



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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Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331
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 Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020

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 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
Mon Feb 15	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Feb 16	7:00am (C) Clifford & Betty Woerdehoff
Wed Feb 17	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00am (C) Fr. John Tilp 8:30am Aquin Mass at St. Matthias Ray & Doris Weber 5:00pm (C) Herb Peiffer 7:00pm (C) Alma Green
Thu Feb 18	7:00am (C) Merlin & Norma Fortman
Fri Feb 19	7:00am (C) Ellen Marie Shanahan
Sat Feb 20	4:00pm (T) Roger Callahan, Lee Roe Sr. 5:30pm (C) Dan Sullivan, Jim Reardon
Sun Feb 21	8:00am (C) The Richard Henry Family 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 14, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Today, St. Valentine's Day, is also a special Sunday. We celebrate World Marriage Day, and it is also the weekend for our annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

Catholic Charities provides many important services. One of the most important is to provide individual, couple, and family counseling. We are glad to be close to Dubuque where the Catholic Charities office is located. Counseling is provided on a sliding scale based on the client's income. Providing good counseling is a tremendous benefit, especially during this time of the pandemic. Catholic Charities has also coordinated derecho relief for the people in the Cedar Rapids area. Please send your contribution to the Catholic Charities office in the envelope provided, having written the check out to Catholic Charities.

Since today is also World Marriage Day, I wanted to mention our process for preparing engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage. In addition to meeting with me or one of the Deacons, the couple will also be paired with a mentor couple. These mentor couples are able to share their experience of marriage with the engaged couple in a way in which I cannot. The mentor couple must be active parishioners who have been married for at least 5 years, and are in full communion with the Church. The main role of the mentor couple is to be a positive example for the engaged couple while helping them to integrate into parish life. Though some of the preparing activities will look different during this time of pandemic, we hope that we can still help the couple to make a strong connection with our faith community.

It will take a few months to get this mentor couple program started, and I have already had a couple of zoom meetings with married couples who are interested in this ministry. There are some things we all need to learn along the way! We hope for the outcome that the engaged couples will celebrate their weddings in our parish churches, and be a happily married couple that keeps God as the foundation in their relationship, and our pastorate as part of their faith family.

Pastorate

- **If there is a 2 Hour Delay or cancellation at Western Dubuque Schools – there will be NO morning 7:00am Mass.**
- **If there is a public funeral on a weekday Mass, there will be NO 7:00am Mass that day.**
- **If there is a private funeral on a weekday Mass, there WILL be a 7:00am Mass.**

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 dinner will be served in drive through only. More information to come!

Meetings:

Aquin Finance/Board Meeting – Tues, Feb. 16
6:00pm: Finance Meeting
7:00pm: Board Meeting

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council #930 Super Bowl Breakfast will be held this weekend, **Sunday, February 14, from 8:00 to 11:30. Menu and price remain the same.** All are welcome!

Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable - Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 50% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget – every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to **Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52001** or by going to www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate.

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.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee Pop-Up Food Pantry will be open - Saturday, February 20th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” (1 Cor 11:1) Be beacons of love and joy for all to see. Have you thought about how you can go out of your way to show your spouse that you love them?

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

Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Center in Cascade, Iowa, is looking for immediate help for our center. Employment for full-time, part-time, and week-to-week positions are available. Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years old. Schedules will be completed week-to-week with a fluid number of hours. If you are interested, please complete an application via Facebook or submit your resume to aquinlittleangels@aquin.org. Additional Information: Early childhood educators plan, organize, and implement plans for children from infant to school-aged. Our early childhood educators and assistants provide care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Early childhood educators and assistants guide children in activities that stimulate and develop intellectual, physical, and emotional development and ensure safety and well-being. Teachers need to follow DHS guidelines and ensure their training is up-to-date yearly. Requirements: (DHS training) To be fully

discussed and determined What we are looking for: Individuals who enjoy working and teaching children in social, emotional and physical education. Individuals who are hard-working, passionate about childcare, possess a strong work ethic, proven to be reliable, and positive. We are looking for full-time and part-time employees to assist our lead teachers in their daily activities with the children. Your duties include but are not limited to: following lead teacher lesson plans, ensuring the overall safety of the children, maintaining ratio, engaging with children, teaching children manners and life skills, keeping a clean and safe work environment, following DHS guidelines, and helping to shape the future starting with these children! If you are interested in working in a place like this, submit your application on Facebook or email your resume to aquinlittleangels@aquin.org.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Feb. 6-7, 2021: Budget/Total: \$800.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Jenny Recker; Eucharistic Minister: Bridget Rea; Ushers: David & Carolyn Turnis

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by March 13, 2021:

Matt & Jenny Recker, Pat Donovan, Bob & Ann Kerper, Amy Kerper, Darlene Meyer, LJ & Karen Stoffel, Jared Meyer, Dan & Sal Weber

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Feb. 6-7, 2021: Budget: \$1,655.00;

Offertory: \$274.00; Energy Needs: \$350.00; Initial Offering: \$3.00; Total: \$2,282.00

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: Feb. 6-7, 2021: Budget/Total: \$185.00

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 & Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's - Wed., Feb. 24 at 7 PM. No Ash Wed. Rosary or Adoration.

