

September 13, 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  
E-mail dbq023@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  
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 Sept. 14	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Sept. 15	7:00am (C) Knepper's & Talbert's 8:30am (C) Online School Mass Alma Green
Wed Sept. 16	7:00am (C) Mel & Agnes Gehl
Thu Sept. 17	7:00am (C) Fr. Harold Drexler
Fri Sept. 18	7:00am (C) Dave Rea
Sat Sept. 19	4:00pm (T) Mary Callahan 5:30pm (C) Deceased Members of the Neiers & Streng Families
Sun Sept. 20	8:00am (C) Lawrence, Bernadette & Susie Kurt 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

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

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 13, 2020

### From Fr. Mark

With the national election less than two months from now, there are lots of opinions on voting. Archbishop Jackels recently sent out some advice for us as pastors, and I wanted to pass it on to you.

A voting resource – Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics – recently issued by the four Bishops in Iowa is now available.

It is available on the archdiocesan website:

- By clicking on the image at the top of the home page;
- Or at <https://dbqarch.org/messages-from-iowa-bishops>;
- Or at: <https://dbqarch.org/faithful-citizenship>.

It's also available

at <https://iowacatholicconference.org/bishops-urge-iowa-catholics-to-inform-their-consciences-and-get-involved-in-the-political-process/>.

The Church will not tell people who to vote for, but will remind them of the moral duty to vote, and to vote conscientiously, offering points for consideration on key issues.

- 1) Don't endorse any political party, or any candidate by name, or put up signs on parish property that endorse a political party or a candidate. It could jeopardize our tax-exempt status.
- 2) Don't state or imply that it's a sin to belong to one party or another, or to vote for one candidate or another. It isn't a sin to belong to either political party, or to vote for any one candidate, unless we do so *because* they're pro-abortion, pro-death penalty, pro-euthanasia, racist, or nasty to immigrants and the poor.
- 3) It's unlikely that any party platform or political candidate is perfectly suitable from a Catholic perspective. In such a case, we are allowed to make the morally regrettable choice of not voting in a particular race. Or, for grave reasons, we may vote for the candidate we think will do the most good or the least harm.

I hope this guidance from the Archbishop will help you as you inform your conscience in preparation for the exercise of your right to vote.

### Imposter posing as parish pastor in either text messages or emails to parishioners

The archdiocese has received reports that parishioners are receiving fraudulent text messages and emails from someone posing as Fr. Mark Osterhaus. The messages are similar to the following. “[Recipient’s Name] I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message. God Bless you. [Fr. Mark]”

### Pastorate

#### Meetings:

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

School Board Meeting – Sept. 15, Aquin Library

6:00pm – Finance

7:00pm – Board Meeting

Pastorate Liturgy Meeting – Sept. 22, 6:30pm, Pastorate Off.

### Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Live Student-led Masses on

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/y6qnl5uy>

Join us virtually Tuesday morning @8:30am or watch the recording later in the day. Don't forget to subscribe to the channel.

If everything works properly, our class masses should go Live on this YouTube Channel starting at 8:30am Tuesday morning. Feel free to share this link with parents or family members who are interested in watching.

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- “How often must I forgive?” (Matt 18:21) This passage reflects today’s Gospel message of forgiveness. Only forgiveness that comes from the heart is immeasurable. God forgives us countless times, prompting us, to forgive one another “from the heart.”

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#### Everyone Invited:

Tom Hegna, Internationally Acclaimed Retirement Expert will be conducting a virtual seminar Don't Worry. Retire Happy, one night only Thursday September 17th at 7PM. This seminar is free to the faithful with pre-registration required. Tom will hit on topics like Medicare, Medicaid, taxes and social security. He will also discuss valuable information on the use of life insurance, annuities and long term care insurance. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to see Tom Hegna for free. To register please email [Lawrence.blatz@kofc.org](mailto:Lawrence.blatz@kofc.org) Or call (563) 590-0366. Tom Hegna Don't Worry. Retire Happy is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance of Iowa.

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### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Sept. 5-6, 2020: Budget/Total: \$3,770.00

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

*Commentator/Lector:* Diane Callahan;

Ushers: Ann Callahan, Jenny Recker, Linda Recker

Church & Hall Cleaning September 2020:

Vicki Fangman, Kevin Johnson, Marty & Melissa McLees, Jesse & Sharon Meyer, Gerald & Trish Driscoll, Nick & Theresa White, Mike & Kris White, Mitch & Brenda Klepper

### Sacred Heart Parish –

There will be an informational meeting at the church, September 17, 6:00pm. Parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart are encouraged to attend.

