

March 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.

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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
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Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Sat Mar 20	4:00pm (T) Joe & Jane Stanton, and Florence Gavin
	5:30pm (C) The Deceased Members of the Neiers and Streng Families, Fred & Marion Manternach
Sun Mar 21	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) Dick & Nancy Sullivan, Mary & Walt Knepper
Mon Mar 22	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Mar 23	8:30am (C) Bob & Marion Hosch 5:30pm (C) Eugene Hoffmann 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Mar 24	7:00am (C) Walter, Rita & Stan Connolly
Thu Mar 25	7:00am (C) Melvin Manternach & Fr. Carl Manternach
Fri Mar 26	7:00am (C) Darlene Conzett
Sat Mar 27	4:00pm (G) James Dowling 5:30pm (C) Kathleen & Paul McDonnell and Janice McDonnell
Sun Mar 28	8:00am (C) Ed, Millie & Kathy Hosch, Doris Lehman and Lyle & Katie Ridenour 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2021

From Fr. Mark

The First Sorrowful Mystery of the rosary is entitled "the Agony in the Garden". Jesus prays by himself, at a distance from his apostles, Peter, James, and John as he nears the time of his death. Some biblical scholars believe today's gospel passage is the reflection of the author of the Gospel of John on what Jesus thinks about death as he talks to his heavenly Father. Instead of having this conversation with his Father while he is praying in the garden at Gethsemane following the Last Supper, the author of John's gospel transposes it to the Jerusalem temple on Palm Sunday. In this passage, Jesus is troubled, as he faces his death. He realizes that he cannot be saved from this hour. He is aware that offering himself in this kind of death is his purpose, and that when he is "lifted up" (on the cross), he will draw everyone to himself. This is why he was sent, and this sacrifice will glorify his heavenly Father.

Our second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, also reflects on this prayer of Jesus. Fr. Carrol Stuhmueller writes: "by the strength bestowed by God, Jesus became obedient unto death. When thus perfected, he became the source of life to all who obey him." This humble obedience is possible because Jesus has the new covenant with God "written on his heart", as today's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah suggests.

All who farm or enjoy gardening love this time of year, as they plan and look forward to the planting of seeds. In the early part of our gospel passage, Jesus teaches a life lesson using the example of seeds. Jesus teaches those who seek him, that "if a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit." Dying to ourselves, our own ego, and our own desires, is never an easy project. But Jesus teaches those who would be his disciples that it is necessary if our lives are to bear fruit for God.

Here is a statement from Archbishop Jackels about vaccine concerns which was sent to priests on March 4, 2021: "Originally, it didn't seem necessary to make a statement about the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine; any message would be essentially the same as what was said in December 2020 regarding the other vaccines.

However, some Catholics are a little confused about whether they may receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. So, some clarification is called for:

If Catholics are given a choice about which COVID vaccine to receive, they should choose the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines over the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Why?

Because Johnson and Johnson used cell lines from the fetal tissue of an aborted baby in the *production* of its vaccine, whereas Pfizer and Moderna used them only for *lab testing*.

It's a subtle distinction. All three companies used those ethically compromised cell lines; it's just that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, because they made only limited use, are further removed from the evil of abortion than is the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

However, if Catholics are *not* given a choice about which vaccine to receive, it is morally acceptable for them to use the Johnson and Johnson vaccine against the serious health risk of the coronavirus.

In this regard, it appears that, at present, and for the foreseeable future, no one is being offered a choice of vaccines.

Besides, as stated above, right now there isn't a COVID vaccine available that didn't use those abortion-derived cell lines in design, development, production, and/or lab testing.

So, if Catholics have the opportunity to get vaccinated, and aren't given a choice of vaccines, they should gratefully receive whatever is available; the sooner, the better.

The common good of protecting the public health against a contagious and potentially deadly virus takes precedence over any reservations Catholics might have about being treated with any of the available vaccines."

Pastorate

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 27th, from 10:00am-11:30am in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, | Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- "If a grain of wheat dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24) Death is hard: the death of a loved one, the death of dreams, and the daily dying to self. But Jesus promises that when united with Him, even death and suffering can be fruitful. Find comfort in His words today.

