marion area. We will be sending more food, toiletries, towels and giving financial contributions to the Metro Catholic Outreach in Cedar Rapids that sends out food and contributions to those needing it the most in the Lynn county area.

If any of you want to donate these items, please drop them off at the Pastorate Office this week.

### **Sacraments:**

Lana Otting and Joey Nachtman will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage this weekend, Saturday, August 22, 2020 at St. Patrick, Garryowen. Lana is the daughter of Mark & Barb Otting.

Dylan Gerald McClain will be welcomed into the church through the sacrament of baptism, this Sunday, August 23, 2020 at St. Matthias. Dylan is the son of Cody & Ashley McClain.

Sophia Lynn Ryan will be welcomed into the church through the sacrament of baptism, this Sunday, August 23, 2020 at St. Matthias. Sophia is the daughter of Patrick & Samantha Ryan.

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](mailto:dbq023ff@dbqarch.org) or 852-3601. Registration covenants will also be available in the Pastorate Office.

Caring For Your Marriage - In today's Gospel, Peter professes of Christ, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16:16) Do you proclaim Christ as your Savior in your daily life? In your marriage?

## Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Aug. 15-16, 2020: Budget: \$180.00; Offertory: \$14.00; EFT: \$50.00; Holy Days: \$95.00; Mary's Candle: \$5.00; Total: \$344.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 – 4:00pm)

*Commentator/Lector:* Diane Callahan;

*Ushers:* Ann Callahan, Jenny Recker, Linda Recker

## St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Aug. 15-16, 2020 – Budget: \$160.00; Assumption: \$5.00; Total: \$165.00

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. 15-16, 2020: Budget: \$1,979.00; Offertory: \$207.00; EFT: \$310.00; Holy Days: \$26.00; Hall Rent: \$50.00; Liturgical Participation: (August 29, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Sue Trumm; *Eucharistic Minister:* Kevin Schockemoehl; *Usher:* Mary Kay Kelchen, Itza Heim, Al & Liz Takes

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, August 29, 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.

Total: \$2,572.00

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

## St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Aug. 15-16, 2020 – Budget: \$5,779.00; Offertory: \$460.25; EFT: \$4,982.00; Holy Days: \$545.00; Fun Fest: \$930.00; Total: \$12,696.25

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Aug 24-28, 2020) - *Lector/Eucharistic Minister:* Carol Noonan

### **Prayer for a New School Year**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and  
knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year  
we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teacher and staff  
that together we may grow in faith, hope and  
love as we learn from you and each other  
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to  
seek the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to  
reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
forever and ever.

**Amen**

### **A letter sent to the Pastorate Office to be shared with our parishioners and friends in Cascade.....**

Dear Good People of Cascade,

This note of sincere thanks is not only for you good people of Cascade, but also for the people of St. Matthew's who came to the work day at the St. Mathew's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids to clear the trees and debris left by Monday afternoon's storm. I was utterly speechless to view the devastation on Facebook. In fact, I cried. However, my tears were short-lived when I saw the number of people and amount of large equipment that you took to clear all the downed trees that surrounded St. Matthew's church-only to make it look like a little slice of heaven in comparison to what it looked like before your arrival.

These kind acts of self-sacrifice mean so much to me, but in this instance, it touched me beyond measure. As a young woman, St. Matthew's was the first parish I registered in long about 1964. Robert joined the church there, and we were married at St. Matthew's in 1969. We remained members of this parish until 1976 when we moved to Lake Mills, Iowa. Andrew was baptized there also.

Believe it or not, after all these years, I did recall where all the trees were, and I knew that would be a massive job to clean up, however; it is true that many hands make light work.

Above all of this, your reaction and actions demonstrate the love, respect, and admiration you have for your former pastor, Father Loecke. I am sure he was overwhelmed when the Cascade Crew pulled in with manpower, and large equipment to tackle such enormous destruction.

In closing, I am sending each one of you a standing ovation for the humanitarian of kindness and generosity you all

demonstrated on Saturday. I know Almighty God noticed you working on the holy grounds of the church, and in return He will bless you abundantly. That is my prayer in thanksgiving.

I loved St. Matthew's and to this day I still have fond memories.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL as God's little helpers!

Miriam Eick

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Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Parishioners,

As I write this note of thanks to you (Thursday evening), St. Matthew and the surrounding neighborhoods are still without power. The hope is that by Monday power will be restored to everyone in the city. I have been staying with my parents in Manchester, going back and forth as needed.

The devastation and destruction cannot be described in words or understood by watching segments on the television news. However, amazingly so, only one person died in the powerful storm that has caused so much suffering for so many in Iowa.

I was at my parent's home the day of the storm. I did not begin to see any damage until I got south of Central City. Trying to get to the parish was difficult due to streets being blocked, power lines hanging low and traffic lights not working.

The day after the storm, as I was walking around the parish campus, I felt overwhelmed at the work that was before us. That afternoon, I made a few calls and sent some texts to people in the pastorate asking if they would be able to help with the clean-up. The next day I had some great help who brought a tractor and loader along with a dump truck to haul the debris. A lot was accomplished that day. A few more calls asking for help resulted in 25 people from the pastorate on Saturday morning who brought saws, tractors, carts, a skid loader and a semi to dispose of the damage and uprooted trees. Along with many St. Matthew parishioners and STAP parishioners working together, we were able to clear the entire campus that day hauling over ten tons of debris to the landfill. We simply would not have been able to do what needed to be done without the generosity of so many from the pastorate.

Moving to a new assignment in this time of virus has not been easy. Adding a major storm into the mix has made things even more difficult. There is a lot to do to try to make things whole once again. With your help though, we are well on the road to recovery.

Please know the parishioners of St. Matthew and I were so thankful for all the help and kindness demonstrated. I heard over and over what great people came to help others they did not know, freely giving of their time and resources. Many of the parishioners said to me, "You have great friends." All I could say in response was, "I do indeed. They are wonderful people whom I loved very much during my time with them." Because of the help provided, the parish saved an estimated 20-30,000 dollars if would have had to pay a contractor to cut, load and haul all that material.

On behalf of St. Matthew parishioners, I extend to all of you a heartfelt thank you for the prayers and help offered last week. We simply could not have done it without you!

Fr. Loecke,