



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

Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
 W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Sat Dec 19	4:00pm (T) Members of the Stoll Family, Tom Hoffmann, Randall Schoenherr, Zacharia Peiffer & Terese Peiffer
Sun Dec 20	5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 8:00am (C) Stan Callahan 10:00am (C) Andy & Helen Laban
Mon Dec 21	10:30am (C) Funeral for Gene Hoffmann
Tue Dec 22	(C) No 7:00am Mass there is a Funeral for Irvin Kleitsch 8:30am Aquin Mass Dode Merfeld
Wed Dec 23	7:00am (C) Joe & Agnes Drew & Natalie Regan
Thu Dec 24	3:00pm (G) Special Intention 5:00pm (F) Special Intention 4:30pm (C) Special Intention 6:30pm (C) Special Intention 9:00pm (C) Special Intention
Fri Dec 25	8:00am (C) Special Intention 9:30am (T) Special Intention 11:00am (C) Special Intention
Sat Dec 26	4:00pm (G) Merlin, Marian, Katie Mahoney, John Lynch 5:30pm (C) Lawrence, Bernadette & Susie Kurt, Charlotte Danner, Ralph Tranel
Sun Dec 27	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Charles Green

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020

From Fr. Mark

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. We hear in today's reading about God's plan for our salvation. God will send his only Son to be our Savior. God has had this plan in mind for a long time. This plan was "a mystery for long ages" according to St. Paul in our second reading, but was "made manifest in the prophetic writings". The prophet Nathan told King David in our first reading, that a descendant of David would have a kingdom which would last forever. We as Christians believe that this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, Son of Mary and Son of God. In our Gospel, Mary listens to the message of the Archangel Gabriel, and says yes to God's plan. She said: "Let it be done to me according to your word." God has a big plan for our salvation, involving Nathan and David, Mary and Joseph, Paul and the apostles, and men and women today. Will you say "yes!" to God's plan for you?

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Special Parish Christmas Electronic Giving Opportunity

– An annual financial gift to the parish at Christmas is deeply personal and prayerful. To provide another way to give and make it easier for parishioners who wish to offer a Christmas gift to our parish, the Archdiocese of Dubuque has set up a special page on its website to give your Christmas gift via credit or debit card. Your gift will be given directly to our parish without any administrative or credit card fees. So, 100% of your gift comes to us, designated as your Christmas gift to the parish. Go to www.dbqarch.org/parishChristmas to make a one-time gift. The site will remain open through Epiphany, January 3, 2021. Thank you for considering a Christmas gift to our parish this year. If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Takes at the Pastorate Office.

Thanks for giving. “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection.

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Advent Reconciliation 2020

St. Matthias - Sun, Dec 20, after 8:00am & 10:00am Mass

St. Matthias - Wednesday, December 23, 5:30pm-6:30pm

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.

The Archdiocese wants us to remind you that all 2020 budget donations will have to be in by noon on December 31, 2020.

Any donations or mail received after noon on December 31, 2020 will be posted for the 2021 even if the donation is postmarked prior to December 31st. We encourage your generosity but we also have to follow IRS rules.

St. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Masses

December 24, 2020

3:00pm St. Patrick
4:30pm St. Matthias
5:00pm Sacred Heart
6:30pm St. Matthias
9:00pm St. Matthias

December 25, 2020

8:00am St. Matthias
9:30am St. Peter
11:00am St. Matthias

All Parish Cemetery Winter Reminder: The Cemetery Board of Directors from each of the parishes remind all to please remove any memorial items from the cemeteries that will not tolerate the winds and snow. The Cemeteries are not responsible for remaining items.

We are now able to livestream Mass! Go to Facebook to watch Mass at 5:30 on Saturday evenings.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch Mass through our website at stapastorate.org and click on the Facebook link there.

Future viewing of the video will be made available through Facebook shortly after Mass is over.

We are working to be able to provide the video through other viewing options and will let you know when that is in place.

Thank you for the feedback from last weekend! This opportunity has been made possible by each of you through your financial support!

This also presents another lay minister opportunity. We need people to help provide this livestream each weekend.

It is a simple process that is listed step by step. Please contact the Pastorate Office if you would like to help with this ministry.

If we are canceling Mass due to the weather, it will be announced on the following:

The Pastorate Facebook page, Radio Stations - Dubuque stations: Townsquare Media (KXGE, KLYV, WJOD, WDBQ fm & am), KGRR, WVRE, KDTH, KATF, Maquoketa KMAQ fm & am, Dyersville KDST TV Stations: KWWL, KCRG, KGAN

Caring For Your Marriage- “Then the angel said to her ‘Do not be afraid, Mary.’” (Luke 1:30) Sometimes it can be frightening to embark upon a big change in life – a birth, a death, changing a job, retirement...Call to mind a fear from the past or a current one. Trust that sharing it with your beloved will be safe.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Make sure to join us for our virtual Christmas concert on Facebook or find the link on our school web page at www.aquin.org. Let our students in grades PreK-5 help put you in the Christmas mood singing a variety of Christmas music. This concert will be posted on the week of December 21st.

