

March 28, 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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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 Mar 27	4:00pm (G) James Dowling 5:30pm (C) Kathleen & Paul McDonnell and Janice McDonnell
Sun Mar 28	Palm Sunday 8:00am (C) Ed, Millie & Kathy Hosch, Doris Lehman and Lyle & Katie Ridenour 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Mon Mar 29	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Mar 30	8:30am (C) Paul Ehlinger 5:30pm (C) Eugene Hoffmann, Ray, Mary & Tom Turnis 6:00pm (C) Stations of the Cross
Wed Mar 31	7:00am (C) Fr. Paul Oudkerkirk
Thu April 1	7:00pm (C) Charlotte Danner
Fri April 2	2:30pm (C) Good Friday Service
Sat April 3	8:00pm (C) Scott Koppes, Clyde & Delores Kean, Herby & Erma Koppes and Families
Sun April 4	Easter Sunday 7:00am (G) Shirley Hosch, James Molony 8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 9:00am (T) Roger & Mary Callahan, Gary Kelchen & David Quint 10:00am (C) Janet Staner 11:00am (F) Deceased Members of the Driscoll & Martin Families

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Happy Palm Sunday! And welcome to Holy Week! It is good to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and to attend the special liturgies this week. Please check out the schedule in this issue of the bulletin. Here is a reflection I read and wanted to pass on to you:

“St. Francis de Sales once wrote: ‘I especially commend earnest mental prayer ... upon the Life and Passion of our Lord. If you contemplate him frequently in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with him, you will grow in his likeness, and your actions will be molded on his.’ Francis knew that if we want to see real transformation in our lives, we need to dwell deeply on the cross.

One of the best ways to do this is to imagine yourself in the upper room, in Gethsemane, or on the Mount of Crucifixion. Picture yourself sitting next to Jesus as he consecrates the bread and wine. What does his voice sound like? What is the expression on his face? Gaze into his eyes as he stands before Pilate and receives his death sentence. Why is he silent? What is going through his mind as he hears the crowd crying out for his crucifixion?

So often we think that what we do is what matters most. It does matter, but what God wants to do in us matters even more. This is why it is so important to contemplate the Passion, opening ourselves to God’s grace as we do. God wants to fill us with grace as we ponder the Passion this week. He wants to make a deep impression in our souls and cut us to the heart with his love. So look up to heaven every day this week, and thank him for giving himself to you so fully. “

During Holy Week, we are also invited to share in the joy of the Resurrection! As the prayer of Palm Sunday proclaims, since “we are made partakers in his cross, may we also share in his Resurrection and Life.” Thanks to all who have contributed to our flowers and decorations for Easter, and to all who will contribute to our Easter collection. On behalf of our parish staff members, I wish you a spiritually enriching Holy Week.

Pastorate

Reconciliation Times:

Tuesday March 30 Cascade 5-5:30 PM, Cascade
Wednesday, March 31, 5:30-6:15 PM, Cascade
Good Friday 10-11 AM, Cascade

Livestreaming Update: Please note: If for some reason the Mass is not available on Saturday night, please check back at 8:00am or 10:00am on Sunday for Mass to be livestreamed at that time. We are still working to get the Mass recorded and submitted for playback on the local access channel. We appreciate your patience!

**We would also like to recognize your
Pastorate RCIA candidates:**

**Ali Hutchins
Alisha Smith**

**Please keep them, their sponsors,
and their families in our prayers.**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Fish Fry was a huge success this year! Although we could not gather at the Legion as we would have liked, we served over 815 dinners from the drive thru. Thanks to all the volunteers, donations, runners, and those that came to get dinners, we netted over \$3,100.00. Thank you for all your generosity!

All Parish Cemetery Reminder: Please remove any winter decorations on grave sites that will interfere with mowing and spring clean-up.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Social Justice Committee Pop-Up Food Pantry will be open - Saturday, April 3rd, from 10:00am-11:30am in the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Office Basement at 408 3rd Ave NW, Cascade.

Caring For Your Marriage- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mk 15:34) Have there been times when you have felt forsaken by God? Has he later proved his presence and love to you? Praise God for his love and presence in your life and marriage.

