

May 2, 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

Pastor, Rev. Mark Osterhaus (563)852-3524  
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Director of Faith Formation -  
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### Pastorate Office

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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
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### Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
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### Aquin System of Catholic Education

Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331  
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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 May 1	4:00pm (G) Billy & Rita Martin, Adrian Vaske, Jim Reardon & The O'Connell Family, Merlin & Marion Mahoney, John Lynch and Katie Mahoney
Sun May 2	5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 8:00am (C) Don Lindauer 10:00am (C) The John & Bill Talbert Families
Mon May 3	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue May 4	8:30am (C) Ray & Doris Weber
Wed May 5	7:00am (C) Donald Shanahan
Thu May 6	7:00am (C) Larry Weber, Delores O'Brien
Fri May 7	7:00am (C) Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1926.
Sat May 8	4:00pm (F) Curt Curoe 5:30pm (C) Mary Jane Felton
Sun May 9	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) John E. Trumm

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

This week we hear the teaching of Jesus in which he says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." This teaching is placed in the Gospel of John as part of the Last Supper Discourse. It is part of the instruction Jesus gave his disciples after the Last Supper, but before he was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In this teaching Jesus says that every branch of the vine which bears fruit will be pruned, and every branch that does not bear fruit will be cut off, thrown into the fire, and burnt. So, whether we bear fruit or not, we will at least be trimmed. This spiritual and emotional "pruning" can be a painful experience for us. We are separated from some of what we have grown accustomed to having as a part of ourselves. But the purpose of the pruning, painful as it may be at the time, is so that we can bear more fruit for the Lord.

Another part of this teaching is that, as the branches, our mission is not to "produce" fruit. Our mission is to bear fruit. That is an important distinction. Bruce Wilkinson wrote about this in his book, SECRETS OF THE VINE. Wilkinson wrote that all we have to do to BEAR fruit is to stay connected to the vine, who is Jesus himself. It is the vine's mission to produce fruit. That makes me feel relieved. I don't have to come up with a grand plan in order to produce fruit for Jesus. I just need to stay connected to him, through prayer, worship with the community, and being aware of his presence in others around me. If I can be aware of his presence in others and act accordingly, then I can bear fruit for the Reign of God.

### Pastorate

**Where There's a Will, There's a Way** – Have you written a will or estate plan so your children or others won't argue about "what you meant to leave them?" When instructions are not clear, there can be extreme bickering, hurt feelings, and in extreme cases, legal challenges. We encourage you to talk to those who need to know your specific intention and to be clear those intentions are clearly written in your will. As part of that planning we ask you to prayerfully consider including your parish in that plan. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to one of the parishes of The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate, contact Fr. Mark Osterhaus at 563-852-3524. If you would like information about estate planning or giving to other Catholic programs please visit <http://www.ourcatholicfoundation.org>, <http://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org>, or contact your attorney or financial professional.

### Meetings:

Knights of Columbus Meeting at Monday, May 10, 7:00pm at the Columbus Club

Pastorate Council Meeting – Tues, May 11, 6:30pm at Aquin

Aquin Finance/School Board Meeting – Tues, May 18, 6:00pm at Aquin

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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of May. The National Day of Prayer this year is Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Caring For Your Marriage- "Let the coming generation be told of the Lord." (Ps 22:32) When you're parenting, life can be swamped with childcare arrangements, overtime work, and little sleep. It's tempting to want to give up. Simplify what you can, but take time to teach your faith. Remember that you are the keeper of the domestic church – your child's first church – and the church for the next generation.

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### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** April 24-25, 2021: Budget: \$2,278.00; Easter: \$200.00 Total: \$2,478.00

**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.

### St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** April 24-25, 2021: Budget (including EFT): \$1,303.00; Easter: \$70.00; Total: \$1,093.00

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, May 22, 4:00pm**

*Lect/Comm:* Denny Brackemyer; *Euch. Min:* Janet Felton;

*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.

### St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** April 24-25, 2021: Budget: \$375.00; Easter: \$30.00; Total: \$405.00

**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., May 5 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.

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### St. Matthias, Cascade

**St. Matthias Generosity:** April 24-25, 2021 – Budget: \$7,350.76; Offertory: \$354.60; Easter: \$1,300.00; Total: \$8,905.36

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays May 3-7): Dianne Koppes

**Saturday – May 8: 5:30pm -**

*Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister:* Nancy Strang

*Ushers:* Mike & Jan Donovan

**Sunday – May 9: 8:00am –**

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

*Ushers:* Matt & Carson Nauman

**Sunday – May 9: 10:00am**

*Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister:* Barb Sauser

*Ushers:* Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme

**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.

### Archdiocese of Dubuque IMPACT Formation Program for Adults

Do you thirst for a more intimate relationship with God? Do you hunger for increased knowledge of the Catholic faith? Do you desire to make a greater



IMPACT in your parish and community? If yes, consider joining the next IMPACT cohort! Through spiritual reading, dynamic presenters, engaging discussion, prayer experiences, and personal reflection, participants will be challenged to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! The next two-year cohort begins in September of 2021 and will meet monthly (on Saturdays) at St. Mark Parish in Iowa Falls. For more information and the application, please visit: [www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT](http://www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT).

### Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients

from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque via telehealth. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at 563-588-0558 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

**FORMED** - During this time at home, this is the perfect time to log onto Formed. **FORMED** provides the very best **Catholic** content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

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- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- You will go to sign in and they will prompt you to go to your email and from an email link, it will take you back to Formed

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- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- Click "Sign-Up" and find your Pastorate (St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate and then enter your name, email address and desired password.
- If you have any problems with logging on, please call the Pastorate Office at 563-852-3524.

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Reading I**

**Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,  
but they were all afraid of him,  
not believing that he was a disciple.  
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles,  
and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord,  
and that he had spoken to him,  
and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.  
He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,  
and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.  
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,  
but they tried to kill him.  
And when the brothers learned of this,  
they took him down to Caesarea  
and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace.  
It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,  
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32**

R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people..

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;  
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
“May your hearts live forever!”

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth;  
before him shall bend  
all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;  
my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### **Reading II**

**1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him  
in whatever our hearts condemn,  
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.  
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have confidence in God  
and receive from him whatever we ask,  
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.  
And his commandment is this:  
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another just as he commanded us.  
Those who keep his commandments remain in him,  
and he in them,  
and the way we know that he remains in us  
is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia

**Jn 15:4a, 5b**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel**

**Jn 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,  
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,

because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;  
people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

## **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.

## **During the Year of Saint Joseph**

During the Year of Saint Joseph, however—which lasts from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021—the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence (see [Decree](#) of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E). It may be said on any day of the Year of Saint Joseph, but especially on his various feast days or other devotional days dedicated to St. Joseph:

- December 27, 2020, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 1, 2021, the Optional Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker
- the nineteenth day of each month
- every Wednesday, the traditional day of the week for devotions to Saint Joseph
- "St. Joseph Sunday" and suitable days of other liturgical rites in the Eastern Catholic Churches

## **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.