

November 8, 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 Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448
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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

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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)	
Sat Nov 7	1:30pm (C) Mass Nuptials: Riley Rausch & Hailey Manternach 4:00pm (G) Duane Recker 25 th Anniv. Justin & Cecelia Gavin
Sun Nov 8	5:30pm (C) Elsie, Bill & Kenny Ries 8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Frank Konzen & Deceased Members of the Kramer & Konzen Families
Mon Nov 9	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Nov 10	7:00am (C) Helen Laban 8:30am Aquin Online School Mass Lois Sullivan
Wed Nov 11	7:00am (C) Donald Leib, Edwin & Juanita Bergfeld
Thu Nov 12	7:00am (C) Allan Hosch
Fri Nov 13	7:00am (C) Frank Schulte
Sat Nov 14	4:00pm (F) Roger Callahan 5:30pm (C) Susie Kurt, Lawrence & Bernadette Kurt
Sun Nov 15	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Irwin Simon

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, November 1, 2020

From Fr. Mark

As we near the end of the liturgical year, we hear stories about the Kingdom of God, and the end times. For the next three Sundays, we hear parables which, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells just a few days before he dies on the cross. These stories have a very serious tone, for there are severe consequences for those who are unprepared for the return of the Master. Over the next three Sundays, Jesus tells three stories in which the Master is not visible, but is expected to return some time in the future. In today's story, 10 young women, called "virgins", (or in some translations, "bridesmaids") await the arrival of the bridegroom. However, the bridegroom is long delayed, and five of the bridesmaids didn't have any oil left for their lamps, and had to leave to go buy more oil. While those five were away, the wise virgins, who were prepared with extra lamp oil, went with the groom into the wedding feast. The door was locked, and by the time the five who were unprepared came back, the door was locked, and it was too late.

This parable tells us that we need to be prepared for the return of the Lord, who will arrive when we least expect it. The first reading tells us of the importance of "Wisdom", which is personified with feminine gender. All who seek "her" will be "quickly free from care", according to the text. Living wisely can help us to live life without extra anxiety as we prepare to meet the Lord. That sounds good when so much of today can be filled with worry and tension. If we can live wisely, in preparation for the Master's surprise arrival, then we can be welcomed into the heavenly feast.

Pastorate

We invite you to act upon the Pastorate Social Justice group's call to **Share your Harvest of Blessing** with our local communities. Cash or SCRIP donations designated for the food pantries in Cascade and Wyoming will make a positive difference during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Donations may also be directed toward judicious distribution by the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Staff. Please designate on the pre-printed envelope how to direct your gracious donation. If no instructions are made on the envelope, the entire gift will be distributed equally between the two food pantries. We encourage gifts to be made in the form of SCRIP, but it is not a requirement. Envelopes will be in the back of church. Clearly write your name on the envelope if you would like your gift to be included as part of your parish annual contribution summary. Please return gifts by November 20, 2020 either during Mass or directly to the Pastorate Office in Cascade. Thank you for making a positive difference.

Food Pantries Recommended SCRIP:

Cascade: Brother's Market/Walmart
Wyoming: Fareway/Walmart

Meetings:

Pastorate/All Parish Council: Tuesday, November 10, at Temple Hill. Pastorate: 6:30pm, All Parish: 7:00pm
Liturgy Committee Mtg: Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm Pastorate Office

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- Follow COVID Recovery Iowa on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

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.

Caring For Your Marriage- "Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom" (Wis 6:12). What is the wisest thing you've done so far in your life (other than marrying your beloved)? How is your spouse wise?

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

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.

Our Holiday Scrip program starting Monday, November 2nd. For every \$200 of scrip you buy, your name will go in a drawing for a \$250 scrip certificate. Contact the school office at 563.852.3331 for more information or stop at one of our local banks.

Join us each Tuesday live for our Aquin student Masses. If you are unable to join us live, you can find the recorded Masses on our web site at www.aquin.org.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020: Budget: \$1,825.00; Offertory: \$1019.00; Holy Days: \$350.00; Auction: \$5,250.00; Total: \$8,444.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Carolyn Turnis

Ushers: Joan Turnis, Kathy Staner

Church & Hall Cleaning November 2020:

Missy Stoll, Randy & Gina Gadiant, Mark & Angie Payne, Pat Delaney, Ed & Margie Stoll, Randy & Linda Roling

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020: Budget: \$400.00;
Auction: \$1300.00; Holy Days \$163.00; Total: \$1,863.00

Please call the Pastorate office if you are willing to
Commentate/Lector or usher for St. Pat's Masses. Please
email me at or call the office at 563-852-3524.

The St. Patrick's Parish Council wishes to thank everyone for
their participation in our fall auction. If you donated items or
money, participated in the raffle, told your friends about it,
stood in the cold to bid, Thank you! The auction was a great
success, because the wonderful people of St. Patrick's and the
surrounding community.

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Nov. 28-4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Denny Brackemyer;

Ushers: Matt King, Mike Redmond

Weekend Money Counters: November 2020–
Chuck Shanahan & Eric Vaske

Church & Hall Cleaning (Nov. 2020):

Bob & Vicki Noonan, Alan & Lois Gravel

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Oct. 31- Nov.1, 2020: Budget: \$335.00;
Holy Days: \$40.00; Total: \$375.00

Liturgical Participation: (November 21, 2020 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Kevin Schockemoehl

Eucharistic Minister: Matt Manternach

Usher: Lee & Marci Roe; Ty & Jeff Kelchen

Church Cleaning: Nic & Diane Loes (leader), Ron &
Monica Fagan, Gary & Sue Fagan, Casey & Jackie
Huston, Greg & Carol Bertling, Mike & Sharon Bertling
(before November 21)

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wednesday, November 11,
2020 at 7 PM.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020 – Budget:
\$3,658.00; Offertory: \$250.75; Thanksgiving: \$100.00;
Christmas: \$50.00; All Saints: \$407.00; Fun Fest: \$1,190.00;
Grain Bank: \$2,800.00; Total: \$8,455.75

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Nov 9-13): Linda Takes
Davis

Saturday – Nov. 14, 5:30pm- Memorial Mass

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Gleason

Ushers: Mark Otting, Kelly Sullivan

Sunday – Nov. 15, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Claire Brown

Ushers: Matt Nauman, Bridget Rea

Sunday – Nov. 15, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Amy Ludwig

Ushers: Brad & Luke Ludwig

Sacraments

Congratulations to Riley Rausch & Hailey Manternach who
are joined in the sacrament of holy matrimony this weekend.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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LUKAS STORYTELLER

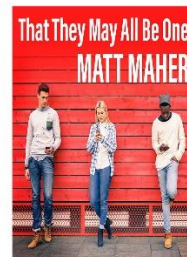
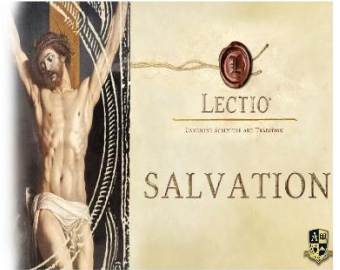
Journey with Lukas and Noah as they recount the great stories of Jesus and the saints throughout history!

WATCH

LEARN

LECTIO: SALVATION

What does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable ten-part video series, Scripture scholar and Augustine Institute Graduate School professor Michael Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE BY MATT MAHER

Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, song writer, and eight-time Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey.

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