

January 31, 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 Steve Strang (563)852-3435  
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
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Director of Faith Formation -  
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## Pastorate Office

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Phone (563)852-3524  
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Website www.stapastorate.org  
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

## Liturgy Schedule

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

Sat Jan 30	1:00pm (T) Nuptial Mass for: Ray Kurt & Dolly Till
	4:00pm (T) Merlin Peiffer, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Peiffer & Family
	5:30pm (C) Catholic Schools Week Mass Henry, Justin & Terry Joe Kremer
Sun Jan 31	8:00am (C) Al, Anne & Dave Quint 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Mon Feb 1	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Feb 2	7:00am (C) Joe Felton, Ken McDermott, Bob & Dot Trotter 8:30am Aquin Jeanne Marie Lee
Wed Feb 3	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926
Thu Feb 4	7:00am (C) Edna Franke, Evadeen Strang
Fri Feb 5	7:00am (C) Merlin Kuhl
Sat Feb 6	4:00pm (G) Adrian Vaske, Justin & Cecilia Gavin 5:30pm (C) Larry L. Takes & Harold Davis Anniversary
Sun Feb 7	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Ed & Lucy Green 10:00am (C) Bob & Margie McAllister, Donald Coyle, John & Geri Streng & Tom Gloden

## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 31, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Reading from Msgr. Hoffmann History of the Archdiocese of Dubuque (1837-1937), I wanted to share some of the information about the origins of Catholic Schools in our pastorate.

The Garryowen "Academy" opened in 1842. Msgr. Hoffmann wrote that we "can claim that this is the first school operated in connection with a church in what is now the Archdiocese with the single exception of St. Raphael's in Dubuque." "In September 1853, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM's) came to Garryowen. In 1856, the school was temporarily closed, but reopened in 1871. The Sisters continued there until 1923. At first, the Sisters worked under primitive and rather trying conditions. Msgr. Hoffmann wrote: "Today (1937), the rural church and community enjoy all the conveniences of city life—including hot and cold water systems, steam heat, electric light and refrigeration, but in those days the Sisters lived and worked close to the uncongenial conditions of a log house." (We owe a lot to our Sisters!)

The Catholic Directory of 1857 mentions two schools in Cascade, one German, the other Irish.

BVM Sisters came to St. Martin's in 1869. The brick convent built in 1870 had a section reserved for classrooms for the girls. The boys were taught in the old brick church. The "new" school was built in 1906. The first four year high school class graduated in 1917.

Lay teachers taught at St. Mary's School until three Sisters of St. Francis arrived in 1884. Before 1894, when the brick school was built, classes were held on the main floor and in the basement of St. Mary's Church. When the Sisters came, there were 64 students. By 1896, the number increased to 180. By 1917, all four years of high school were offered. At St. Peter Parish, Temple Hill, the school was built during the time of Msgr. Convery, who arrived in 1890. The school was owned by the parish, but maintained by District #3 of Washington Township. The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Family, from Dubuque, directed the school. At Sacred Heart, Fillmore, a convent was built in 1903, and the Sisters of Mercy of Cedar Rapids accepted the charge to teach in a little district public school building which had been moved onto the church property. A "new" school was built in 1913.

Aquin High School opened in 1961, and continued until 1976. Today, our Aquin Catholic School offers Pre-K through 8th grade education, as well as the little Angels Early Childhood Center. We have students from all four parishes in our St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate, as well as some students from Holy Family Parish at New Melleray.

We can see a spirit of cooperation between the Catholic and the public schools at Fillmore and Temple Hill. This connection continues to this day in Cascade as we have Release Time Religion (RTR) classes in which high school students come to our parish office in Cascade once a week.

We have come a long way since the log cabin school days at Garryowen! We are very grateful for the dedicated faculty and staff led by our principal, Vicki Palmer. We also appreciate the tremendous support we receive from our

parishes, benefactors, and volunteers! Congratulations to all who attend, direct, and support Aquin School!

### Pastorate

#### Meetings:

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

St. Matthias Finance Comm. – Feb. 4, 6:00pm, Past. Office

Pastorate Council Meeting – Tues, Feb. 9, 6:00-7:00pm

Aquin Finance/Board Meeting – Tues, Feb. 16

6:00pm: Finance Meeting

7:00pm: Board Meeting

**On Tuesdays during Lent, daily Mass will be at 5:30pm instead of 7:00am. Stations of the Cross will follow after the Mass.**

Your support makes a difference in the life of our Church. Our Church invites you to consider an IRA gift, a gift of appreciated stock, life insurance, real estate or cash to ensure the financial health of our Catholic ministries. For questions about how to complete a gift like this, please contact Fr Mark Osterhaus at 852-3524 to speak confidentially about your wishes.