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 is looking for a PT cleaner for the school. Interested candidates should contact Kelli Trumm at 563.852.3331. The position could be filled immediately or June 1st.

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.

The Annual Aquin System Gala on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Mar. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$130.00; EFT: \$50.00; Total: \$180.00

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

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Mar. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$713.00; EFT: \$715.00; Easter: \$100.00; Irish Breakfast: \$510.00; Total: \$2,038.00

Liturgical Participation – Easter Sunday, April 4, 7:00am To Be Determined

Weekend Money Counters: April 2021

Jean Thier & Tom Donovan

Church & Hall Cleaning (Apr. 2021):

Brian & Josey Noonan, Tom & Laura Ries, Jason & Laura Noonan

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!

Spring CLEANING - There will be a spring 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. 20-21, 2021: Budget: \$1,915.00; Offertory: \$85.00; EFT: \$465.00; Easter: \$20.00; Votive Stand: \$2.00; Hall Rent: \$50.00; Pasture Rent: \$700.00; Total: \$3,237.00

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 31 at 7 PM

Thanks so much to the adults and youth who helped with the roadside clean up and our parish cleaning day. Your help is very much appreciated!!

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.

We are looking for someone to do weed whipping around the church grounds and cemetery. You must be 18 yrs of age. Let Julie know if you are interested.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Mar. 20-21, 2021 – Budget: \$4,589.00; Offertory: \$419.75; EFT: 5,469.00; Easter: \$250.00; Grain Bank: \$409.00; Total: \$11,136.75

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Mar. 29-Apr. 2): Jane Strang

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday, April 1, 7pm-

Lector/EM: Julie Hosch; *Commentator/EM:* Jean Conrad;

Ushers: Fred Rogers, Blair Gleason

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 2, 2021

High School Servers: Adam Knepper, Luke Ludwig, Waylon Lynch

Euch. Min: Bridget Rea, Dianne Reiter

Narrator: Amy Ludwig;

Voice/Lector: Cathy Knuth

Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021

Readers: Amy Conlin, Mark Otting, Kerri Takes

Ushers: Julie Hosch, Ralph Hosch, Kelly Sullivan

Euch. Min.: Jim Betzner, Donna Callahan, Kerri Takes

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:00am

Lector/Commentator: Mollie Bergfeld

Euch. Min.: Dianne Koppes, Rhonda Kurt

Ushers: Carson Nauman, Matt Nauman

10:00am

Lector/Commentator: Molly Recker

Euch. Min.: Kathy Beck, Barb Otting

Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

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.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their
heads:

“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Indeed, many dogs surround me,

a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

“You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading II

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Verse before the Gospel

Phil 2:8-9

Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which
is above every name.

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 night reflection for Holy Thursday

Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die
is held captive overnight.

If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?

That I made friends with people irrespective of their color, creed or class....

That I shared my bread with the poor....

That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness....

That I made justice and didn't count the cost

That I sought the truth and then spoke of it....

That I recognized my neighbor and loved them as my very self...

That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness I received....

That I accepted hospitality at many different tables....

That I was changed by the lives of others....

.... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness

in encountering their wisdom ...

That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me....

That I never sought out suffering...

..... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability...

That the love of those about me taught me to love myself before God...

You call us out of brokenness to mend and remake your creation.

Grant us the courage to stay

with all those who are held captive this night.

In the name of Jesus who is good news, Amen.

Pat Pierce/CAFOD

Prayer at 3 o'clock on Good Friday

Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,
you endured such pain and suffering for me,
you died for love of me.

I kneel beneath your cross
and beg for mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

O blood and water flowing from your side,
sanctify and cleanse me.

Lord, I love you with all my heart
and place all my trust in you.

Amen

Diana Ng-Sutherland/CAFOD

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.

Linda Jones/CAFOD

The darkness of the tomb

Jesus, in the darkness of the tomb,
you were surrounded by love,
by grief and by fear,
as your body was prepared for burial.

Walk with us

May we feel the comfort
of your love for us.

And may we turn outwards
to share that love with others,
with the same generosity and gentle loving kindness
that you showed to all.

Walk with us Jesus, Amen.

Linda Jones/CAFOD