

January 17, 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.

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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 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.
Mon Jan 18	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Jan 19	7:00am (C) Janet Staner 8:30am Aquin Mass Rose Boji
Wed Jan 20	7:00am (C) Paul Pfab
Thu Jan 21	7:00am (C) Helen Laban
Fri Jan 22	7:00am (C) For the Legal Protection of Unborn Babies
Sat Jan 23	4:00pm (G) Bernard Firemen, Willard & Marie Noonan
Sun Jan 24	5:30pm (C) Richard & Murilla Gehl 8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Pat & Mary A. Noonan, Allan Hosch

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 17, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Today in our readings we hear a lot about the temple, and a lot about God's call to us, that is, his invitation to us. These two themes are combined in the first reading. God calls to Samuel, who is living in the temple as a young boy. Samuel, from an early age, had been dedicated by his mother to God's service. Samuel, instructed by his mentor, the high priest Eli, responded to the voice he heard: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Andrew and another disciple of John the Baptist: "What are you looking for?" He invites them to be with him for the afternoon. This initial encounter with Jesus was all it took for Andrew to convince his brother, Simon Peter, to answer the call of Jesus.

In the second reading, the two themes of call to commitment and the temple are also combined. St. Paul instructs the people of Corinth: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?" The promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us can help inspire and strengthen us to live out our commitment to God. We can answer the call of God, encouraged by the example of the apostles and early Christians.

St. Paul also instructs the people of Corinth: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" People from all over the world, from many churches are members of the Body of Christ.

We will join the members of other faith communities in an ecumenical prayer service next Sunday, January 25 at 5 PM at St. Matthias Church. This is to celebrate a special week dedicated to Christian Unity. Pastor Peach from the Presbyterian Church in Cascade will offer the message.

Pastorate

Meetings:

Faith Formation – Feb. 1, 6:30pm, Pastorate Office

St. Matthias Parish and Community Presbyterian Church will be holding their annual Ecumenical Service on Sunday, January 24. The service will be held at St. Martin Church at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend this service which concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Hope to see you there!

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 23rd in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- Jesus' invitation to Andrew, "Come, and you will see," moves Andrew to introduce his brother Simon Peter to Christ. Has your family ever been a means of "inviting" someone to behold" God's love in their lives? Think about ways God provides opportunities for new beginnings in the midst of change.

That Man Is You (TMİY) 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!

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

We are already planning for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in registering your child and/or learning more about Aquin, go to our school website at www.aquin.org. Find the Parent drop down tab and find Student Registration. Come be a part of Aquin.

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.

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Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Jan. 9-10, 2021: Budget: \$555.00; Offertory: \$52.00; Total: \$607.00

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

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Jan. 9-10, 2021: Budget/Total: \$248.00

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: Jan. 9-10, 2021: Budget: \$140.00; Holy Days: 20.00; Total: \$160.00

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

Lector/Commentator: Sue Trumm

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Schockemoehl

Usher: Ryan Schockemoehl, Joe Strang

Church Cleaning : Brian & LuAnn Manternach

(leader), Joan Hoffmann, Jamie & Lisa Manternach, Ben Manternach, Todd Manternach, Jay & Maddi Manternach, Craig & Danielle Manternach, Paul & Barb Peiffer, Jennifer Peiffer, Dan & Julie Finn

(before February 20, 2021)

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wednesday, January 20 at 7 PM

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Jan. 9-10, 2021 – Budget: \$4,315.00; Offertory: \$334.00; Christmas: \$1,335.00; Holy Days: \$170.00; Total: \$6,154.00

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Jan. 18-22): Dianne Koppes

Saturday – Jan 23, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Candy Bradley

Ushers: Kerri Takes, Kelly Sullivan

Sunday – Jan. 24, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Chuck Casey

Ushers: Mike & Monica McDermott

Sunday – Jan. 24, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm

Ushers: Brad & Amy Ludwig

Year of St. Joseph

The 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being named as patron of the Catholic Church throughout the world fell

on 8 December 2020, which inspired our Holy Father Pope Francis to dedicate this next year, until 8 December 2021, to St. Joseph.

Pope Francis hopes the observance will result in more: more love for Joseph; more prayers asking his intercession; and more imitation of his virtues and zeal.

With regard to imitation, some of us may think it doesn't concern us: I'm not a man; I'm not married; I don't have children; and I'm not working (except in the home).