Catholic Charities Jail and Prison Ministries Program -

Thank You from Catholic Charities - These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2021 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Mar. 13-14, 2021: Budget: \$573.00; Offertory: \$29.00; Total: \$602.00

Liturgical Participation-Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 11:00am

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

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by April 1, 2021:

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

Financial report as of February 28, 2021	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$71,897
YTD Expenses	\$51,243
Excess Income/Exp	\$20,654
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 2/28/2021	

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Mar. 13-14, 2021: Budget: \$153.00; Irish Breakfast: \$780.00; Total: \$933.00

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

Commentator/Lector: Mike Molony; *Each. 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

Financial report as of February 28, 2021	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$109,479
YTD Expenses	\$98,247
Excess Income/Exp	\$11,232
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 2/28/2021	

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!

DEEP CLEANING - There will be a deep cleaning of the church and the hall on Saturday, April 17th. There will be a sign up in the back of church for you to indicate what time you can come help. Thanks!

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Mar. 13-14, 2021: Budget: \$840.00; Parish Rent: \$110.00; Total: \$950.00

Liturgical Participation: (Easter - April 4, 2021 - 9:00 AM)

Lector/Commentator: LuAnn Manternach

Eucharistic Minister: Becky Trumm

Usher: Scot, Marty, & Adam Knepper

Liturgical Participation: (April 17, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Madeline Manternach

Eucharistic Minister: Emily Trumm

Usher: Jay Trumm, Jason Kurt

Church Cleaning: Joe & Linda Schockemoehl (leader), Alex & Kayla Schockemoehl, Peter & Liz Lensen, Donnie & Kay Manternach, Ralph & Janice Trumm, Jay & Sue Trumm, Park, Jared, & John Trumm (before April 17, 2021)

Rosary, Adoration & Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's - Wed., March 24 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.

Financial report as of February 28, 2021	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$103,119
YTD Expenses	\$73,927
Excess Income/Exp	\$29,193

Chart includes all income & expenses as of 2/28/2021

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Mar. 13-14, 2021 – Budget: \$3,214.00; Offertory: \$351.00; Total: \$3,565.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Mar. 22-26): Jean Lynch

Saturday – Mar. 27, 5:30pm-

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Gleason;

Ushers: Fred Rogers, Kelly Sullivan

Sunday – Mar. 28, 8:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Loren Manternach;

Ushers: Mike & Monica McDermott

Sunday – Mar. 28, 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Amy Ludwig;

Ushers: Brad & Luke Ludwig

Financial report as of February 28, 2021	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$444,925
YTD Expenses	\$435,572
Excess Income/Exp	\$9,353
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 2/28/2021	

SPRING CLEANING of the St. Matthias church on Monday, March 29, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It has been nearly a year and a half since the last thorough cleaning so many, many hands are needed. Cleaning supplies provided but a couple of vacuum cleaners, scrub mops, buckets and a tall stepladder would be helpful. In anticipation of your help, thank you.

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**.

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.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house
of Israel
and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their
fathers

the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;
for they broke my covenant,
and I had to show myself their master, says the
LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the
LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon
their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their
friends and relatives
how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says
the LORD,

for I will forgive their evildoing and remember
their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm **51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out
my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud
cries and tears to the one who was able to save
him from death, and he was heard because of his
reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from
what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all
who obey him.

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the
Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the
Passover Feast
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in
Galilee,
and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."
Philip went and told Andrew;
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save me from this hour'?"

But it was for this purpose that I came to this
hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;
but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said,

"This voice did not come for my sake but for
yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would
die.

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.

A Lenten Prayer called the Passion.

Dear Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross,

Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.

Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You.

Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

Psalm 91 is the special Lenten psalm, and it makes an appropriate night prayer.

Prayer:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

For he will rescue you from the snare of the fowler, from the destroying pestilence. With his pinions he will cover you, and under his wings you shall take refuge; his faithfulness is a buckler and a shield.

You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day; Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right side, near you it shall not come. Rather with your eyes shall you behold and see the requital of the wicked,

Because you have the Lord for your refuge; you have made the Most High your stronghold. No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent. For to his angels he has given command about you that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him; with length of days I will gratify him and will show him my salvation. Amen

An Easter prayer of celebration: by Debbie McDaniel

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the Victory and Power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, and that by your might, Christ was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to live free. Thank you that you had plan, thank you that you made a way.

We praise you for your great strength, we praise you for your lavish love. We praise you for you are Conqueror, Victor, Redeemer, and Friend. We praise you that you alone are our Deliverer, you are Worthy, you are our everlasting Father, our great and awesome God.

We confess our need for you. We ask that you would renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your spirit of refreshing to fill us again. Keep your words of truth planted firmly within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us of where we have been, whispering his lies and hurling attacks our way, may he be reminded again of his future. For we have a future and a hope in you. We've been set free, redeemed, the old has lost its grip, the new has come.