#### 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 will be livestreaming the 5:30 Mass every Saturday and you can view it through Facebook. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch Mass through our website at [stapastorate.org](http://stapastorate.org) and click on the Facebook link there. **If you would like to help with the livestreaming, please contact the Pastorate Office at 852-3524.**

#### The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee

**Pop-Up Food Pantry Saturday schedule** - Saturday, February 6th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Cascade.

That Man Is You (TMIY) has started for the spring semester meeting in person at the Columbus Club Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 am. It will continue through April 10, 2021 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!

**Caring For Your Marriage-** "...he taught them as one having authority." (Mk 1:22) The authority of Jesus is born of compassion, peace and justice. Parents are called to practice the same authority. Strive to possess an "authority" based not on fame or power of wealth, but on your heroic and committed sense of justice, compassion and charity.

### **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](http://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](http://www.aquin.org).

#beloved #beaquin

### **Local Access Channel Weekly Mass Schedule:**

Monday	8:00am
Friday	3:00pm, 8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm
Sunday	6:00am, 9:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm

### **Sacred Heart, Fillmore**

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Jan. 23-24, 2021: Budget/Total: \$475.00

**Liturgical Participation-Saturday, February 13, 2020 4:00pm**

*Commentator/Lector:* Marty Mausser; *Eucharistic Minister:* Karen Callahan; *Ushers:* Chuck & Amy Noonan

**Church & Hall Cleaning Done by February 13, 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. 23-24, 2021: Budget: \$3,003.00; Offertory: \$104.00; EFT: \$715.00; Initial Offering: \$5.00; votive candles: \$100.00; Total: \$3,927.00

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021-4:00pm**

*Commentator/Lector:* Wanda Loewen; *Euch. Min.:* Diane Vaske, *Ushers:* Rich Molony, Mark Redmond

**Weekend Money Counters:** February 2021

Jean Thier & Tom Donovan

**Church & Hall Cleaning (Feb. 2021):**

Dave & Pearl Shanahan, Bob & Sue Nolan, Karla Mahoney

### **St. Peter, Temple Hill**

**St. Peter Generosity:** Jan. 23-24, 2021: Budget/Total: \$200.00

**Liturgical Participation:** (February 20, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Linda Schockemoehl

*Eucharistic Minister:* Jonah Manternach

*Usher:* Dan Welter & Jim Welter

**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, February 3 at 7 PM**

**St. Peter's Parish Blood Drive - Monday, March 29, 2021 - 3:00-7:00 PM**

### **St. Matthias, Cascade**

**St. Matthias Generosity:** Jan. 23-24, 2021 – Budget:

\$4,642.00; Offertory: \$363.62; Holy Days: \$20.00; Total: \$5,025.62

**Liturgical Participation:** (Weekdays Feb 1-5): Jane Strang

Saturday – Feb 6, 5:30pm-

*Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister:* Nancy Strang;

*Ushers:* Mike & Jan Donovan

Sunday – Feb. 7, 8:00am

*Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister:* Loren Manternach;

*Ushers:* Jake & Tara Noonan

Sunday – Feb. 7, 10:00am

*Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister:* Sue Trumm;

*Ushers:* Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme

**Super Bowl Breakfast –** The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council # 930 is having the annual Super Bowl Breakfast on Sunday, February 7, at the Columbus Hall in Cascade. **THIS YEAR'S BREAKFAST WILL BE A DRIVE THROUGH EVENT.** Serving scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage patties, ham, and cinnamon rolls. Cost is \$8.00 per breakfast. Serving from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Proceeds go to sponsor Cascade Area Right to Life, educational scholarships, and other local organizations. All are welcome!

**Catholic Charities Counselors** are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque via telehealth. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at 563-588-0558 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

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Loving God,

We give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us through our families: through our parents, our primary educators in the faith; through our siblings, who walk with us one our earthly journey; and through all who guard and guide us in your light and in your truth.

We pray that you will continue to inspire our families, so that our devotion to you and our care for one another may be a visible sign of your unconditional love.

We ask this through the Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

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