

February 21, 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  
E-mail dbq023@dbqarch.org  
Deacon Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448  
Deacon Steve Strang (563)852-3435  
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126  
Director of Faith Formation -  
Nicole Casey (563)852-3331  
E-mail dbq023ff@dbqarch.org

### Pastorate Office

408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW; PO Box 699, Cascade, IA 52033  
Phone (563)852-3524  
FAX (563)852-3528  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Website www.stapastorate.org  
Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

### Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
E-mail dbq023bm@dbqarch.org  
Administrative Assistant, Shellie Schlemme  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Music Ministry, Becky Williams  
E-mail dbq023s@dbqarch.org

### 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. 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 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.
Mon Feb 22	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Feb 23	5:30pm (C) Sharon Aldrich 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Feb 24	7:00am (C) Harold Isaac
Thu Feb 25	7:00am (C) Leo & Hilda Kurt
Fri Feb 26	7:00am (C) Wilfred & Phyllis Merfeld
Sat Feb 27	4:00pm (G) Don Droeszler & Elaine Johnson, Gene & Madonna Redmond, James Wellik
Sun Feb 28	5:30pm (C) Joanne T. Otting 8:00am (C) Vincent & Helen McDermott 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

## First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

In today's gospel, we hear the Gospel of Mark's version of the temptation of Jesus by Satan. This passage gives only a brief account, saying that while Jesus was "driven" out into the desert by the Holy Spirit, and being tempted, "he was among wild beasts and angels ministered to him". Reflecting upon this verse, we can consider how Lent can be a time of reckoning. The "beasts" can represent my appetites and selfishness as an individual, or collectively, our aggressiveness for our self-interests as tribes and nations. The angels can represent the best versions of ourselves, both as individuals, and also as families and communities.

When we live out our baptismal promises, as the second reading suggests, we can be the best version of ourselves. Lent can be a time of spiritual cleansing. As the author of the First Letter of St. Peter writes: "This (baptism) is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

Lent is a time we have each year to make the Gospel message of Jesus central in our lives. We hear in Mark 1:15 the essence of the Gospel in one verse!

Jesus proclaimed: "THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL". May this Lent be for all of us an important spiritual time of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021! The dinner will be served in drive through only. More information to come!

**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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Cascade.

**Caring For Your Marriage-** "He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." (Mk 1:13) There are many temptations that surround us daily. When faced with an evil temptation, turn to God and He will lead. Encourage your spouse to also avoid temptation.

### **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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:aquinlittleangels@aquin.org).

### **Sacred Heart, Fillmore**

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Feb. 13-14, 2021: Budget: \$955.00; Offertory: \$16.00; Mary's Candle: \$5.00; Total: \$976.00

**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

Financial report as of January 31, 2021	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$68,097
YTD Expenses	\$45,299
Excess Income/Exp	\$22,798
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 1/31/2021	

### St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** Feb. 13-14, 2021: Budget: \$985.00; Energy Needs: \$350.00; Total: \$1,335.00

**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

Financial report as of January 31, 2021	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$101,219
YTD Expenses	\$85,877
Excess Income/Exp	\$15,342
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 1/31/2021	

### St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** Feb. 13-14, 2021: Budget/Total: \$1,180.00

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

*Lector/Commentator:* Matt Manternach

*Eucharistic Minister:* Shelly Schockemoehl

*Usher:* Rick Turnis & Ken Heim

**Church Cleaning:** Ken & Itza Heim (leader), Dave & Marvel Heim, Jason & Lisa Kurt, Josh & Alisha Smith, Mary Kay Kelchen, Jeff & Sherry Kelchen (before March 20, 2021)

**Rosary, Adoration & Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's -** Wed., Feb. 24 at 7 PM.

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

Financial report as of January 31, 2021	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$98,522
YTD Expenses	\$66,097
Excess Income/Exp	\$32,425
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 1/31/2021	

### St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Feb. 13-14, 2021 – Budget:

\$6,190.00; Offertory: \$355.00; Total: \$6,545.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Feb 22-26): Linda Takes Davis

Saturday – Feb 27, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Kerri Takes;

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan, Fred Rogers

Sunday – Feb. 28, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Julie Hosch:

Ushers: Matt & Carson Nauman

Sunday – Feb. 28, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Lynch;

Ushers: Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme

Financial report as of January 31, 2021	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$411,219
YTD Expenses	\$381,483
Excess Income/Exp	\$29,736
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 1/31/2021	

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

#### Mental Health and Coping During a Pandemic

Join Counselors from Catholic Charities on March 1st at 6:00 pm for the first session of our "Pandemic Life Series" to learn more about mental health and coping during a pandemic. This webinar is free and open to the public. To register, contact us at [319-272-2141](tel:319-272-2141) or email [m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.stammeyer@dbqarch.org) with webinar registration questions.

## First Sunday of Lent

### Reading I

Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you:  
all the birds, and the various tame and wild  
animals  
that were with you and came out of the ark.  
I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures be  
destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood to devastate the  
earth.”

God added:

“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to  
come,  
of the covenant between me and you  
and every living creature with you:  
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign  
of the covenant between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth,  
and the bow appears in the clouds,  
I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,  
so that the waters shall never again become a  
flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those  
who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those  
who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those  
who keep your covenant.

### Reading II

1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.  
Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.  
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in  
prison,  
who had once been disobedient  
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.  
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.  
It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to  
him.

### Verse Before the Gospel

Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the  
mouth of God.

### Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.  
He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.  
After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of  
God:  
“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

### Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your  
Son. 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.

## **Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal**

God, heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works You inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.  
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right  
and to be eager in doing Your will.  
Teach me to find new life through penance.  
Keep me from sin, and help me live  
by Your commandment of love.  
God of love, bring me back to You.  
Send Your Spirit to make me strong  
in faith and active in good works.  
May my acts of penance bring me Your  
forgiveness,  
open my heart to Your love,  
and prepare me for the coming feast  
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,  
nourish me with Your Word of life  
and make me one  
with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love  
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human  
weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments,  
especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,  
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;  
let me walk more readily in Your ways.  
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,  
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,  
help me to pass from my old life of sin  
to the new life of grace.  
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.  
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your  
Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.