

January 3, 2021

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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Pastorate Support Staff

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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

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 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
Mon Jan 4	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Jan 5	7:00am (C) Don Lindauer 8:30am Aquin Mass Herb Peiffer
Wed Jan 6	7:00am (C) Fr. Paul Ouder Kirk
Thu Jan 7	7:00am (C) Clifford & Betty Woerdehoff
Fri Jan 8	7:00am (C) Bob Takes, Paul & Sybil Takes
Sat Jan 9	4:00pm (F) Charlie Sadler 5:30pm (C) Sharon Aldrich
Sun Jan 10	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Wilfred & Phyllis Merfeld 10:00am (C) Don & Velma Britt

Epiphany of the Lord, January 3, 2021

From Fr. Mark

The Gospel of Matthew offers us the story of the Magi making their journey to the Christ Child. We call this event in the life of Jesus the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means "the Showing" or "Manifestation". Jesus is revealed or shown as the one sent to save the people of all the nations.

The author of the Gospel of Matthew features these magi or astrologers as seekers from a far away land. They meet Herod as they seek the child. Herod is desperate to protect his throne. He has had others murdered and plans to deal with the threat of a "new king" in the same way.

The story of the Magi tells us this child is important to all people, not just to people who are from Galilee, and not just to people who worship the God of the Jews.

In his Christmas message, Pope Francis insisted: "Fraternity, and compassion applies to all people, even though they do not belong to my family, my ethnic group, or my religion. We can't let closed nationalisms impede us from living as the true human family that we are."

After giving the Christ Child their gifts, the Magi cross borders without Herod's authorization. The Magi journey back after having encountered their Savior. "Closed nationalism" should not prevent us from recognizing God's love for all people, including people who cross borders. Many who are crossing borders are doing so in desperation to escape the violence in their home countries. These men, women and children are seeking a new life and are people who have gifts to offer the people in the lands new to them.

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.

**Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas Masses so wonderful!!!
All of your efforts are appreciated!!!**

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

We will resume our normal **Pop-Up Food Pantry Saturday schedule** - Saturday, January 9th 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.

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.

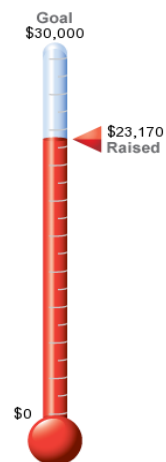
Caring For Your Marriage- "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Mt 2:11) Do you and your family support the church or any charities financially? If you are not in a position to donate money, offer gifts to the Lord through your service to others.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 24-27, 2020: Budget: \$1,295.00; Offertory: \$481.00; Christmas: \$4,410.00; Easter: \$100.00; Holy Days: \$120.00; Total: \$2,820.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, January 9, 2020 5:00pm
Commentator/Lector: Ann Callahan; **Ushers:** Marty & Jean Mausser
Church & Hall Cleaning January 2021:

David & Carolyn Turnis, Austin & Claire Brown, Ken & Jeanette Mausser, Jon & Jennifer King, Josh & Kayla Klein, Chuck & Patty Delaney, Brian & Linda Recker



Sacred Heart Auction Fundraising Goal

By December 31, 2020:
\$30,000
Amount Contributed as of
December 27, 2020:
\$23,170
Amount still needed:
\$6,830
We are at 78% of our goal



Celebrating 10 years of service, The Catholic Foundation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (CFAD) multiplies charitable resources for maximum benefit to support Catholic parishes, schools and organizations. CFAD helps donors sustain the faith through charitable planning and legacy giving services and is our area foundation for our Catholic community. Learn more at OurCFAD.org or call 563-552-0176.

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 24-27, 2020: Budget: \$2,640.00; Offertory: \$412.00; Thanksgiving: \$25.00; Christmas: \$6,706.00; Auction: \$50.00; Initial Offering: \$303.00; Total: \$10,136.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Jan 23-4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Denny Brackemyer;
Ushers: Chuck Shanahan, Don Meloy
Weekend Money Counters: January 2021
Cathy Rubel, Adam Rollinger
Church & Hall Cleaning (Jan. 2021):
Jim & Chris Ruden, Janine Capesius

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Dec. 24-27, 2020: Budget: \$2,365.00; Offertory: \$159.00; Christmas: \$4,185.00; Holy Days: 25.00; Grainbank: \$3,459.61; Total: \$10,193.61

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, Jan. 6 at 7 PM

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Dec. 24-27 – Budget: \$17,063.00; Offertory: \$1,390.77; Thanksgiving: \$100.00; Christmas: \$21,585.00; Holy Days: \$50.00; Grain Bank: \$7,547.09; Total: \$47,735.86

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Jan. 4-8): Linda Takes Davis

Saturday – Jan 9, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Pat Noonan
Ushers: Fred Rogers, Jean Simon

Sunday – Jan. 10, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Claire Brown
Ushers: Mike & Bridget Rea

Sunday – Jan. 10, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Barb Sauser
Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

2021 Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Beauty in Christ: On Fire with the Holy Spirit!!! Saturday, January 30, 2021, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM ("doors" open at 8:30 AM!) Connect with Women: Spark your Spirit: Fuel your Faith. This virtual conference offers all the GREAT aspects of Beauty in Christ: a welcome by Archbishop Jackels, two dynamic speakers, live music, a variety of vendors, opportunities for prayer and Adoration, and more! Our national speakers, Maria Vadia and Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, will spark a fire within us for a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit!

