

April 18, 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 – June 7, 2021, 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 April 17	11:00am (C) Memorial Mass for Joanne T. Otting 4:00pm (T) John & Frances Peiffer 5:30pm (C) Herb Green
Sun April 18	8:00am (C) Lawrence & Bernadette, Susie Kurt and Decease Members of the Peter & Mary Kurt Family 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Dave Gassman
Mon April 19	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue April 20	8:30am (C) Bob & Marion Hosch, Mel Manternach & Fr. Carl Manternach
Wed April 21	7:00am (C) Sam & Harriet Knepper
Thu April 22	7:00am (C) Dode Merfeld
Fri April 23	7:00am (C) Bob Takes, Paul & Sybil Takes
Sat April 24	4:00pm (G) Andy & Helen Laban, Gerald McCarthy 5:30pm (C) Charles Green, P.J. & Tootie Takes
Sun April 25	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Bob Hosch 10:00am (C) Ron Kurt, Brian Kurt, George Kurt & Ed Rehak Family

Third Week of Easter, April 18, 2021

From Fr. Mark

During the Easter season, we hear stories of Resurrection appearances of Jesus. In today's Gospel from Luke, we hear the story of how Jesus appears to the disciples after he had first appeared to Simon Peter, and the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Jesus reassures his disciples in a variety of ways:

1. He asks them "Why are you troubled?".

It helps us to try to put our fears and anxieties into words. To name our fears is not some idle task. We have to deal directly with an inner sense of worry and foreboding if we are to be able to move forward.

2. "Look at my hands and my feet."

The disciples no doubt felt guilt and shame for not being there with Jesus as he was dying on the cross. To look at his wounds not only identifies him as the real Jesus, but lets them know that the wounds have not taken away his power and concern for them. Jesus is still totally capable of working with them and walking with them

3. "Have you anything here to eat?" Jesus eats in front of them, to prove he is not a ghost. More importantly, to eat with Jesus always can connect us to the power of the Eucharist.

4. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. One of the best ways to get close to Jesus and to stay close to Jesus is to do our best to understand the Scriptures. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is called the "Word of GOD", with a capital W! To allow God's Word to seep into us, like rain into thirsty soil, helps us to grow and bear fruit for the LORD.

5. "You are witnesses of these things". We are to tell others of the message of the Gospel of Jesus. That message is: "The Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, is to be preached in his name to all the nations." For most of us, that means to be a good example to our family members of living the faith, and to offer this message of hope to our coworkers. There are lots of people who need this message of hope!

Pastorate

Bereavement Series: The Pastorate will host a 5 - part series for persons who have suffered the death of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting April 27, 2021, 7:00pm in the Pastorate office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Jean Mausser – 852-7709 or 563-495-2206.

Caring For Your Marriage- "Peace be with you." (Lk 24:36) Offer the peace of Jesus by forgiving your spouse when he or she hurts you. Is there something you're finding hard to forgive? Take it to Jesus in prayer, and ask for His peace.

ACCW - All women of the parish are encouraged to become sustaining members of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. The annual membership fee is \$10, and the form can be found at www.dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women on the Archdiocese of Dubuque website. This link is also available on our website. If you prefer, please send your name, address, email and a check (made out to ACCW) for \$10 to: Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer, 1116 240th Street, State Center, IA 50247. Your membership includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, The Link.

The ACCW supports the goals of the Archbishop by empowering and educating all Catholic ACCW provides leadership, spirituality, and service opportunities for women and girls. It has been ACCW's support that help establish the annual Women's Conference in Cedar Rapids as well as pilgrimages and retreats for women and awards programs for Catholic girls. Its service efforts include layettes, quilts, sanitary kits for girls in low resource countries and most recently the addition of Boxes of Joy with Cross Catholic Outreach in partnership with NCCW. Advocacy efforts have centered on the Right to Life, Trafficking, Mental Health and Stewardship of the Environment. ACCW also is committed to supporting our seminarians, deacons, priests and all religious.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Thank you to all those who supported our Gala. We appreciate the committee and all those who worked so hard on behalf of the Gala.

Happy Professional Administrative Day to Kelli Trumm and Vicki Knepper on April 21st. We appreciate all they do for 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.

Thank you so much for your support of our Moving Forward for Our Future/Air Conditioning project. Thanks to your support and a grant received from the Casey for Classrooms program we have achieved our goal. We are so blessed to have such support.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: April 3-4, 2021: Budget: \$765.00; Offertory: \$53.85; Easter: \$220.00 Total: \$1,038.85

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, May 8, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Carolyn Turnis; *Eucharistic Minister:* Ann Callahan; *Ushers:* Marty & Jean Mausser

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by May 8, 2021:

Margie Gehl, Jim & Marge Schuster, Jason & Kelly Simon, Roamn & Brook Hummel, Ann Callahan, Randy & Rosie Stoffel, Bob & Joyce Stoffel, Kevin Gassman

Sacred Heart Parish Council Members needed:

If there is anyone that would consider volunteering your time to serve on the Sacred Heart Parish Council please call Chuck Noonan at 879-3345, or any parish council member, or the Pastorate office at 852-3524.

