



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

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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 28	4:00pm (G)	Merlin, Marian & Katie Mahoney, John Lynch, Justin & Cecelia Gavin
	5:30pm (C)	Paul & Isabelle Takes Family, Pete & Odie Boffeli, Steve & Julie Boffeli & Kay Noonan
Sun Nov 29	8:00am (C)	St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
	10:00am (C)	Deceased Members of the Bill & Doris Talbert Family
Mon Nov 30	(C) W/C	
Tue Dec 1	7:00am (C)	Jim Krapfl, Virginia “Jean” McLees
Wed Dec 2	7:00am (C)	Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Thu Dec 3	7:00am (C)	Larry Volk
Fri Dec 4	7:00am (C)	Phil Dahlem
Sat Dec 5	4:00pm (G)	Michelle Molony, Andy & Helen Laban, Justin & Cecelia Gavin
	5:30pm (C)	Robert Peryon
Sun Dec 6	8:00am (C)	St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
	10:00am (C)	Charlie Sadler
	11:15am (C)	Communal Reconciliation

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

From Fr. Mark

Today we begin the Season of Advent!

An Advent prayer from Bishop Robert Morneau:

Faithful God, we tend to wander from your constant friendship. Continue to gift us with watchful hearts, so that as you come into our daily lives, we might be open to your love, and come to witness that love in our concern for others. Help us to be aware of your kindness, in your mercy, grant us your salvation. Come, Lord Jesus!

This prayer includes several themes from our readings for this First Sunday of Advent: Being watchful for God's presence, being grateful for God's gifts of knowledge and fellowship with his Son, being formed by God's loving hands. Isaiah put it this way: "We are the clay, and YOU, Lord, are the potter: we are all the work of your hands."

Next Sunday, December 6th, after the 10 AM Mass, we will have communal Reconciliation. We hope people are able to make time for this sacrament of forgiveness. We will also celebrate First Reconciliation this coming Wednesday, December 2nd, and the Aquin students will celebrate Reconciliation on Tuesday Dec, 1st.

Next weekend, we also celebrate National Day of Inclusion, recognizing the contributions made to our community by people with disabilities

What Do You Want for Christmas?

"What do you want for Christmas?" This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the altar and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas.

When we kneel and ask Jesus what He wants from us, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time with Him. Maybe each of us could include in our list to spend more time with God.

- Participate in Mass more frequently to the level of our comfort in person or online
- Find some time for prayer each morning.
- End our day with spiritual reading.
- Say the rosary while we drive to work or with our family.
- Participate in Eucharistic Adoration
- Stop into church occasionally for a quiet visit.
- Set up an appointment for Reconciliation.

The gift of time with God could be the very best gift we could give ourselves in this most unusual year, It maybe, just maybe be what our own hearts are truly longing for to bring us peace.

Pastorate

If there is a 2 Hour Delay or cancellation at Western Dubuque Schools – there will be no morning 7:00am Mass.

There will be a sign up in the back of St. Matthias for our Christmas Masses 4:30pm, 6:30pm and 8:00am Masses for Lector/Commentator, 2 Eucharistic Ministers and 4 Ushers each Mass. And then a family at the 4:30 and the 6:30 Mass to carry up baby Jesus. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, please call the Pastorate Office at 852-3524.

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Advent Reconciliation 2020
St. Matthias - Sun, Dec 6, 11:15am- Communal Reconciliation
Temple Hill - Tuesday, December 8, after 6:30pm Mass
Sacred Heart - Saturday, December 12, 3:00pm
St. Matthias - Saturday, December 12 after 5:30pm Mass
St. Matthias - Sun, Dec 13 after 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
St. Matthias - Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Sacred Heart - Wednesday, December 16, 5:30pm-6:30pm
St. Patrick - Thursday, December 17, 5:30pm-6:30pm
St. Matthias - Saturday, December 19, after 5:30pm Mass
St. Matthias - Sun, Dec 20, after 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
St. Matthias - Wednesday, December 23, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Please pray for our participants who will be making their First Reconciliation this week...

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| 1. Angel Barrios Lopez | 24. Parker Manternach |
| 2. Owen Beck | 25. Lydia McLees |
| 3. Brayden Burger | 26. Blake McQuillen |
| 4. Ellyana Casey | 27. Odette Moncada |
| 5. Ethan Casey | 28. Josie Peiffer |
| 6. Will Conrad | 29. Graham Pisarik |
| 7. Kiera Curoe | 30. Maycee Ries |
| 8. Brayden Donovan | 31. Peyton Roling |
| 9. Aliya Frake | 32. Evan Rollinger |
| 10. Raylan Henneberry | 33. Everette Ryan |
| 11. Kate Hosch | 34. Chase Simon |
| 12. Maxine Hosch | 35. Mack Simon |
| 13. Samuel Hosch | 36. Lucas Smith |
| 14. Sophia Hutchins | 37. Benny Stoll |
| 15. Addie Kedley | 38. Ellorie Stoll |
| 16. Callie Kelchen | 39. Peyton Taft |
| 17. Elijah Knepper | 40. Blake Trumm |
| 18. Charlotte Knuth | 41. Brady Trumm |
| 19. Grace Lawler | 42. Corey Veach |
| 20. Drew Leytem | 43. Jack White |
| 21. Serenity Lindauer | 44. Evelyn Williams |
| 22. Andrew Manternach | 45. Anthony Escobedo |
| 23. Elsie Manternach | 46. Ivanette Escobedo |