(Maria will present in English and Spanish).

REGISTER NOW: \$25.00 per person, with graduated discounts for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and more. To check out the pricing options and to register: <https://archwomensconference.org/registration/>. We hope to see you Saturday, January 30, 2021!

2021 Men's Conference

The 2021 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** and will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, host of "The Patrick Madrid Show" on Relevant Radio. The day also includes breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Due to COVID-19, participants can register to join either virtually (via a live-stream) or in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids (where CDC guidelines will be followed). For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org.

Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time. We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year will be a more fruitful one. We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

AMEN.

Sacred Heart Christmas Flowers

Donor	Intentions of the Donor
LaVonne Callahan	In Memory of Darby Callahan and the Hunt & Callahan Families
Mitch & Brenda Klepper	In Memory of Cyril & Kathryn Turnis, Herman & Veronica Welter, Curt & Ardis Klepper
Marty & Jean Mausser	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Mausser, Martensen & Fox Families
Brian & Joyce McQuillen	In Memory of Hienie & Monica Gehl
Darlene Meyer	In Memory of Dennis Meyer, Francis (Rex) Stoffel, Gertie (Stoffel) McDermott, Merlin & JoAnne Meyer, Jerry Stoffel, Jerry & Darlys Stoeffler
Phil & Sheila Otting	In Memory of James & Valeria Rea
Patrick & Ruth Rea	In Memory of Steven P. Rea
Jeanne Sadler	In Memory of Charlie Sadler, Bob McCabe, Mary (McCabe) McKenna
Jim & Marge Schuster	In Memory of the
Donnie & Kathy Staner Family	In Memory of Janet Staner
Mike & Joan Turnis	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Turnis & Welter Families
Tom White	In Memory of Betty White

St. Peter Christmas Flowers

Donor	Intentions of the Donor
Joan Hoffmann	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Manternach & Hoffmann Families
Tom & Mary Stecklein	In Memory of Frank Hoeger
Betty Trumm	In Memory of Robert Trumm
The Welter Family	In Memory of Herman & Veronica Welter, Alan Welter, Gary Welter

St. Patrick Christmas Flowers

Donor	Intentions of the Donor
Anonymous	In Memory of Bob McDevitt
Denny & Jean Brackemyer	In Memory of Ed Brackemyer, Willie & Phyllis Merfeld

Frank & Darlene Conlan	In Memory of Orville & Lucille Conlan, Arnold & Leila Delaney, Grace Gassman, Joe Conlan, Loras Delaney
Margie Bradley & Zip Gassman	In Memory of Steve Bradley, Grace Gassman, Laura Noonan, the Deceased Members of the Decker & Gassman Families
Linus & Shirley McDermott	In Memory of Andy & Helen Laban and Deceased Members of the Otting Family
Joan & Doni Meloy	In Memory of Marian & Merlin Mahoney and Gertrude & Cyril Meloy
Dick & Barb Molony	In Memory of Michelle Molony, Peg & Ray Cahill, Gene & Rosie Cahill
Bob & Vicki Noonan and Jean Recker	In Memory of Duane Recker, Willard & Marie Noonan, Mary Kay Noonan, Denise Noonan, Ron Noonan, Mamie & Albert Fay, Lavern & Clifford Bye
John & Mary Pat Noonan Family	In Memory of Willard & Marie Noonan
Mike & Deb Redmond	In Memory of Gene & Madonna Redmond
Chuck & Mary Shanahan Family	In Memory of John, Isabell, Pat Loras Shanahan, Ann Timmerman, Merlin, Marian, Katie Mahoney, John Lynch
Pearl, David & Erin Shanahan	In Memory of Ellen Marie & Donald Shanahan, Earl, Rose & Larry Decker, Rachel Rose Decker, Gabe Glasman, and all the Deceased Friends from Pearl's Place
Margie Smith	In Memory of Al & Stephanie Smith

