

January 10, 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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Deacon Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448
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Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126
Director of Faith Formation -
Nicole Casey (563)852-3331
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Pastorate Office

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Phone (563)852-3524
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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes
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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

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 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
Mon Jan 11	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Jan 12	7:00am (C) Pat & Mary A. Noonan 8:30am Aquin Mass Helen Dehner
Wed Jan 13	7:00am (C) Irwin McDermott
Thu Jan 14	7:00am (C) Family of Joe & Mary Merfeld, Ray & Doris Weber
Fri Jan 15	7:00am (C) Mr. & Mrs. William Mehrl
Sat Jan 16	4:00pm (T) Randall Schoenherr 5:30pm (C) Curt Curoe
Sun Jan 17	8:00am (C) Ida Breitbach 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Today we complete the Christmas Season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus has the humility to be baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. When Jesus came out of the water, "he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him." "The heavens being torn open" comes from a passage in Isaiah, and is a dramatic way of saying that heaven and earth meet each other in the person of Jesus. The word "torn" also reminds us of the temple veil which was "torn in two from top to bottom" the same moment that Jesus died on the cross. This too was a moment when heaven and earth met in the redemptive love of Jesus. Earth and heaven also come together when Jesus hears the voice from heaven which proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

This passage from the Gospel of Mark is brief, but in a direct, pointed manner, Mark helps us to realize that Jesus has a special relationship with his heavenly Father. Jesus in the very next verse of Mark's Gospel will be driven by the Holy Spirit into the desert for a time of prayer and fasting. Jesus will consider what God wants him to accomplish in order to save us. Through the redemptive love of Jesus, and the power of the Spirit, we too can be God's beloved sons and daughters, pleasing to our heavenly Father.

Pastorate

Don't forget that you can purchase your Aquin Raffle tickets at the Pastorate Office!

Meetings:

Pastorate/All Parish Meeting – Jan. 12, Garryowen

6:30pm Pastorate

7:00pm All Parish Council

Faith Formation – Feb. 1, 7:00pm, Pastorate Office

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate would like to thank The St.

Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council #930 for their donation towards the books we handed out on Christmas. If anyone would still like the book called "Do Something Beautiful for God, the Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa" please stop at the Pastorate Office or in the back of church.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate would like to also thank all the local businesses that made donations to our parishes during Christmas. Thank you for your kindness.

We would like to be able to use email more often as an additional way to contact our parishioners for various announcements, events, etc. throughout the year. Please contact the Pastorate Office at 852-3524 to provide your email address or verify your existing email address. This might also be a good time to call us with any address or phone number changes. Thank you!

Save the date

for the Annual Aquin System Gala on
Saturday April 17, 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.

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.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee

Pop-Up Food Pantry Saturday schedule - Saturday, January 16th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8). Baptism includes symbols such as water, candles, and white robes that point to a deeper commitment of faith. Ask your beloved what the key element of faith is for him/her.

That Man Is You (TMIY) will restart for the spring semester on Saturday, January 16th, meeting in person at the Columbus Club Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 am. It will continue for 13 weeks with the usual format of light breakfast, video presentation, and group discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend any week whether you have attended before or not! Feel free to call Chris Casey at 563-542-0590 with any questions!

St. Patrick Christmas Flowers

Donor

Lois Lynch,
Jeffrey, Hillary
Lynch and family

Intentions of the Donor

In Memory of John Lynch,
Gerald & Harriet Lynch
In Memory of Merlin, Marian
Mahoney, & Katie Mahoney

Where There's a Will, There's a Way – Have you ever considered leaving your parish a gift as part of your will planning? Please consider this idea as a way of supporting the parish long after you are gone. This isn't just for the wealthy, but for all. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to Sacred Heart, St. Matthias, St. Patrick or St. Peter contact Fr. Mark Osterhaus at 563-852-3524. If you would like information about estate planning or giving to other Catholic programs please visit <http://www.ourcatholicfoundation.org>, <http://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org>, or contact your attorney or financial professional.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 31-Jan. 3: Budget: \$1,750.00; Christmas: \$125.00; Holy Days: \$100.00; Auction: \$2,600.00; Total: \$4,575.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, February 13, 2020 4:00pm
Commentator/Lector: Dianne Callahan; *Ushers:* Nick & Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning February 2021:

Donnie & Kathy Staner, Tony & Laurie Decker, Marty & Megan Staner, Kelly & Jenny Ryan, Wayne & Lisa Bergfeld, Mark & Penny Schiltz, Randy & Wendy Bergfeld, Calvin & Alise Rea



Sacred Heart Auction Fundraising Goal

By December 31, 2020:
\$30,000

Amount Contributed as of
 December 31, 2020:
\$25,770

We are at 86% of our goal!!

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 31-Jan. 3: Budget: \$6,261.00; Offertory: \$1,598.50; Christmas: \$2,125.00; Easter: \$25.00; Holy Days: \$39.00; Energy Needs: \$100.00; Initial Offering: \$19.00; Total: \$10,167.50

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. 31- Jan. 3: Budget: \$1,135.00; Christmas: \$270.00; Holy Days: 5.00; Total: \$1,410.00

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

Lector/Commentator: Shelly Schockemoehl

Eucharistic Minister: LuAnn Manternach

Usher: Ron & Chris Krapfl

Liturgical Participation: (January 30, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Sue Trumm

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Schockemoehl

Usher: Ryan Schockemoehl, Joe Strang

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, January 13 at 7 PM

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Dec. 31- Jan. 3 – *Budget:*

\$14,910.00; *Offertory:* \$595.25; *Christmas:* \$13,620.00; *Holy Days:* \$575.00; *Grain Bank:* \$3,185.00; *Total:* \$32,885.25

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Jan. 11-15): Jean Conrad

Saturday – Jan 16, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Kerri Takes

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Fred Rogers

Sunday – Jan. 17, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Chris Casey

Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan

Sunday – Jan. 17, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Lynch

Ushers: Kathy Beck & Shellie Schlemme

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.

