

March 14, 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.

Confirmation Candidates 2020-2021

Congratulations to our students who will be confirmed by Archbishop Jackels on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th!

Jayson Barrios
Emily Bleile
Anna Conlin
Calvin Federspiel
Tyson Hill
Taryn Hoffman
Adam Knepper
Brianna Koppes
Brooklynn Loes
Luke Ludwig
Alyssa Lux
Levi Lynch
Ella Madsen
Cole McDermott
Jack Menster
Maxwell Nadeau
Tess Nolan
Peter Noonan
Ella Otting
Mason Otting
Sean Pry
Cade Rausch
Margo Rausch
Corinne Rea
Carli Recker
Grace Rhomberg
Olivia Ries
Laura Rollinger
Anna Schwenker
Addy Supple
Lilly Topping
Shelby Trumm
Makenna Trumm
Addison Trumm

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 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
Mon Mar 15	11:00am(C) Funeral for Bob Otting
Tue Mar 16	8:30am (C) Clifford & Betty Woerdehoff 5:30pm (C) The Richard Henry Family 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Mar 17	7:00am (C) Elmer & Vince Peiffer 6:30pm (C) Rite of Confirmation
Thu Mar 18	7:00am (C) Bill & Imelda Beringer
Fri Mar 19	7:00am (C) Chuck Henry
Sat Mar 20	4:00pm (T) Joe & Jane Stanton, Florence Gavin 5:30pm (C) The Neiers & Streng Family, Fred & Marion Manternach
Sun Mar 21	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Dick & Nancy Sullivan, Mary & Walt Knepper

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021

From Fr. Mark

We are surprised sometimes by who God calls, and what God uses to further his plan. One example is in the book of Numbers, when the people of Israel are bitten by poisonous snakes as punishment for their disobedience. God then tells Moses to fashion a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, so that all who gaze upon the bronze serpent will recover! Perhaps you have seen the symbol depicting a snake (or two snakes) entwined on a pole on a sign for a medical office or clinic. This is called a "caduceus" and has been a sign of healing since the times of the ancient Greeks. Who would think a snake would be a sign of healing? Yet, the antidote for snake venom is made from the venom of snakes. When Jesus mentions this bronze serpent story to Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus is saying that He, too, will be lifted up on a pole so that people can be healed from the poison of sin. Jesus is the antidote!

Another example is the way God works through King Cyrus of Persia. He is the mightiest emperor of the time, and worships other gods, yet the prophet Isaiah says Cyrus is "anointed by God". Another word for "anointed" is "messiah". Cyrus decides to release God's people from slavery, provides assistance to get them back to their home country, and helps them financially to rebuild the temple which had been destroyed four generations before by the Babylonians. Who would have thought God could work through a pagan king? God's ways are mysterious, but effective!

I hope you will be able to join us for the sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10 AM Mass this weekend! It is a great way to be released from the poison of sin and the slavery of sin!

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Reconciliation Times:

Thursday March 18, 5:30 -6:30 PM, Garryowen
Saturday March 20, 3:15 PM, Temple Hill
Wednesday, March 24, 5-6 PM, Fillmore
Thursday, March 25, 5:30 PM, Temple Hill
Saturday March 27 3:15 PM, Garryowen
Tuesday March 30 Cascade 5-5:30 PM, Cascade
Wednesday, March 31, 5:30-6:15 PM, Cascade
Good Friday 10-11 AM, Cascade

Palm Sunday Breakfast – The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council # 930 is having the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 28, 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!

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.

Donations for Easter flowers will be accepted through Monday, March 29, 2021. The requested donation is \$15. Please place your donation in an envelope and on a separate sheet of paper or on the outside of the envelope include the parish receiving the donation, your name and the name of the person(s) for whom the memorial is being made. If you are donating money for flowers to more than one church, please make separate checks to each church. We will still decorate the churches with Easter Lilies, and the names of your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin the week after Easter

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 13th, from 10:00am-11:30am in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade. We are always in need of food, personal items and money donations. Thank you!

Caring For Your Marriage- "The Lord does not see as humans see." (1 Sam 16:7) As the saying goes, "Love is blind." God and your beloved can see beauty beneath the surface. Beyond physical appearance, what invisible gifts do you see in your beloved?