St. Matthias Christmas Flowers

Donor

Intentions of the Donor

John Althoff	In Memory of Mary Beth Althoff, Joe & Edna Althoff
Anonymous	In Memory of Ewald G. Gerkin
Dave & Kathy Beck	In Memory of Nick & Marie Beck, Nick Beck Jr. Tim Webber, Tom Gabel, Helen Westhoff
Dave & Mary Benke	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Al & Germaine Kelchen Family and the Clarence & Nellie Benke Family
Ron & Linda Benke	In Memory of Robert & Eileen Conrad In Memory of Clarence & Nellie Benke, Jeanine & Dee Benke
James & Judy Betzner	In Memory of Paul & Joan Betzner, Chuck Koppes
Mike & Donna Callahan	In Memory of Bertha Feller & Ron Feller

Charles & Madonna Casey	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Casey & Manternach Families
Carol Cigrand	In Memory of Eugene & Laura Cigrand, Betty, Bob, Gin & Leona
Marian Connolly	In Memory of Stanley Connolly, Walter & Rita Connolly, Elmer & Lorraine Bolsinger
Donovan Family	In Memory of Jean, Cletus & Scruff Donovan
Tom & Donna Fah	In Memory of Frank & Rosalia Fah, Vernon & Marion Gudenkauf
Marie Finn	In Memory of Rusty Finn and the Finn & Takes Families
Terry & Jan Frasher	In Memory of Francis & LauraBelle Knepper, Bob Knepper and Jill Marie Rausch, Edward & Marguerite Frasher and Kay Aitchison
Herb Green Family	In Memory of Herb Green
Jerome & Betty Green	In Memory of Pat Green, the Marvin Wagner Family, the Jerome Green Family, and the Chris Green Family
Mike & Julie Green	In Memory of Gerry & Phyllis Green and Dick & Doris Putz
Gene & Anita Gudenkauf	In Memory of Lois Gudenkauf
Tom & Nancy Hosch	In Memory of Urban & Jane Green, John & Mary Hosch
Katie Hughes	In Memory of John & Rita Hughes In Memory of Larry & Helen Rohret
Bryon & Carolyn Kelchen Family	In Memory of the Kelchen & Rea Families
George Knepper	In Memory of the Alma Knepper
Ginny Knepper & Family	In Memory of Bob Knepper and Francis & LauraBelle Knepper
Fred & Marlene Kremer Family	In Memory of Carl & Marian Kremer and Gib & Relda Philipp
John & Linda Kremer	In Memory of Celsus & Helen Kremer and Clarence & Rosemary Bries
Ronda Kurt	In Memory of Alan Kurt, Travis Kurt, Pat Kurt, Leo & Hilda Kurt, Elmer & Ida Breitbach
Mary Kay Leytem	In Memory of Ben & Benjamin Leytem
Paul & Kathy Manternach	In Memory the Deceased Members of the Harold & Luella Manternach & Stanley & Mary Logsdon Family
Ralph & Rita Manternach	In Memory of the Manternach and Mitchell Families
Skip Manternach	In Memory of Betty & Kathy Manternach
Linus & Shirley McDermott	In Memory of the Ambrose & Ruth McDermott Family

Maureen McDermott	In Memory of Ken McDermott, Dorothy & Bob Trotter
McLees Family	In Memory of Harry & Jean McLees, Susan Kurt
Joyce McMullen Family	In Memory of Tom, Jan Marie, Joe & Carmelita McMullen, and Clem & Kathryn McCullough
Pat McQuillen	In Memory of Dolores McQuillen
Jean Nauman & Family	In Memory of Larry Nauman
John & Mary Pat Noonan	In Memory of Gerald & Phyllis Green
Pat & Anne Noonan	In Memory of Mary Beth Althoff and Ray & Mary Noonan
Bob & Julie Oeschger	In Memory of Wendlin Binfet, John, Edna & David Oeschger, Verna Steger
Phil & Sheila Otting	In Memory of Ralph & Margaret Ann Otting
Charleen Peryon	In Memory of Robert Peryon
Jerry & Jean Rausch	In Memory of Jill Marie Rausch, Francis & LauraBelle Knepper, Bob Knepper
Mike & Gloria Reiter	In Memory of Al, Anne, Dave Quint, Eddie Reiter, Luke Dennis
Duane & Muriel Schlemme	In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Schlemme & Manternach Families
Bill & Gail Schmidt	In Memory of John & Ella Gross
Andrew & Megan Smith	In Memory of Denise Smith
Lucille Smith	In Memory of Gerald Smith
Leo & Donna Soppe	In Memory of Earl & Lorraine McAllister
Mike & Naomi Steffen	In Memory of the Steffen & Isaac Families, and James Kremer
Steve & Nancy Strang	In Memory of Ralph & Florence Tranel, and Al & Olivia Strang
Bill & Kerri Takes	In Memory of Kim Kilburg
Ida Trumm & Family	In Memory of John E. Trumm
Ron Woerdehoff	In Memory of Cliff & Betty Woerdehoff, Dan C. Smith & Family, Joanne T. Otting



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*The staff at
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is wishing you a
happy and healthy New Year!!!*

