

May 9, 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 May 8	4:00pm (F) Curt Curoe 5:30pm (C) Mary Jane Felton, Scott Koob
Sun May 9	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 10:00am (C) John E. Trumm
Mon May 10	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue May 11	8:30am (C) Willard & Marie Noonan
Wed May 12	7:00am (C) Deceased Members of the Harold Manternach Families
Thu May 13	7:00am (C) Rusty Finn & Lollie Finn
Fri May 14	7:00am (C) Fr. Carl Manternach
Sat May 15	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Mass for: Callie Leytem & Brendan Sinnott 4:00pm (T) Mary Callahan, Joe & Jane Stanton 5:30pm (C) Owen & Elizabeth Howard, Mike Howard, Scott Koob, Steve McNally
Sun May 16	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Eugene Hoffmann 10:00am (C) Lavern (Flute) Weber, Bill Kringle

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

From Fr. Mark

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. While this holiday is not a feast day on the church calendar, it is a very important day for most people. For most of us, it is a day to let our mothers and grandmothers know that we love them and appreciate all they have done for us. It is also for many of us a day to remember our mothers and grandmothers who have died.

For some people, Mother's Day can be bittersweet. Many women would love to be mothers, but have not been able to have a child. Some mothers are separated from their children. Not all people have healthy relationships with their mother. We ask God to help bring healing to all people for whom Mother's Day can be painful.

Jesus gave us his mother Mary to be our Blessed Mother. What a privilege it is, that Jesus would offer us this opportunity! The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary. In many church documents, the Church is referred to in the feminine gender, or named as "Mother Church". Like our own mothers, the church offers us guidance and direction. I am very grateful for my own mother, Ann Duhigg Osterhaus. My siblings all agree that she has been a wonderful influence in our lives. May the Blessed Mother and the Church also be in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Mother's Day.

Pastorate

Good Neighbor Scholarship

Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa is offering a two-year scholarship for those interested in pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Theology and Mission, Intercultural Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies. The scholarship is open to all ages and covers the entire cost of tuition, books and college fees (minus any Pell Grant for which the student qualifies). Scholarship recipients may begin as early as August 2021 or in any subsequent semester. An AA degree from DWC may be transferable to other four-year colleges or universities after graduation. For more details, including scholarship requirements, go to www.dwci.edu/goodneighborscholarship.

Meetings:

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

Pastorate/All Parish Meeting – Tues, May 11,
Pastorate: 6:30pm at Aquin

All Parish: 7:00pm 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 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!

Caring For Your Marriage- "This I command you: love one another." (Jn 15:17) Wake up each morning vowing to make the decision to love your spouse no matter what. When you feel anger, negativity, or disappointment, look at your spouse and remember your decision to love. Can you be the first to say, "I love you" today? If you missed being first, try being the last.

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: May 1-2, 2021: Budget/Total: \$550.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, May 29, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Ruth Rea; *Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Recker; *Ushers:* Joan T. & Karen C.

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by May 29, 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: May 1-2, 2021: Budget: \$1,606.00; Offertory: \$78.00; Easter: \$25.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Total: \$1,734.00

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. Patrick Parish Council. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for these positions. 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: May 1-2, 2021: Budget/Total: \$158.00

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 12 at 7 PM

Parish Council Elections are coming up on May

15th. Candidates for Men's Community Life are Rick Turnis and Matt Manternach; Women's Community Life are Lisa Kurt and Amanda Stoll; and for Youth Representative is Adam Knepper.

If you are unable to vote at Mass, please let Julie know so you can vote by email or by phone prior to noon on May 15th. Thanks!

St. Peter's 48th Annual Pork Barbecue: You will soon be receiving information about our annual pork barbecue fundraiser. Please take the time to read through the changes and information regarding the event. Thank you.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: May 1-2, 2021 – Budget: \$4,519.00; Offertory: \$382.00; Easter: \$250.00; Holy Days: \$20.00 Total: \$5,171.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays May 10-14): Jean Simon

Saturday – May 15: 5:30pm -

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Tom Gleason

Ushers: Jean Simon, Joyce McQuillen

Sunday – May 16: 8:00am –

Lector/Commentator/Euch. Minister: Jean Conrad;

Ushers: Mike & Bridget Rea

Sunday – May 16: 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Amy Ludwig

Ushers: Brad & Luke Ludwig

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 these positions. 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.

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.

If you have already signed up for FORMED and haven't logged in for a while:

- Go to 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

If you are just signing up for FORMED for the first time:

- Go to 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.

Cascade Public Library presents historical program. Portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln on Tuesday, May 11th, 1:30 p.m. Kevin Wood, in costume, will present Mr. Lincoln's life as a storyteller, statesman, and leader of our nation. Public welcome.

*We would like to wish all
Mothers, Grandmothers &
Great Grandmothers
a very
Happy Mother's Day!*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?"

He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. (cf. 2b) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II

1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.

In this is love:

not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Alleluia

Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."

Blessing for Mother's Day

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.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Mary Help of Christians

Most holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying. We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people, and to work for peace and justice in our world. With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying. Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need. (Mention your intentions.) May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death. Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!