

May 16, 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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Director, Angela Schrodt
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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 Just.

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 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
Mon May 17	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue May 18	8:30am (C) Kathleen & Paul McDonnell & Janice McDonnell
Wed May 19	7:00am (C) Nancy, Bob & Rob Loes
Thu May 20	7:00am (C) Delores O'Brien
Fri May 21	7:00am (C) Mr. & Mrs. William Mehrl
Sat May 22	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Service for: Mitchell Oberbroeckling & Bailey Hoffman
	4:00pm (G) Andy & Helen Laban, Donald & Ellen Marie Shanahan
	5:30pm (C) Francis & LauraBelle Knepper Family
Sun May 23	8:00am (C) Richard & Murilla Gehl
	10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.

The Ascension of the Lord, May 16, 2021

From Fr. Mark

For the last several years, the Feast of the Ascension has been celebrated on the 7th Sunday of the Easter season, instead of on the previous Thursday. It is a great feast in which we celebrate the power and majesty of the risen Christ. The authors of AT HOME WITH THE WORD, 2021, had this to offer:

"As Jesus prepares to leave his followers for the final time, he declares them the heirs of his mission on earth. In his name they will work, and from heaven, he will work with them. For those who mourn Jesus, departed now from his earthly life, he is present still---in his Church. What's more, he has given grace to this Church, gifting each member appropriately for their undertaking. Remember on this Ascension that Christ's followers are called in a special way to make the Church present and active; we are uniquely fitted for our task by Christ himself."

Celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord also prepares us for the Solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday. Like the Apostles, we can trust in the presence of Jesus even though Jesus is invisible to us. We can trust in the presence of Jesus Christ, who is with us and within us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastorate

Baccalaureate Invitations were mailed out to the graduates this week. If you are a graduating senior in our pastorate and didn't get an invitation, please call the Pastorate Office at 563-852-3524.

We now have a refrigerator and freezer for our St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Food Pantry! There are many of you that have said that you have meat or refrigerated items that you want to donate. We can now take those items! Thank you for your generous donations throughout this past year!!!!

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:

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

Caring For Your Marriage- "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk16:15) Most of us are neither teachers or preachers, but as parents we have

a responsibility to take the gospel into our homes. How do we fulfill Jesus' commission to be his "witnesses" in our own homes?

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 8-9, 2021: Budget: \$1,110.00; Offertory: \$89.00; Easter: \$50.00; Total: \$1,249.00

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.

Financial report as of April 30, 2021	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$91,101
YTD Expenses	\$64,011
Excess Income/Exp	\$27,090
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 4/30/2021	

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: May 8-9, 2021: Budget: \$643.00; Holy Days: \$200.00; Total: \$843.00

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.

Financial report as of April 30, 2021	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$138,303
YTD Expenses	\$124,020
Excess Income/Exp	\$14,283
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 4/30/2021	

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: May 8-9, 2021: Budget/Total: \$717.00

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.

Financial report as of April 30, 2021	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$117,952
YTD Expenses	\$93,084
Excess Income/Exp	\$24,868
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 4/30/2021	

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: May 8-9, 2021 – Budget: \$8,565.00; Offertory: \$450.00; Easter: \$150.00; Holy Days: \$125.00; Cash Club: \$3,120.00; Total: \$12,410.00

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays May 17-21): Jean Lynch

Saturday – May 22: 5:30pm -

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Pat Noonan

Ushers: Jim Betzner, Mark Otting

Sunday – May 23: 8:00am –

Lector/Commentator/Euch. Minister: Cheryl Reiter;

Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan

Sunday – May 23: 10:00am

Lector/Commentator/Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Wessels

Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott

Financial report as of April 30, 2021	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$574,626
YTD Expenses	\$558,227
Excess Income/Exp	\$16,399
Chart includes all income & expenses as of 4/30/2021	

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.

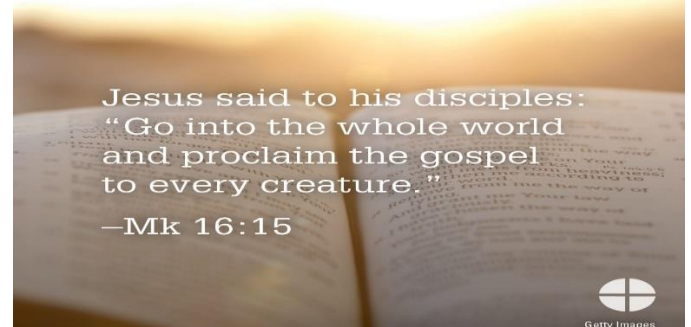
Sacraments:

Congratulations:

- Callie Leytem & Brendan Sinnott were joined the sacrament of marriage this weekend. Callie is the daughter of Wayne & Nancy Leytem.
- Benjamin James Noonan was baptized this weekend. Benjamin is the son of Adam & Samantha Noonan
- Layla Lynn Noonan was baptized this weekend. Layla is the daughter of Tom & Jennifer Noonan.

Blessing for Grandparents:

Lord God almighty,
Bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness and health.
May they remain constant in your love.
And be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the
Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the
kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the
times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own
authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their
sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he
was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments
stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into
heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him
going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,

is the great king over all the earth.
R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.
For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.
R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs
to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power,
and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the
church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in
every way.

Alleluia

Mt 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not
harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will
recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying
signs.

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.

Prayer for Ascension

**Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before
your Ascension into heaven you told
your apostles to be His witnesses to the
ends of the earth upon receiving the
Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired
to spread your Gospel message in word
and deed, according to your will for me.
And may I do so prudently and joyfully,
with your help, your guidance, and your
grace! And remembering this glorious
event, help me to seek what is above,
Heaven, where you are seated at the
right hand of God the Father!**