## St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** Sept. 5-6, 2020 – Budget: \$1038.00.00; Holy Days: \$100.00; Offertory: \$38.00; Auction: \$125.00; Total: \$1,301.00

### Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Sept. 26– 4:00pm

*Commentator/Lector:* Mary Pat Noonan;

*Ushers:* Rich Molony, Don Meloy

Weekend Money Counters: Sept. 2020– Jean Thier & Tom Donovan

Church & Hall Cleaning (Sept. 2020): Leon & Dorothy Steines, Victor & Jean Their, Mike & Lisa Droeszler

## St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** Sept. 5-6, 2020: Budget/Total: \$100.00

Liturgical Participation: (September 19, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Jonah Manternach; *Eucharistic*

*Minister:* Shelly Schockemoehl; *Usher:* Ron & Chris Krapfl, Scot & Karen Knepper

Church Cleaning: Matt & Jennifer Manternach (leader), Lois Manternach, Loren & Lori Manternach, Drew & Stephanie Manternach, Tom & Mary Beth Stecklein, Sarah Foulks, Jill & Ken Ehlers, Dennis & Lora Hoffmann (before Sept 19)

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

St. Peter's Blood Drive: Wed., September 23, 2020 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM in the parish hall. Sign up on-line or call Julie for a time slot. Volunteers to work the night of the drive are also needed. Thank you.

## St. Matthias, Cascade

**St. Matthias Generosity:** Sept. 5-6, 2020 – Budget: \$6,833.00; Offertory: \$414.75; Fun Fest: \$6,650.00; Cash Club: \$60.00; Total: \$13,957.75

**Liturgical Participation:** (weekdays: Sept. 14-18, 2020) - Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Strang

**There are Funfest envelopes in the back of St. Matthias church if you didn't get one with your budget envelopes or you misplaced it.**

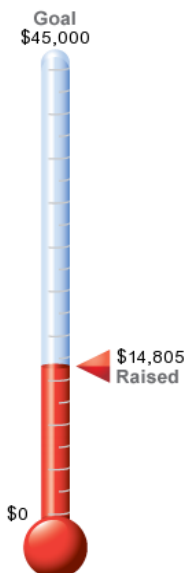
### St. Matthias Parish Auction-Fun Fest Goal For 2020

Goal to reach by  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020:  
**\$45,000**

Amount Contributed as of  
Sept. 6, 2020  
**\$14,805**

Amount still needed:  
**\$30,195**

We are at 33% of our goal!



That Man Is You (TMIY) is back! The popular men's group will resume for the fall season of year 4 on Saturday, September 12th, from 6:30-8:00 am, and will continue to be held at the Columbus Club Hall! While some details are still in the works, you can expect a more simple breakfast to start with and masks will be encouraged for situations where social distancing cannot take place. But know that there is plenty of space in the hall to spread out as necessary to meet the comfort level of all participants and small groups. Also, there is the possibility of a breakoff group that may move to a weeknight (Wednesdays?) to start over at Year 1 for those who would be brand new to TMIY, have missed some of the early content, or have conflicts on Saturdays. Stay tuned for more information! You can call Chris Casey at 563-542-0590 with any questions about each format. Everyone is welcome and you can just show up on Saturday morning!

### Annual 2020 Walker Sacred Heart Fall Festival

This year will be Drive Through Take Out

516 Rowley St, Walker IA

Sunday, September 20

Serving from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Grilled Pork Loin prepared by The McKinley Family

Homemade Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Mac-n-Cheese, Coleslaw and Dinner Roll

Homemade Cherry and Apple Pies, Cupcakes, Brownies

Adults \$9.00, Seniors \$8.00, 5-10 yrs. \$5.00, 4 & under are free.

Deliveries Available, Please call ahead to place your order 319-448-4241. Raffle for \$300, \$200 and \$100

October is Respect Life Month. At Birthright of Dubuque, we believe it is the right of every woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. If you have this same passion for life, would you consider joining us in our work? We provide free, non-judgmental, confidential services to pregnant women in our community. To find out more about volunteering in our office, serving on our board, or assisting with our social media outreach, please contact Angie Breitbach at 563-590-9064.

I give you a new commandment,  
says the Lord: love one another  
as I have loved you.

—JN 13:34

