

February 7, 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

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New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next virtual class – March 15, 7pm. Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181 to register for the class. Call the office 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 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
Mon Feb 8	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Feb 9	7:00am (C) Ron Kurt
	8:30am Aquin Shirley Hosch
Wed Feb 10	7:00am (C) Pat Hughes, Larry Nauman
Thu Feb 11	7:00am (C) Valeria Franzen
Fri Feb 12	7:00am (C) Al Smith & the H.N. Smith Family
Sat Feb 13	4:00pm (F) Charlie Sadler
	5:30pm (C) Roberta Coyle, St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate
Sun Feb 14	8:00am (C) Alan Kurt
	10:00am (C) Mary & Walt Knepper

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 7, 2021

From Fr. Mark

This week we celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life. We pray for vocations to religious orders for both women and men. In our own area we have the monks at New Melleray Abbey and the Sisters at our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey. We also have the mother houses of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family, the Sisters of the Presentation, the Sisters of the Visitation, and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dubuque, as well as the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. We also have the Society of the Divine Word priests and brothers at Epworth. So we have lots of people who live the consecrated religious life who reside within a few miles. We are grateful for their dedicated service to the people in our Tri-State area! We also have Fr. Joseph Wolfe, son of Rose and the late Nick Wolfe, who serves as a priest for the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, the religious order at the EWTN TV station. All these women and men live the consecrated religious life.

Next week, with St. Valentine's Day on Sunday, we will celebrate World Marriage Day. Next week is also the weekend for our annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

In our Gospel passage today, Jesus demonstrates his power over both illness and evil spirits. He receives his power from his strong relationship with his heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus frequently rises before dawn and goes off by himself to pray. We might think, why would he need to do that? He is already God's Son. But Jesus treasures his relationship with his Father, and they bond in the power of the Spirit. So he loves to pray, and be in communion with the father and the Spirit. This is part of what attracts and sustains women and men who live the consecrated life in religious communities. Their communal prayer gives them what they need to serve God in the way God has called them. Communication with God sustains Job in the midst of his suffering (first reading), and Paul is energized by his prayer as he preaches the Gospel, because Paul wants "to win over as many as possible!" (second reading). Hopefully we, too, can follow their example of praying each day.

Pastorate

Save the Date!!!! Save the Date!!! Save the Date!!!

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Fish Fry will be back this year on Friday, March 5th, 2021! The food will be the same, but it will be served to you through **drive through only**. More information to come!

Meetings:

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

Liturgy Committee Meeting - Thurs, Feb. 11, 6:30pm

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.

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will kick off on the weekend of February 13-14, 2021. This appeal annually provides over 50% of the Catholic Charities' operating budget. Many families across the Archdiocese have struggled this past year as a result of the pandemic and the derecho. Thanks to the generosity of so many, Catholic Charities was able to help a record number of people with financial, food, and other types of assistance. We ask for your help in assisting us to make this important 2021 appeal successful. All parishes will be receiving more information including a package from Catholic Charities soon. This packet will include specific materials to promote the appeal, including a letter from the Archbishop to be read at Masses, parish bulletin announcements and insert, social media, prayers and petitions, parish announcements, and distribution of materials.

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 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 13th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- "He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up." (Mk1:30) What do you do to help "pick up" your spouse in times of physical or emotional pain? How do you help your spouse to live a life of purpose and joy?

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.

#beloved #beaquin

The Aquin System Board of Education would like to thank everyone for your support of the Aquin System Benefit Raffle. Next drawing is April 27, 2021. Congratulations to all the winners. January 25th Drawing:
\$500: Jennifer Peiffer,
\$100: Mike & Donna Callahan, Brian & LuAnn Manternach, Phil Manternach, Gertrude Sieverding, Jeff & Dianne Reiter
\$50: Pat & Ruth Rea, Jon & Suellen Lathrum, Randy Gavin, Jean Weber, Greg Bertling, Dave Menke, Andy Kelchen, Riley & Jack Carr, Tom Boyle, Andrew Smith

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Jan. 30-31, 2021: Budget:\$540.00; Auction: \$300.00; Total: \$840.00

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. 30-31, 2021: Budget: \$353.00; Initial Offering: \$3.00; Total: \$356.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021-4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Mike Redmond; Euch. Min.: Deb Redmond, 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. 30-31, 2021: Budget: \$2,260.00; Offertory: \$22.00; Hall Rent: \$75.00; Total: \$2,357.00

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 10 at 7 PM

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

Congratulations to Ray Kurt & Dolly Till who were married at St. Peter's this past weekend!!

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Jan. 30-31, 2021 – Budget: \$2,180.00; Offertory: \$240.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Total: \$2,430.00

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Feb 8-12): Carol Noonan
Saturday – Feb 13, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Gleason;

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Joyce McQuillen

Sunday – Feb. 14, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator: Cheryl Reiter; Eucharistic Minister: Chuck Reiter; Ushers: Ralph & Julie Hosch
Sunday – Feb. 14, 10:00am
Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jason McDermott; Ushers: Brad & Amy Ludwig

Please note change due to weather...

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council #930 Super Bowl Breakfast has been POSTPONED because of inclement weather. It will be held on **Sunday, February 14, from 8:00 to 11:30. Menu and price remain the same.**

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!

We are excited to introduce a new club for our Aquin Middle School students called Matthew 25. Matthew 25 students will be involved in various activities throughout the school year. Students will be collaborating with the parish Social Justice committee. Food drives, serving a meal at a soup kitchen or helping with the Pastorate Food Pantry are just a few of the activities we have planned for the students.

Matthew 25's mission will embrace Catholic social justice teachings, while allowing our students to collaborate with our parish and community. They will be living out the message of Matthew 25:

"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me."

