



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 – 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 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, and Ken McDermott
Mon April 26	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue April 27	8:30am (C) Charlotte Danner, and Ray & Mag Kurt
Wed April 28	7:00am (C) Janet Staner
Thu April 29	7:00am (C) Stan Callahan
Fri April 30	7:00am (C) Bee Gudenkauf & Ade Kurt
Sat May 1	4:00pm (G) Billy & Rita Martin, Adrian Vaske, Jim Reardon & The O'Connell Family, Merlin & Marion Mahoney, John Lynch and Katie Mahoney
	5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Sun May 2	8:00am (C) Don Lindauer
	10:00am (C) The John & Bill Talbert Families

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, because each year, we have a Gospel passage from John, Chapter 10, in which Jesus gives his teaching about the Good Shepherd.

Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, guides, heals, and nourishes us. In today's passage, Jesus says: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Isn't that our dream, that we can all be in one flock? This Gospel passage is very encouraging, that Jesus has the intention that we can all be united in him. We put a lot of energy into comparing our group, our tribe, to other groups and tribes. We can emphasize these differences according to various lines of demarcation: German and Irish, white and people of color, Republican or Democrat, citizens and those who are awaiting citizenship. It results in competition, and sometimes in mistrust, exclusion and violence. As I write this, the former police officer, Derek Chauvin, was convicted in the death of George Floyd. Racism, polarization, mistrust and fear results when we do not acknowledge and respect the humanity of people from "flocks" other than our own. A lot of this struggle comes down to race. Our Catholic Bishops addressed this more than 40 years ago in this fashion:

"Racism obscures the evils of the past and denies the burdens that history has placed upon the shoulders of our black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian brothers and sisters. An honest look at the past makes plain the need for restitution wherever possible - makes evident the justice of restoration and redistribution," the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

It is good for us to remember that Jesus has laid down his life for all of us, no matter upon which flock we base our identity.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day in which we also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "Pastor" is another word for shepherd. And we call Archbishop Jackels our "shepherd" for the Archdiocese. Pope Francis has often tried to teach us priests that we are not to separate ourselves in an unhealthy way from the people we serve. We are supposed to have "the smell of the sheep" about us. This Sunday, we pray in a special way that we can all be "one flock, with one shepherd", Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Pastorate

Cascade Area Right to Life will offer red roses for a suggested donation of \$2 each after all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 8th and 9th. Make your Mother, Mother to be, or grandmother or other special person feel Blessed and help a worthy cause too! We will be available by the railings just outside the church after each Mass and will also accommodate drive-ups!

A National Day of Prayer is held each year on the 1st Thursday of May. The National Day of Prayer this year is Thursday, May 6th. Deacon Ray Noonan will lead a prayer service at 12 Noon at Cascade Community Park on Hwy 136. Please join us to pray for our nation!

"In honor of St Joseph Patron of Workers, on Saturday May 1st come to St Joseph's Church in Earlville for Mass on this feast day at 10am, followed by a procession with prayers and a St Joseph statue around town, and a luncheon in the Church hall to follow. Join us to ask for the protection and intercession of St Joseph."

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- "I am the good shepherd...I will lay down my life for my sheep." (Jn 10:14-15) What does the image of the Good Shepherd reveal about your role of leadership and authority as a spouse or a parent? With so many responsibilities, - caring for your family, work, tending to the home, etc. – there are many things to worry and stress about. Entrust them to God and find peace; He will guide you.

St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate is excited to offer online giving for families to easily give one-time and recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check, debit or credit card by visiting stapastorate.org/give. After setting up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Provided by eCatholic, the same company that hosts the our website, this online giving service has already been a proven success for many parishes, schools, and dioceses across the country.

Please consider sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes. Visit stapastorate.org/give today! If you have any questions, contact Kerri Takes at the Pastorate office 563-852-3524.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: April 17-18, 2021: Budget (includes EFT: \$380.00; 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.

Financial report as of March 31, 2021	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$75,312
YTD Expenses	\$58,665
Excess Income/Exp	\$16,647
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 3/31/2021	

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: April 17-18, 2021: Budget: \$1,303.00; Easter: \$300.00; Total: \$1,093.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, May 1, 4:00pm

Lect/Comm: Margie Bradley; *Euch. Min:* Judy Coyle;

Ushers: Kevin Felton & Steve Gravel

Weekend Money Counters: May 2021

Loras Federspiel & Wanda Loewen

Church & Hall Cleaning (May 2021):

Mark & Lisa Droeszler, Kevin & Janet Felton, Joann Gassman

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.

Financial report as of March 31, 2021	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$124,598
YTD Expenses	\$113,247
Excess Income/Exp	\$11,351
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 3/31/2021	

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: April 17-18, 2021: Budget (includes EFT: \$1,995.00; Offertory: \$60.00; Easter: \$150.00; Votive Stand: \$2.00; Total: \$2,207.00

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 28 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!

Financial report as of March 31, 2021	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$108,797
YTD Expenses	\$84,835
Excess Income/Exp	\$23,962
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 3/31/2021	

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: April 17-18, 2021 – Budget (includes EFT: \$12,478; Offertory: \$441.50; Easter: \$195.00; Total: \$13,114.50

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays April 26-30): Jean Conrad

Saturday – May 1: 5:30pm -

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Barb Otting

Ushers: Kelly Sullivan & Fred Rogers

Sunday – May 2: 8:00am –

Lector/Commentator: Chris Casey; *Euch. Minister:* Chuck

Casey; *Ushers:* Chuck Reiter, Ralph Hosch

Sunday – May 2: 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm

Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

St. Matthias 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 Bob Green at 852-3745, any parish council member, or the Pastorate Office at 852-3524 if you are interested.

Financial report as of March 31, 2021	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$524,561
YTD Expenses	\$504,398
Excess Income/Exp	\$20,163
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 3/31/2021	

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. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
“Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today
about a good deed done to a cripple,
namely, by what means he was saved,
then all of you and all the people of Israel should
know
that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the
Nazorean
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the
dead;
in his name this man stands before you healed.
He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders,
which has become the cornerstone.*
There is no salvation through anyone else,
nor is there any other name under heaven
given to the human race by which we are to be
saved.”

Responsorial Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered
me and have been my savior.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered
me
and have been my savior.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his kindness endures forever.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone.

Reading II

Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God’s children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be
like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Alleluia

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:
“I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs
away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.
This is because he works for pay and has no
concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the
Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my
voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.
This is why the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my
own.
I have power to lay it down, and power to take it
up again.
This command I have received from my Father.”

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.

Vocation Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and our Good Shepherd, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give their parents the faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life. Let your example and that of your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let your grace sustain them, Amen.

From the Dioceses of Sioux Falls &
Rapid City

Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus,
who went about doing good and healing
all, we ask you to bless your friends
who are sick.
Give them strength in body, courage in
spirit, and patience with pain.
Let them recover their health,
so that, restored to the Christian
community, they may joyfully praise
your name, for you live and reign for
ever and ever.
Amen.