Poinsettias: We will continue the custom of donating in memory of loved ones to cover the cost of the poinsettias to decorate the churches. The requested donation is \$15. Place in an envelope separate from your budget envelope and on a separate check from your budget check. Make a separate check out for each church. On a separate sheet of paper or on the outside of the envelope write the parish to receive the donation, your name and the name of the persons for whom the memorial is being made. Place in the collection or bring to the pastorate office by Sun. Dec. 13th. A list of memorials will be in the Dec. 27th bulletin.

As we continue our thankfulness in November, there are more people behind the scenes that keeps our churches running. Here are a few more of the jobs that we owe a huge thank you for all they do throughout the year...

our deacons, all the liturgical ministers, all choir members, Befrienders, Prayer Tree Ministry, Transportation Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, those that deliver homebound communion, bulletin stuffers, church/hall cleaners, substitute office assistants, those that are on the Parish Council, School Board, Liturgical Committee, Faith Formation, RCIA, Community Life Committee, Social Justice Committee, and all other committees and boards that keep all of our churches running. We are so very grateful for all you do! God Bless each and every one of you!

(Please call the office if there are others that you want recognized. I didn't intend to leave anyone out. Shellie)

Advent begins the first season of the liturgical year! What will you do to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ during Advent? In the bulletin this weekend is an informational insert about Advent. In the back of church are some booklets titled, "Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ". These daily reflections by Michael Hoy are based around the scenes and themes of the beloved Christmastime film, "It's A Wonderful Life". Other Advent opportunities include a daily reflection by Bishop Robert Barron of The Word on Fire Institute available on our website, Formed Daily Advent Reflections, and Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever. Visit the websites of these online options to sign up and receive a daily email to help you reflect during this "reason for the season"!

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee is once again hosting a **Pop-Up Food Pantry** on Saturday mornings from **10:00am- 12:00 Noon** in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Food Drive for St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry

The Committee is again in need of non-perishable food items, personal care items, & laundry soap. If anyone would like to donate these items or a monetary donation, you can drop it off at the Pastorate Office. Thank you!!!

Caring For Your Marriage- "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mk 13:33) Advent is a season of waiting. As Christians we are not only waiting for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas, but the day that Christ will come again. We do not know the time. Are there any endearing words you want to say to your beloved? Don't wait.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Nov. 21-22, 2020: Budget: \$1,535.00; Holy Days: \$20.00; Auction: \$4,450.00; Total: \$6,005.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, December 12, 2020 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Marty Mausser

Ushers: Nick & Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning December 2020:

Chuck & Amy Noonan, Nic & Cody Noonan, Morgan & Laura Ryan, Chad & Keeley Curoe, Martin Stoffel



Sacred Heart Auction

Fundraising Goal

By December 31, 2020:

\$30,000

Amount Contributed as of

November 22, 2020:

\$16,275

Amount still needed:

\$13,725

We are at 55% of our go

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 21-22, 2020: Budget: \$353.00; EFT: \$675.00; Total: \$1,028.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Dec. 5-4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Margie Bradley;

Ushers: Bob Noonan, Chuck Shanahan

Weekend Money Counters: December 2020

Cathy Rubel & Adam Rollinger

Church & Hall Cleaning (Dec. 2020):

Chuck & Mary Shanahan, Lois Lynch, Don & Joan Meloy

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Nov. 21-22, 2020: Budget: \$1,970.00; Offertory: \$36.00; Thanksgiving: \$50.00; Votive Stand: \$2.56; Hall Rent: \$100.00; Total: \$2,158.56

Liturgical Participation: (Holy Day) - (Dec 8 2020 - 6:30 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Chris Krapfl; *Eucharistic Minister:*

Sue Trumm; *Usher:* Scot & Marty Knepper;

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

Lector/Commentator: Joe Trumm; *Eucharistic*

Minister: Marie Knepper; *Usher:* Jason & Lisa Kurt;

Ralph & Janice Trumm

Church Cleaning: Joe & Sara Trumm (leader), Jordan &

Robert Trumm, Kevin & Janet Schockemoehl, Eric &

Stacie Schockemoehl, Ryan & Shelly Schockemoehl,

Renee Coyle, John & Evelyn Noel (before December 19)

The holy day Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be

at St. Peter's on December 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will follow Mass.

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed, Dec 2 at 7 PM.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Nov. 21-22, 2020 – Budget: \$3,711.00; Offertory: \$378.25; Thanksgiving: \$1,375.00; Holy Days: \$50.00; Total: \$5,514.25

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Nov. 30-Dec. 4): Jean Simon

Saturday – Dec. 5, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Candy Bradley

Ushers: Fred Rogers, Kelly Sullivan

Sunday – Dec. 6, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Conrad

Ushers: Mike & Bridget Rea

Sunday – Dec. 6, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Amy Ludwig

Ushers: Brad & Luke Ludwig