But consider what virtues from the life of Joseph that the Pope highlights (in his Apostolic Letter "With a Father's Heart") as worthy of our imitation:

- Show compassion, tender love, and mercy, the same as God has for us.
- Defer to the plan of God, or to the well-being of others, or to the common good.
- Rejoice in what is, instead of lamenting over what is not.
- Be active and creative when God engages us in finding solutions to problems.
- Have a practical love for the community of the Church, and for the poor.
- Work, and work hard, even if it isn't glitzy or exciting, and help others find work.
- Accept responsibility to give to and to forgive others, any other, even an enemy.

As you can see, those *Josephian* qualities aren't reserved to men, but are for women too, and for all, whether single, childless, retired from work outside the home, or not.

Prayers and spiritual practices

Our Holy Father proposes specific prayers and spiritual practices to help us meet the objectives of the year of St. Joseph:

- 1) Meditate for 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer;
- 2) Participate in a Spiritual Retreat for at least 1 day, with a meditation on Joseph;
- 3) Perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy;
- 4) Recite the Holy Rosary with a family, or among engaged couples;
- 5) Entrust the day's activities to the protection of St. Joseph;
- 6) Ask for Joseph's intercession on behalf of those looking for employment;
- 7) Recite the Litany to St. Joseph for the Church, persecuted from within and without;
- 8) Recite a prayer to St. Joseph on any Wednesday, or on the 19th of any month, or on the Feast of the Holy Family, or on the 1st of May (Memorial of St. Joseph, the Worker), or on the 19th of March (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary).

Moreover, by way of an incentive, Pope Francis has granted an indulgence for whenever we complete these prayers and spiritual practices, until the end of 8 December 2021.

What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the pardon by God of all or some of the temporal punishment due to our sins that have already been confessed and forgiven.

The priest in Confession forgives the eternal punishment for sin (read: hell), but also imposes on us a penance, which is a temporal (as opposed to eternal) punishment.

Justice demands we repair the material and spiritual damage our sins caused. We work at this by doing the penance from Confession: a prayer, self-denial, or a work of mercy.

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The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Year of St. Joseph continued from the bulletin.....

But who knows if that penance is enough to make reparation? So, we are expected to pray, deny ourselves, and serve the poor as the ordinary practice of our Catholic Faith.

We receive the indulgence when we complete a specified prayer or spiritual practice, done with the right disposition, and fulfilling the necessary conditions, namely:

- 1) On that day, be in the state of grace (free from the guilt of mortal sin), and...
- 2) On that day (or 20 days before or after), confess to a priest, and be detached from sin, that is, desire to do better and avoid even the near occasion of sin, and...
- 3) On that day, worthily receive the Eucharist, preferably while participating in Holy Mass, or if that's not possible, outside of Holy Mass, and...
- 4) On that day, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope.

People who are homebound, in hospital, or at a care center, because they are frail from age or illness, may also receive an indulgence *simply by reciting a prayer to St. Joseph*, provided they are detached from sin, and intend to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions as soon as that's possible.

Who benefits?

The Church teaches that we can receive a plenary, or complete pardon of temporal punishment, once a day, either for our benefit, or that of the poor souls in purgatory.

But mightn't we include other people and purposes to benefit from an indulgence? Or at the very least ask Joseph to intercede for other needs?

Like for an end to this God-forsaken pandemic, for those who live in fear for their lives or their livelihood, and for the speedy distribution to all of a safe and effective vaccine.

After all, Joseph is traditionally invoked as the terror of evil spirits, and there must be at least one of them prowling about the world, seeking our ruin with the COVID.

And Joseph is a model of bravery, obedience, and patience, all of which we need to continue washing our hands, wearing a mask, and keeping a safe distance.

Or couldn't our prayers and works benefit the spiritual and material success of ArchdioceseOne, our special appeal? Or at least to ask Joseph to intercede for this?

I mean, Joseph was a migrant like those we need to help; a worker like those who will repair our Cathedral; and his Son was a priest, like our retired priests and wannabees.

And with Joseph, we want to protect the Church, as well as heal it with the medicine of charity, and to be good stewards like Joseph, model of justice and prudence. *Through the mercy of God, and begging the intercession of St. Joseph, may we all find the help we need to imitate his virtues, to be delivered from the evil of the COVID, and to celebrate the spiritual and material success of ArchdioceseOne. May it be so. Amen.*

****Next week we will include the Litany of St. Joseph and the Prayer to St. Joseph.*

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep.

Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD,
know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body;

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

Jn 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —,

"where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.