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help – Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets compromised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org

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

10th Annual Cougar Pride Day-Seeking Jobs!

Cascade Jr./Sr. High School believes that spring is on its way and they want to help you out. Do you have any jobs or tasks needed to be done around your house or property? What about your neighbors? If so, the Cascade student body is beginning to plan for their 10th annual community service day in order to assist the community with certain responsibilities. On Wednesday, April 21st, the students and faculty will disperse in groups of about twelve to fifteen throughout the surrounding Cascade, Fillmore, Temple Hill, and Bernard areas to perform duties for the various residents or businesses. If needed, the students may pick up litter, paint sheds, do landscaping, or any other task requested by the

person in need. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all jobs will be outside the homeowner's residence. The students will donate their service and effort while the residents supply the needed supplies for the services. If inclement weather occurs, a rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th. Any residents or organization who wish to request students to visit their home or property can contact Alisha Smith at Cascade High School at (563) 852-3201 ext. 1029 or email at alisha.smith@wdbqschools.org, by April 9th, 2021. Priority is given to those who are disabled, the elderly, and nonprofit organizations.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Mar. 6-7, 2021: Budget/Total: \$705.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, April 4, 2021 11:00am

Commentator/Lector: Claire Brown; Eucharistic Minister: Ruth Rea; Ushers: Kathy Staner, Ann Callahan

Church & Hall Cleaning Done April 4, 2021:

John & Sue Krogman, Randy & Jody Knapp, Dave & Sherry Menke, Pam Lynch, Tom Recker, Tom & Jennifer Hunt, Scott & Ashley Tumey, Andy Megan Knapp

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Mar. 6-7, 2021: Budget: \$1,701.00; Offertory: \$88.00; Energy Needs: \$200.00; Irish Breakfast: \$1,045.00; Initial Offering: \$5.00; Total: \$3,039.00

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: Mar. 6-7, 2021: Budget/Total: \$135.00

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 17 at 7 PM.

Parish Cleaning Day - Saturday, March 27 at 9:00 AM

St. Peter's Parish Blood Drive - Monday, March 29, 2021 - 3:00-7:00. Sign up can be done on-line, in the entry of the church, or by calling or emailing Julie.

Volunteers to help with the drive are also welcome.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Mar. 6-7, 2021 – Budget: \$7,586.00; Offertory: \$450.00; Easter: \$1,847.50; Total: \$9,783.50

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Mar. 15-19): Jean Simon
Saturday – Mar. 20, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Strang;
Ushers: Jim Betzner, Mark Otting

Sunday – Mar. 21, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Conrad;
Ushers: Chuck Reiter, Ralph Hosch

Sunday – Mar. 21, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jason McDermott;
Ushers: Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme

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.

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. **1. Nursing scholarships 2. 4-H scholarships**
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.

Hello! We are the Matthew 25 Club at Aquin and we are asking for your help. The St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry is looking for items to help stock their shelves.

Many families in the surrounding area have benefited from this Food Pantry and we want to do our part to keep the shelves full.

The students at Aquin will be asked to fill their container during the weeks of March 15th-March 19th.

The class with the most items collected will receive a free Casual Week.

Fill the Tubs with:		
Shampoo	Deodorant	Detergent
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	Baby Products	Dish Soap
Baking ingredients	Peanut Butter	Jelly

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm

137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate

if I remember you not,

If I place not Jerusalem

ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Reading II

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —,

raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come

He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;

it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for
the good works

that God has prepared in advance,

that we should live in them

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 3:16

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

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have
eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not
perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world, but that the world might be saved
through him. Whoever believes in him will not be
condemned, but whoever does not believe has already
been condemned, because he has not believed in the
name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the
world, but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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.

THE PRAYER PROCESS

1. **GRATITUDE:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
2. **AWARENESS:** Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were an were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. **SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS:** Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. **PEACE:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. **FREEDOM:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
6. **OTHERS:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. **PRAY** the *Our Father*.

Resource: DynamicCatholic.com

Walk with us

Jesus, you know what it's like
to feel abandoned
lost and afraid.

Walk with us

And show us how to walk with others,
who live in fear,
who face death
through hunger or war.

Show us how to pray
for those we do not know
and will not meet,
but who are always loved by you.

Walk with us Jesus, Amen.