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

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Feb. 6-7, 2021 – Budget:

\$3,612.00; Offertory: \$319.00; Total: \$3,931.00

Liturgical Participation: (Weekdays Feb 8-12): Carol Noonan

Saturday – Feb 20, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Pat Noonan;

Ushers: Jim Betzner, Mark Otting

Sunday – Feb. 21, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Claire Brown:

Ushers: Mike & Monica McDermott

Sunday – Feb. 21, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Barb Sausser;

Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

Scholarship Opportunity! Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college. A written speech, log of service hours, and a recommendation letter are required. Please go to www.dcrtl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. **Deadline is Friday, March 5.** Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 3. Contact Ashley Stackis for more information at 563-556-5960.

The Molony Foundation is now accepting applications from individuals to advance their post-high school career at a recognized two-year or four-year college or university. Scholarships awarded will be used for tuition or tuition related expenses and be sent directly to the Institution the student is attending.

Nursing scholarships

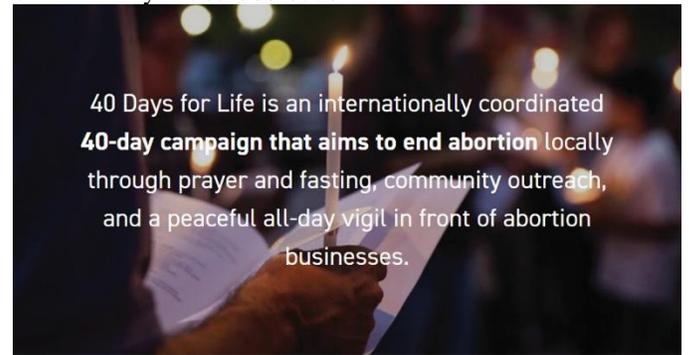
Applicants may be high school seniors who plan to pursue a Nursing degree or high school graduates currently working in the healthcare field. Scholarships awarded will be in the amount of \$2,500.

4-H scholarships

In addition, two \$1,000 scholarships are available to 4-H Club members in Dubuque County who are seniors in high school and plan to attend a two-year or four-year College or university following graduation.

Applications can be found at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate offices, Beckman, Cascade, Maquoketa and Western Dubuque High School guidance offices, NICC nursing department, Dubuque County Extension office or by sending a request to: molonyfoundation@gmail.com. Nursing scholarship applicants will be required to provide a letter of recommendation. Financial need will also be considered when reviewing applications.

Applications must be received by April 5, 2021 to be considered. The scholarship award winners will be notified no later than May 4, 2021. For further information, please call Staci Molony at 563-508-0350.



Sign up at 40daysforlife.com to pray to end abortion.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.
“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.
R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.
I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,”
and you took away the guilt of my sin.
R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.
R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading II 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or
the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”
The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.
He spread the report abroad
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

In honor of World Marriage Day.....

Prayer for Married Couples

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the spouse you have given me and all their wonderful qualities. Help me look for the good in my spouse every day and overlook any perceived flaws. Help us to stay committed to one another and keep us both from temptation.

Guide our future to glorify You and keep us healthy so we can work for your Kingdom. When we disagree, help us to approach one another with humility and respect. Deepen our communication and friendship so our relationship is stronger than ever.

Help us guide our children and our entire family closer to You each day. May we put You first, and in turn see our love grow.

Amen

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.

Intercession

May the tragic practice of abortion end.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection

At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*.

Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

Acts of Reparation (Choose one.)

- Take a break from television and movies today. Consider spending some of that time praying with today's reflection.
- Pray the short prayer "[Every Life is Worth Living](#)," reflecting on the gift of human life.

***Heavenly Father, thank you
for the precious gift of life.
Help us to cherish and protect
this gift, even in the midst of fear,
pain, and suffering.
Give us love for all people,
especially the most vulnerable,
and help us bear witness to the
truth that every life is worth living.***

***Grant us the humility to accept
help when we are in need,
and teach us to be merciful to all.
Through our words and actions,
may others encounter the
outstretched hands
of Your mercy.
We ask this through
Christ, our Lord.
Amen.***

- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.