



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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Pastorate Office

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 Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
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Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes
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 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

Liturgy Schedule

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

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
Mon Dec 28	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Dec 29	7:00am (C) W/C
Wed Dec 30	7:00am (C) W/C
Thu Dec 31	5:30pm (C) Ray & Mary Turnis, Tom Turnis
Fri Jan 1	8:00am (C) Living & Deceased Member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926, Julius, Mary & Jim Brockamp
Sat Jan 2	4:00pm (G) Alfred Smith 5:30pm (C) Henry, Justin & Terry Joe Kremer
Sun Jan 3	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Rich Moore, Tom Motsch & Chester Enriquez

Holy Family of Jesus, December 27, 2020

From Fr. Mark

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! And happy Feast of the Holy Family! We are so happy to have our parishioners and our guests join us for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord. With Christmas Day on Friday, we have four consecutive days of Christmas liturgies. And we welcome all those who are looking for a church to join. Please give us a call at the office (563 582 3524) if you are interested. We also understand if you choose to stay at home in order to avoid the Covid 19 virus. Please access our livestream of the Christmas mass and 5:30 PM Saturday night mass for the Feast of the Holy Family at stapastorate.org

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1 is a Holyday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We will have Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Matthias on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and 8 AM New Year's Day, Jan 1, also at St. Matthias.

Many thanks to all who have been working hard to make our Advent and Christmas liturgies so special. We thank our musicians and singers, our hospitality ministers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and sacristans. We are grateful to all who helped decorate the churches in our St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate. We are grateful to our liturgy Committee members who have helped take reservations, and to prepare our churches and the grade school gym so that we can accommodate people safely during the time of the pandemic. Thanks to all who have helped clean the churches for the next mass for these last several months. We also appreciate the generosity of those who have contributed to our parishes with a financial Christmas gift, and have donated to special fundraisers at our parishes and our Aquin School. Thanks also to all who have sent cards, gifts, fruit, and cookies to me for Christmas. You have been very thoughtful!

May God bless you and all your loved ones with a wonderful Christmas Season!

Fr. Mark Osterhaus
Shellie Schlemme
Kerri Takes
Vicki Palmer
Nicole Casey
Becky Williams
Deacon Ray Noonan
Deacon Marvin Recker
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl
Deacon Steve Strang

Pastorate

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.

Save the date

for the Annual Aquin System Gala on
Saturday April 12, 2021.

If you would like to volunteer or donate an item you can contact Abby Archer at 563-590-7439 or Karen Bergfeld at 563-599-0980.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee

There will not be a **Pop-Up Food Pantry** on this Saturday morning December 26, but there will be another Pop-up on Wednesday, December 30th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade. If you need assistance before then please call the office at 563-852-3524 or Diana Meyer at the Cascade Food Pantry at 563-852-3285.

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

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.

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.

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.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 19-20, 2020: Budget: \$990.00; EFT: \$50.00; Christmas: \$950.00; Auction: \$1,200.00; Total: \$2,820.00

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

Financial report as of November 30, 2020	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$44,326
YTD Expenses	\$29,797
Excess Income/Exp	\$14,529
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 11/30/2020	

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Dec. 19-20, 2020: Budget: \$3,800.00; Offertory: \$49.00; EFT: \$360.00; Thanksgiving: \$10.00; Christmas: \$1,470.00; Holy Days: \$280.00; Total: \$5,969.00

Liturgical Participation: (January 16, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Shelly Schockemoehl

Eucharistic Minister: LuAnn Manternach

Usher: Ron & Chris Krapfl

Church Cleaning: Rick & Lucinda Turnis (leader), Russel Streeper, Mark & Mary Ann Trumm, Matt & Ashley Kurt, Mike & Sara Bradley, Don & Rose Topping, Nathan & Kelli Topping, Kim Wolbers (before January 16, 2021)

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed, Dec 30 at 7 PM

Financial report as of November 30, 2020	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$66,703
YTD Expenses	\$46,190
Excess Income/Exp	\$20,513
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 11/30/2020	

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Dec. 19-20 – Budget:

\$17,924.00; *Offertory:* \$674.00; *EFT:* \$5,237.00; *Christmas:* \$7,395.00; *Holy Days:* \$10.00; *Grain Bank:* \$1,101.94; *Total:* \$32,341.94

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Dec.- 28-Jan. 1): Nancy Strang

Saturday – Jan 2, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Strang

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Jim Betzner

Sunday – Jan. 3, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Chuck Casey

Ushers: Matt Nauman, Carson Nauman

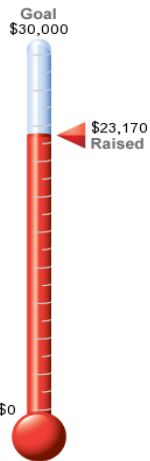
Sunday – Jan. 3, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Lynch

Ushers: Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme

Financial report as of November 30, 2020	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$226,622
YTD Expenses	\$271,754
Excess Income/Exp	-\$45,132
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 11/30/2020	

Sacred Heart Auction Fundraising Goal



By December 31, 2020:

\$30,000

Amount Contributed as of December 13, 2020:

\$23,170

Amount still needed:

\$6,830

We are at 78% of our goal

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 19-20, 2020: Budget: \$2,846.00; EFT: \$675.00; Christmas: \$550.00; Initial Offering: \$200.00; Total: \$4,271.00

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

Commentator/Lector: Wanda Loewen;

Ushers: Rich Molony, Mark Redmond

Weekend Money Counters: December 2020

Cathy Rubel & Adam Rollinger

Church & Hall Cleaning (Dec. 2020):

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

Financial report as of November 30, 2020	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$66,464
YTD Expenses	\$58,041
Excess Income/Exp	\$8,423
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 11/30/2020	

We sent our Derecho funds that we collected to 3 different charities. One of the places being Hot Meals USA who Fr. Loecke had recommended because they had supplied food boxes that St. Matthews handed out at their parish. The following is the letter that they sent us:

Dear St. Thomas Pastorate,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$2,765.34 to Hot Meals USA. So far, we have handed out 625 semi loads of food boxes to families in need in Iowa and neighboring states. That reached 750,000 families.

Thank you again for your kindness!

Richard & Cheryl Cochran