"LAST CHANCE to purchase tickets for Sacred Heart Fillmore's annual Spring Fling steak dinner! Please turn in order form and money by Monday, April 19th. This will be a drive through event at the Cascade KC Hall on Sunday, April 25th from 4:30-6:30 PM. Please contact a parish council member or the pastorate office for an order form. Adult meals are \$40 and children's (chicken strip) meals are \$5."

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: April 3-4, 2021: Budget: \$213.00; Offertory: \$100.00; Easter: \$680.00; Energy Needs: \$100.00; Total: \$1,093.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, April 24, 4:00pm

Lect/Comm: Wanda Loewen; *Euch. Min:* Diane Vaske;

Ushers: Chuck Shanahan, Bert Meloy

Weekend Money Counters: April 2021

Jean Thier & Tom Donovan

Church & Hall Cleaning (Apr. 2021):

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

St. Patrick Parish Council Members needed: There are 3 open position for the St. Matthias Parish Council. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for this position. You can call Wanda Loewen, any parish council member, or the Pastorate Office at 852-3524 if you are interested.

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: April 3-4, 2021: Budget: \$170.00; Easter: \$50.00; Total: \$220.00

Liturgical Participation: (May 15, 2021 - 4:00 PM)

Lector/Commentator: Marie Knepper

Eucharistic Minister: Matt Manternach

Usher: Alex Schockemoehl, Donnie Manternach (before May 15, 2021)

Church Cleaning: Mary Irene Peiffer (leader), Josh & Kristy Howell, Carl & Donna Koppes, Judy Koppes, Brenda Koppes Paul & Sandy Koppes, Keith & Samantha Koppes, Pam Carr, Don & Judy Supple, Danny Peiffer

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed., April 21 at 7 PM

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.

Parish Council Elections are coming up on May 15th. There are openings for Men's Community Life, Women's Community Life, & Youth Representative. Please let a parish council member or Julie know if you are interested in any of these positions. Thanks!

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: April 3-4, 2021 – Budget:

\$2,852.00; Offertory: \$1,025.00; Easter: \$2,820.00; Total: \$6,697.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Apr. 19-23): Linda Takes Davis

Saturday – April 24: 5:30pm -

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Candy Bradley

Ushers: Jim Betzner, Mark Otting

Sunday – April 25: 8:00am –

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Julie Hosch

Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan

Sunday – April 25: 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Jason McDermott

Ushers: Brad & Amy Ludwig

St. Matthias Parish Council Members needed: There are 3 open position for the St. Matthias Parish Council and 2 positions open from St. Matthias to Aquin School Board. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for this position. You can call Bob Green at 852-3745, any parish council member, or the Pastorate Office at 852-3524 if you are interested.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

On Sunday, May 9, the annual Mother's Day Breakfast, hosted by the Beckman Catholic Booster Club will take place at Beckman, serving from 8-12. THIS YEAR WILL BE A DRIVE THRU ONLY MEAL. Included are scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, a cinnamon roll and applesauce cup, for \$8.00. If you would like to make a donation of cash, or eggs, to offset expenses please call Beth Gallagher at 563-590-1553. Proceeds for the Breakfast will go to support Beckman Catholic High School! We greatly appreciate your support!

Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people:
“The God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant
Jesus,
whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s
presence
when he had decided to release him.
You denied the Holy and Righteous One
and asked that a murderer be released to you.
The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are
witnesses.
Now I know, brothers,
that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders
did;
but God has thus brought to fulfillment
what he had announced beforehand
through the mouth of all the prophets,
that his Christ would suffer.
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins
may be wiped away.”

Responsorial Psalm

4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.
When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful
one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine
upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading II

1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you
so that you may not commit sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with
the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous one.
He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole
world.

The way we may be sure that we know him is to
keep
his commandments.
Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his
commandments
are liars, and the truth is not in them.
But whoever keeps his word,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia

Cf. Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place
on the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this,
he stood in their midst and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”
But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have
flesh and bones
as you can see I have.”
And as he said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were
amazed,
he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”
They gave him a piece of baked fish;
he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,
“These are my words that I spoke to you while I
was still with you,
that everything written about me in the law of
Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”
Then he opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures.
And he said to them,
“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.”

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.

A Prayer in Planting Time

“Dear Lord, You wonderful in everything You do. In marvelous ways You take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds. You form the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that man can know what kind of growth will come of them .

When they are placed in the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the nourishing, tasty foods that men need to sustain life.

This week, dear Lord, we will plant the seeds of (*wheat, corn, or whatever it may be*) that You have given us. Bless them, watch over them, and bring them to the full growth and rich harvest that You wish to bless us with.

But, should You not allow them to come to full harvest, we accept Your will humbly. We trust that You will nevertheless watch over us and make the seeds of grace that You have given us grow to flower and fruit in the full Christian life that You intend for us here and hereafter. **Amen.**”



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

