

March 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 Mar 6	4:00pm (G) Anne Feeney 5:30pm (C) Patrick, Elizabeth & Kathleen Rogers, Francis (Buddy) Trumm, Sharon Aldrich & Jonah Roggensack
Sun Mar 7	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Pete & Odie Boffeli, Steve Boffeli & Kay Noonan
Mon Mar 8	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Mar 9	8:30am (C) Pat Noonan 5:30pm (C) Curt Curoe 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Mar 10	7:00am (C) Lloyd Stecklein, Fred Kremer, Carl & Marion Kremer
Thu Mar 11	7:00am (C) Kay Mooney
Fri Mar 12	7:00am (C) Elmer & Ida Breitbach
Sat Mar 13	4:00pm (F) Don Johnson 5:30pm (C) Odie Boffeli Family
Sun Mar 14	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Robert Luensmann 10:00am (C) Jerry & Phyllis Green 11:00am (C) Communal Reconciliation

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7, 2021

From Fr. Mark

This week we have the story of Jesus overturning the money changers' tables in the temple. We can imagine the anger and the chaos resulting from Jesus taking this prophetic stand against the injustice inherent in the "temple system". This system involved the Jewish religious hierarchy centered in Jerusalem, the local officials of the Roman Empire and all the people whose livelihoods depended on the industry of temple sacrifices. A lot of money was involved in the way the common people connected to God, and for Jesus, it was high time for a "cleansing" of these practices.

We can experience this connection of faith and finances as very uncomfortable at times. Who wants to hear repeated homilies at Sunday Mass which are focused on money? In too many cases, are we more focused on church building maintenance than we are on our spiritual relationships with God and others? Is the Catholic Church more interested in raising money for our own needs in the parish than we are in helping those who are desperately poor?

These are all important questions we need to honestly face on a regular basis. Jesus declared in today's gospel: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up". The author of the Gospel of John explains that Jesus was not talking about the physical building. Jesus "was speaking about the temple of his body." A major message in this story is that Jesus himself is replacing the temple building as the locus of God's presence on earth. Relationship with Jesus, and the Body of Christ (the people of God, the Church) is our primary way to encounter God in our lives.

This story emphasizes that salvation depends on having a relationship with a Person, Jesus himself. Paul writes that we can become "temples of the Holy Spirit". When we receive Eucharist we become temples of God's presence. When we are kind to others, it is like being kind to Jesus himself. Hopefully the beauty of our churches and the beauty of our worship at Mass is reflected in our relationship with Jesus himself.

Pastorate

Notice! There are some parishioners receiving messages claiming to be from Fr. Mark. This is a scam. Please do not respond to any messages like that as Fr. Mark would never ask for anything from you in this manner.

Mass at the Basilica

Welcome to Mass at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 13 at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville. Bagpipers from Dubuque will lead the procession, along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Irish group and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus to follow. This liturgy will include some Irish music. At 1:30, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin in front of the basilica and continue down Main Street.

Mass for the Unborn

Thursday, March 25th, Church of the Resurrection

6:25pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass in honor of the **Feast of the Annunciation** and the **International Day of the Unborn Child**, DCRTL is sponsoring a *Mass for the Unborn*. This Mass will be held on Thursday, March 25 (exactly 9 months before Christmas) at Church of the Resurrection in Dubuque. The evening will open at 6:25pm with a special pro-life Rosary led by Duhawks for Life. Then, Mass will follow at 7:00pm. Please join us for this special evening. Everyone is welcome!

2021 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference

The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2021**. Participants can register to join either virtually (via a live-stream) or in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids (where protocols will be followed to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus). Groups of 5 or more virtual participants may register at a discounted group rate. For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org.

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, March 6th, from 10:00am-11:30am in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- "Honor your father and your mother." (Ex 20:12) For those with good relationships with their parents, this commandment can be easy to follow. For others, this can be difficult. Pray today for your parents, and ask God for reconciliation where needed.

Back by popular demand! Free Knights of Columbus Virtual Presentation: "Paychecks to Playchecks" hosted by Tom Hegna. Tom Hegna, Internationally Acclaimed Retirement Expert, will be conducting a virtual seminar titled "Paychecks to. Playchecks." This seminar is one night only: Wednesday, March 10th at 7PM. This seminar is free to the faithful with pre-registration required. Tom will hit on topics like Medicare, Medicaid, taxes and social security. He will also discuss valuable information on the use of life insurance, annuities, and long-term care insurance. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to see Tom Hegna for free. To register please email Lawrence.blatz@kofc.org Or call (563) 590-0366. Tom Hegna Paychecks to Playchecks is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance of Iowa.

