

October 4, 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  
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### Pastorate Office

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Phone (563)852-3524  
FAX (563)852-3528  
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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  
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### 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

Kevin Schockemoehl - Chair  
Bob Green – Vice Chair  
Mike Otting - Secretary  
Karen Knepper, Chuck Shanahan  
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 Oct. 5	10:30am (C) Mary Green Funeral
Tue Oct. 6	7:00am (C) David J. Otting 8:30am (C) Online School Mass Curt Curoe
Wed Oct. 7	7:00am (C) James Kremer, Fr. James Stecher
Thu Oct. 8	7:00am (C) Adrian Vaske
Fri Oct. 9	7:00am (C) Sherman & Gladys Conlin
Sat Oct. 10	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Mass for Jake Welter & Sara Stevenson 4:00pm (F) Steven Rea & Dave Rea 5:30pm (C) Alma Knepper
Sun Oct. 11	8:00am (C) Jerry & Phyllis Green 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

## Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 4, 2020

### From Fr. Mark

This Sunday we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. We recognize that every human life is sacred to God. Life issues are interconnected. For example, we believe in the sanctity of life in the womb. We also believe that the life of an elderly person is not to be diminished in importance, even if that person is "no longer productive" or has little in the way of "quality of life". I appreciate the image that Cardinal Joseph Bernadin offered years ago, when he said that the Catholic Church teachings on the sanctity of human life can be regarded as a "seamless garment". When Jesus died on the cross, the soldiers were dividing his clothing into four shares. But when they saw that his tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down, they said to one another, "Let's not tear it..."

Cardinal Bernadin's use of this scriptural image means that there are many life issues, all of which are interconnected. We must protect human life in the womb, because these babies have no voice to speak for themselves. We must also look out for those men, women, and children whose human rights are being violated.

Sunday, October 4 is also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was devoted to proclaiming the beauty of creation, and is admired for his solidarity with the poor. He is beloved as the saint who was so kind to animals, and wrote a canticle in praise of God for the beauty of the earth. Pope Francis has written an encyclical letter entitled *Laudato Si* (Italian for "In Praise of"), inspired by the canticle of St. Francis. As we enter into October, it is good to be grateful for God's gift of life, to appreciate the sanctity of human life in all phases of life, and the beauty of creation.

### Pastorate

MercyOne Pharmacy will be providing flu vaccines after Masses on **Oct 17-18** for anyone 6 months and older. The flu vaccine is free with most insurances and otherwise is a \$25 charge. We will submit the claims to insurance after the clinics and will contact any patients who have a copay. Two popular insurance companies do not allow patients to be vaccinated at a pharmacy, and these include Medical Associates and Iowa Medicaid for children under the age of 18. We are happy to vaccinate anyone covered by these plans for \$25. We will have the forms in the back of St. Matthias before October 17/18. Please fill out the form ahead of time and be sure to either fill out the insurance information or just attach a copy of your insurance card. Please wear a top that allows easy upper arm access as well. Vaccines will be given after all Masses on October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

After 4:00pm Mass at Temple Hill  
After 5:00pm Mass at St. Matthias  
After 8:00am Mass at St. Matthias  
After 10:00am Mass at St. Matthias

October is Respect Life Month – Cascade Area Right to Life will be accepting donations at all the Masses on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Life Save Sunday. We thank you for your generosity!

COVID Recovery Iowa will provide counseling, virtual activities, referrals and help find resources to help Iowans build coping skills and resilience. Iowans can access services. Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276-Visit [www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org](http://www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org)- Follow COVID Recovery Iowa on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**Bereavement Series:** The Pastorate will host a 5 - part series for persons who have suffered the death of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting October 13th, 7:00pm in the Pastorate office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Dianne Reiter – 852-3962 or Jean Mausser – 852-7709.

The Cascade Knights of Columbus Council #930 will be holding a DRIVE THROUGH chicken fry on Saturday, October 17, from 5-8pm at the Columbus Hall. We will be serving a ½ chicken dinner with baked potato, coleslaw and dinner roll. The price will be \$10.00. **Dinner will be served as carry out only.** Please drive through and pick up a delicious fried chicken dinner and help our council support our local charities!

**Fasting Brothers** are men who commit to fasting one day a week in conjunction with their parish's Seven Sisters group exclusively for the intentions of their pastor. We are looking for 6 men in our pastorate who can make a one-year commitment to choosing one of the 6 days of the week (Sunday is not included) who will fast physically & spiritually for our pastor. Call Dianne Koppes or the Pastorate Office.

### Aquin Catholic Elementary School

**Reminder – CCD / RTR Registration:** This is a reminder to families whose children attend public schools – You can 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-** "Have no anxiety at all...if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Phil 4:6-9) What do you feel anxious about today? Sharing it with your spouse can lessen its power. Look for a positive thought to balance your anxiety.

### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Sept. 26-27, 2020: Budget: \$460.00; Auction: \$100.00.00; Total: \$560.00

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 – 4:00pm)**

*Commentator/Lector:* Ruth Rea

Ushers: Karen Callahan, Marty Mausser, Jean Mausser

**Church & Hall Cleaning October 2020:**

Kevin & Deb Rea, Dixie Schuster, Tom & Cheri Ryan, Linda Melloy, Jerry & Sara Melloy, Patrick & Samantha Ryan

## St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** Sept. 26-27, 2020 – Budget: \$2,435.00; Offertory: \$164.00; Auction: \$200.00; Energy Needs: \$500.00; Memorial: \$25.00; Total: \$3,324.00

### Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Oct. 3– 4:00pm)

*Commentator/Lector:* Denny Brackemeyer;

*Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Matt King

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

Church & Hall Cleaning (Oct. 2020): Mark & Monica Redmond, Mike & Deb Redmond

The St. Patrick Harvesting For Our Parish Raffle tickets will be sold after each of the St. Patrick Masses during the month of October (Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>).

It is \$25.00 per ticket and the raffle includes several cash prizes, including one each: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

If you have questions, or you are not able to purchase tickets after Mass, please contact a council member.

Winners will be drawn on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, during our annual parish auction. Winners need not be present to win.

## St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** Sept. 26-27, 2020: Budget/Total: \$225.00

Liturgical Participation: (October 17, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Marci Roe *Eucharistic Minister:* Emily Trumm; *Usher:* Joe & Norine Strang, Madeline Manternach, Jennifer Manternach

Church Cleaning: Joe & Norine Strang (leader), Ron Krapfl, Chris Krapfl, Marty & Angie Rausch, Ray & Mary Finn, Ray & Jeanne Manternach, Cyndi Trumm, Kris Hansen (before October 17)

Many thanks to all who donated and volunteered at our St. Peter's Parish Blood Drive on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your help is deeply appreciated! Seventeen units were collected to help those in need.

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wednesday, October 7 at 7 PM.

## St. Matthias, Cascade

**St. Matthias Generosity:** Sept. 26-27, 2020 – Budget: \$5,098.00; Offertory: \$322.50; Fun Fest: \$4,925.00; Holy Days: \$70.00; Total: \$10,415.50

**Liturgical Participation:** (weekdays: Oct. 5-9, 2020) - Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Dianne Koppes

## 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  
September 27, 2020:  
**\$28,085**  
Amount still needed:  
**\$16,915**

We are at 63% of our goal

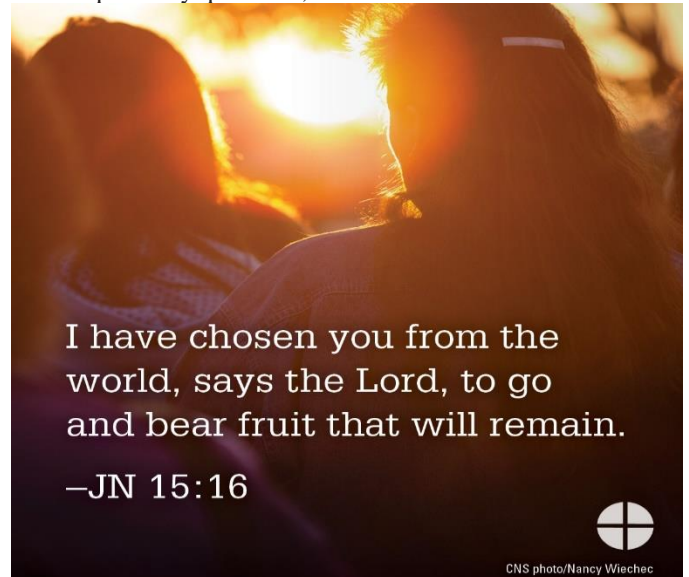
## Sacraments

### Congratulations to the following:

- ❖ Emmett Connor Golden, son of Connor & Megan Golden is welcomed this weekend in the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism.
- ❖ Doug Green and Annette Green who were joined the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

**That Man Is You (TMIY) is back!** The popular men's group will resume for the fall season of year 4 on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00 am, and will continue to be held at the Columbus Club Hall! There is plenty of space in the hall to spread out as necessary to meet the comfort level of all participants and small groups. 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 any or all Saturday mornings!

Due to the coronavirus and social distancing the annual Clarity Clinic banquet will be held online on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. To register to watch the 30 minute video go to: [go.clarityclinic.com/2020banquet](http://go.clarityclinic.com/2020banquet) After you register, a link will be emailed to you on the day of the event to watch the banquet. Any questions, call Dennis at 557-3123.



### A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,  
You adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.  
Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.  
Amen.