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

The Pastorate Office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 12-13, 2020: Budget: \$1,550.00; Holy Days: \$20.00; Auction: \$1,200.00; Total: \$2,770.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, December 24, 2020 5:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Carolyn Turnis; Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Rea, Kathy Staner, Joan Turnis
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

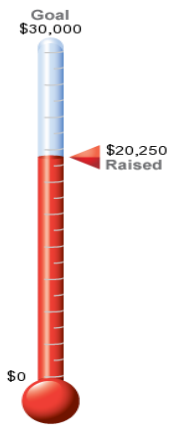
Amount Contributed as of December 13, 2020:

\$21,450

Amount still needed:

\$8,550

We are at 72% of our goal



St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 12-13, 2020: Budget: \$1,965.00; Thanksgiving: \$25.00; Christmas: \$25.00; Holy Days: \$33.00; Total: \$2,048.00

Liturgical Participation – Thursday, Dec. 24-3:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Mike Molony; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Deb Redmond, Diane Vaske, Janet Felton; *Ushers:* Denny Brackemyer, Bob Noonan

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Dec. 26-4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Wanda Loewen; *Ushers:* Rich Molony, Mark Redmond

Weekend Money Counters: December 2020

Cathy Rubel & Adam Rollingner

Church & Hall Cleaning (Dec. 2020):

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

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Dec. 12-13, 2020: Budget: \$2,210.00; Offertory: \$116.00; Thanksgiving: \$10.00; Christmas: \$1000.00; Holy Days: \$280.00; Mid-Winter Fling: \$200.00; Total: \$3,776.00

Liturgical Participation: (Holy Christmas Day) - (December 25, 2020 - 9:30 AM)

Lector/Commentator: Marci Roe

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Knepper

Usher: Joe & David Trumm; Sara Trumm

The Christmas Mass at St. Peter's will be a 9:30 AM on Christmas Day, Dec 25th.

The next regular weekend Mass at St. Peter's is Sat., January 16 at 4:00 PM.

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed, Dec 23 at 7 PM.

Mass Reservations: Please let Julie know if you are planning to attend the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's on Christmas Day. With limited seating due to COVID, we want to make sure that there will be a spot for you. Thanks!

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Dec. 12-13 – Budget:

\$11,790.00; *Offertory:* \$353.00; *Thanksgiving:* \$260.00; *Christmas:* \$3,705.00; *Holy Days:* \$820.00; *Grain Bank:* \$13,416.11; *Total:* \$30,344.11

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Dec.- 21-23): Carol Noonan

Thursday – Dec. 24, 4:30pm-

Family to carry baby Jesus: Matt & Kara Hosch;

Lector: Molly Recker; *Commentator:* Claire Brown;

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Betzner, Kathy Beck, Ronda Kurt;

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Mike Gehl, TBA

Thursday– Dec. 24, 6:30pm-

Family to carry baby Jesus: Fred & Megan Oliphant

Lector: Kay Takes; *Commentator:* Randy Schell; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Paul Peiffer, Shannon Rogers, Cindy Trumm

Ushers: Fred Rogers, Harley Leytem, Nancy Leytem

Thursday – Dec. 24, 9:00pm-

Lector: Kerri Takes; *Commentator:* Jean Conrad; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Chuck Reiter, TBA

Ushers: Dan Kurt, Janice Kurt

Friday– Dec. 25, 8:00am

Lector: Dianne Koppes; *Commentator:* Mark Otting;

Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Knuth, Rita Manternach

Ushers: Matt Nauman, Carson Nauman, Jeff Reiter

Friday– Dec. 25, 11:00am

Family to bring up baby Jesus: Luke & Samantha Thole

Lector: Hung Le; *Commentator:* Jason McDermott

Eucharistic Ministers: Madeline Ludwig, Becca McDermott

Ushers: Brad Ludwig, Mike Steffen, Naomi Steffen

Saturday – Dec. 26, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Gleason

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Jim Betzner

Sunday – Dec. 27, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl

Reiter/Chuck Reiter

Ushers: Matt Nauman, Chuck Reiter

Sunday – Dec. 27, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm

Ushers: Brad & Amy Ludwig

*Wishing all the parishioners of
St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate
a blessed Christmas season.*