Catholic Charities Jail and Prison Ministries Program -

Did you know that 78% of clients in Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry program were successful in not re-offending compared to the state's average rate? This work saves taxpayer money, decreases the strain on our law enforcement and most importantly improves the quality of life for those in the program and their families. Support this important work, and much more with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Feb. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$850.00; Easter: \$200.00; Total: \$1,050.00

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. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$1,486.00; Offertory: \$198.00; Energy Needs: \$370.00; Irish Breakfast: \$580.00; Total: \$2,634.00

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

Commentator/Lector: Mike Molony; Euch. Min.: Judy Coyle,

Ushers: Matt King, Denny Brackemyer

Weekend Money Counters: March 2021

Chuck Shanahan, Eric Vaske

Church & Hall Cleaning (Mar. 2021):

John & Mary Pat Noonan, Matt & Ashley Noonan, Jennifer Hazer

Even though we cannot gather as usual for our Irish

Breakfast this year, you are encouraged to support this event through your contributions to help us meet our budget needs for this fiscal year. If you indicate the Irish Breakfast on your contribution, you will receive credit for this on your contribution statement. The best way to do this is to make your contribution in a separate envelope marked "Irish Breakfast". If you have any questions, please contact the Pastorate Office. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Feb. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$360.00; Youth Budget: \$2.00; Total: \$362.00

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., March 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: Feb. 27-28, 2021 – Budget: \$4,406.00; Offertory: \$651.00; Holy Days: \$60.00; Easter: \$100.00; Total: \$5,217.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Mar. 8-12): Dianne Koppes Saturday – Mar. 13, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Mark Otting;

Ushers: Jean Simon, Joyce McQuillen

Sunday – Mar. 14, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Chuck Casey;

Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan

Sunday – Mar. 14, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm;

Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

St. Matthias February Fun Night Raffle Winners

Prize	Winner
\$2000 Travel Voucher	Patti Simon
Pit Boss Grill	Matt & Kara Hosch
Cascade Area Restaurant Pack.	Ron Woerdehoff
CHS Activity Passes	Dave & Kathy Beck
Scrip:	
\$300	Ted & Jenni Green
\$200	Tom McDermott
\$100	Bob Walsh
Cascade Chamber Bucks:	
\$100	Kelsi Hosch
\$100	Gerald & Karen McAllister

2021 February Fun Night

Platinum Donors (\$200 and above)

Cascade Lumber Company	Cascade Custom Precast
Dave Coyle Concrete	Eastern Iowa Excavating
Edward Jones	Fidelity Bank & Trust
Herb Green Ford	McAllister Electric
McDermott Custom Pump. LLC	McDermott Oil Co.
Ohnward Bank & Trust	Otting Body Shop
Schockemoehl Landscaping	Stone Hollow
Webber Metal Products Inc.	

Gold Donors (\$125-\$199)

Brothers Market	CCR Transport
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Silver Donors (\$75-\$124)

Blair Gleason Insurance	Mike Callahan Insurance
Cascade Livestock Auction	Cheryl's Flour Garden
D & L Trucking	Gehl Lawn Service
Rea Seed	Redmond Construction
Northfolk Insurance	Two Gingers Tavern

Bronze Donors (\$74 and under)

Bale Barn	Cascade Communications
Cascade Family Health Center	Insurance Associates
Kleitsch Electric	McDermott Concrete/B&M Truck.
River Bend Assist. Living	Rolling Hills Vet Service
White Front Feed & Seed	

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

For a student to apply for the Cascade Knights of Columbus Scholarship, the student must be the son or daughter of an active member of the Cascade Council #930 of the Knights of Columbus. To apply check at the Guidance Office at Cascade High School or for more information, contact Tom Gleason 563.451.4376.

Archdiocese of Dubuque IMPACT Formation Program

for Adults Do you thirst for a more intimate relationship with God? Do you hunger for increased knowledge of the Catholic faith? Do you desire to make a greater IMPACT in your parish and community? If yes, consider joining the next IMPACT cohort! Through spiritual reading, dynamic presenters, engaging discussion, prayer experiences, and personal reflection, participants will be challenged to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! The next two-year cohort begins in September of 2021 and will meet monthly (on Saturdays) at St. Mark Parish in Iowa Falls. For more information and the application, please visit: www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT.

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Ex 20:1-17

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

“I, the LORD am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of
slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in
vain.

For the LORD will not leave unpunished
the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother,
that you may have a long life in the land
which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass,
nor anything else that belongs to him.”

Responsorial Psalm

19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting
life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;

sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading II

1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal
life.

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep,
and doves,

as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords

and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep
and oxen,

and spilled the coins of the money changers

and overturned their tables,

and to those who sold doves he said,

“Take these out of here,

and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,

Zeal for your house will consume me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him,

“What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered and said to them,

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews said,

“This temple has been under construction for forty-six
years,

and you will raise it up in three days?”

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead,

his disciples remembered that he had said this,

and they came to believe the Scripture

and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,

many began to believe in his name

when they saw the signs he was doing.

But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew
them all,

and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.

He himself understood it well.

Prayer for Lenten Simplicity:

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs
my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty
grudges.

Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or
self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less
spitefulness, greater generosity and few self-
centered needs, stronger compassion and
weakened judgement of others.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent,
so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in
abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray

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.

Prayer for a Fruitful Lent

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent.

Humble me so that I may see clearly.

Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart.

Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord.

Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life.

Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

My suffering Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice.

I thank You for holding nothing back, giving Your life to the last drop of blood.

May I offer You my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in Your mercy with every offering.

Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love.

Strengthen my prayer and make me holy.

Help me to turn to You, each day, seeking Your sacred and pierced Heart.

Blessed Mother,

you stood by your Son in His suffering and death, stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life.

Pray for me and offer me to Your Son, that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen