

August 8, 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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Deacon Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448  
Deacon Steve Strang (563)852-3435  
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
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### Pastorate Office

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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

### Pastorate Support Staff

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

Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331  
Principal, Laura Herbers  
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Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020  
Director, Angela Schrodt  
Email aschrodt@aquin.org

### New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

### Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next baptism class – Sept. 13, 2021, 7pm. Contact Dan & Janice Kurt to register for the class. Dan at 563-590-1605, Janice at 563-542-0456. Call the office to schedule a baptism.

### Weddings

Contact Fr. Mark at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Parish Council Contacts

St. Patrick – Wanda Loewen  
Sacred Heart – Brenda Klepper  
St. Peter – Kevin Schockemoehl  
St. Matthias – Kim Lynch

### 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 Aug 7	4:00pm (G) Janice Heister 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Joe & Rose Peiffer
Sun Aug 8	8:00am (C) Paul Lehman Family 10:00am (C) Bill & Marie Kivlahan
Mon Aug 9	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Aug 10	7:00am (C) John Gross, Bill & Imelda Beringer
Wed Aug 11	7:00am (C) Fr. Harold Drexler, David J. Otting, Bob Knepper
Thur Aug 12	7:00am (C) Leona Buckley & Louie Leibold
Fri Aug 13	7:00am (C) Pat Green
Sat Aug 14	4:00pm (F) Betty White 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Sun Aug 15	8:00am (C) Paul Ehlinger 10:00 am (C) Larry Nauman, John Umhoeffer, Deceased members of the Joe & Anna Otting Family and 62 Year Anniversary of Alan & Margie McDermott

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 8, 2021

## From Fr. Mark

This week we continue to hear from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Jesus continues to teach the people that he is the Bread of Life. However, not everyone is convinced that Jesus is "the living bread sent down from heaven", as he proclaims. For Jesus to claim that "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" must have seemed shocking and outrageous to many of the Jews. Jesus also insisted that "whoever eats this bread will live forever". This is what we believe about the Eucharist. We believe it is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus himself. Hopefully, as we consume the Eucharist, and Jesus dwells within us, that we can become more like Jesus. We can become what we eat! St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, gives us a glimpse of what this looks like. Paul insists that the people "remove the anger, shouting and reviling, and be kind, compassionate and forgiving of one another." This is the way we become imitators of Jesus, and having a regular reception of Eucharist can help us to reach this goal.

We would like to make sure we have good ways to be in communication with all members of our Pastorate. We will be asking for updated contact information in an effort, to phone, text, email you...in whatever ways you prefer! We were at Cascade night out this past Tuesday, and plan to be at Hometown days as well as at weekend masses and open houses for Aquin and Faith Formation. We will have cards entitled "Roll into Mass with us!", and forms to fill out. Thanks for your help on this!

## Pastorate

### Meetings:

**Catholic Daughters Meeting** on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6:00pm at the Columbus Club Hall.

**Last weekend Dennis Rima spoke at each Mass,**

asking our support for the Clarity Clinic. The Clarity Clinic, located in Dubuque, provides support for expectant parents and also for children after they are born. For example, sonograms are available so that parents can have an image of their child in the womb. Thanks for your support! Envelopes will be available at church. Checks may be made out to the Clarity Clinic.

### **Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic?**

Or maybe you are already Catholic & would like to learn more about your faith. Instructional classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning August 25th. The classes are very informal with lots of time for discussion. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the Pastorate office at 852-3524 or Deacon Joe Schockemoehl at 852-3126.

**Caring For Your Marriage-** "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Stop murmuring among yourselves.'" (Jn 6:43) Do not gossip with your spouse or about your spouse. In doing so, you are sinning as well as leading others into sin. Speak the truth with joy and kindness.

## **Heal Our Land Holy Hour**

All are welcome to join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the specific prayer intention to "Heal Our Land" continuing every Thursday night through October 7, 2021 from 6 to 7pm at St. Matthias. A worship aide will be available for your convenience. Confession will be offered when Fr. Osterhaus is available.

**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 are just signing up for FORMED for the first time:**

- 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.

## **Aquin Catholic Elementary School**

Aquin has a full-time/or part-time cleaning position beginning June 1st or August 1st. Contact Kelli Trumm at 563.852.3331 with details. Competitive hourly wage.

Aquin has a full-time lunch position. Contact Lois Merkes at [lmerkes@aquin.org](mailto:lmerkes@aquin.org) with questions.

### **Looking ahead:**

Our Back-to-School Scrip promo begins on August 3 through August 20. More details to come.

Open House has been scheduled for August 18th from 5:00-7:00

First day of school for our K-8 is August 23rd and August 24th for our Preschoolers.

**Reminder – CCD / RTR Registration:** This is a reminder to families whose children attend public schools – You now register for CCD or RTR for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Nicole Casey if you would like a covenant emailed, if you would like to register online, or if you have any questions at [dbq023ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq023ff@dbqarch.org) Registration covenants will also be available in the Pastorate Office.

### **Volunteer with the Faith Formation Program**

We have continuing needs for volunteers for our Wednesday evening program.

**Volunteer to be a Catechist's Helper:** volunteer to help the catechist in the classroom. You don't have to teach, just be an extra hand to help out the Catechist as needed.

**Volunteer to be a Substitute Catechist:** volunteer to teach in the classroom when a catechist is absent.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please contact Nicole Casey at 852-3331 or email [dbq023ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq023ff@dbqarch.org)

## Sacred Heart, Fillmore

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** July 31- Aug 1, 2021:

Budget/Total: \$1,350.00

**Liturgical Participation-Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:00pm**

*Commentator/Lector:* Marty Mausser; *Eucharistic Minister:*

Karen Callahan; *Ushers:* Chuck & Amy Noonan

**Church & Hall Cleaning Done by August 14, 2021:**

Nick & Betty Wagner, Alyssa Wagner, Patty Kass, Cheri Hunt, Jared & Tori Callahan, Brad & Jessica Meier

## St. Patrick, Garryowen

**St. Patrick Generosity:** July 31- Aug. 1, 2021: Budget/Total:

\$235.00

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug 28, 4:00pm**

*Lect/Comm:* Mike Molony; *Euch. Min:* Judy Coyle;

*Ushers:* Matt King, Denny Brackemyer

**Weekend Money Counters:** Aug 2021

Loras Federspiel, Wanda Loewen

**Church & Hall Cleaning (Aug 2021):**

Judy Schmit, Kevin & Deb Pfab, Matt & Melissa King

## St. Peter, Temple Hill

**St. Peter Generosity:** July 31 – Aug. 1, 2021: Budget:

\$1,780.00; Offertory: \$130.00; Children's Bulletins: \$4.00;

Total: \$1,914.00

**Liturgical Participation:** (August 21 2021 - 4:00 PM)

*Lector/Commentator:* Karen Knepper

*Eucharistic Minister:* Mary Beth Stecklein, Rick Turnis

*Usher:* Ryan Schockemoehl, Nic Loes; *Servers:* Bayne

& Calvin Manternach, Samantha Coyle; *Gift Bearer:*

Matt Manternach; *Greeter:* Joan Hoffmann

**Church Cleaning:** (before August 21) Lois Andrews

(leader), Tom & Evelyn Stoll, Robert & Linda Stoll,

Doug & Amanda Stoll, Amanda Feldman, Liz & Al

Takes, Jake & Kara Takes, Warren & Bonnie Callahan,

Amanda & Chris Miller

**Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed., Aug. 11 at 7 :00 PM.**

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Sat., Aug. 21 at 4:00 PM.

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend

St. Peter's Appreciation Supper. A delicious time was had by all.

**Parish Blood Drive - Wed., Sept. 15, 2021 - 3:00-7:00 PM**

## St. Matthias, Cascade

**St. Matthias Generosity:** July 31 – Aug 1, 2021 – Budget:

\$3,422.00; Offertory: \$655.87; Children's Collection: \$31.00;

Fun Fest: \$90.00; Total: \$4,198.87

Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Aug 9-13): *Server:* Elona

McLees; *Lector:* Carol Noonan; *Eucharistic Minister:* Carol

Noonan

**Saturday –Aug 14, 5:30pm– Lector:** Tom Gleason;

*Commentator:* Nancy Strang; *Ushers* – Mike & Jan Donovan;

*East Entrance Greeter:* Jack Kuriger; *Eucharistic Ministers:*

Jeanne Driscoll, John Gerken, Brianna Koppes; *Servers:* Levi

& Madelyn Reiter; *Music:* Voces Chorum

**Sunday – Aug. 15, 8:00am – Lector** –Loren Manternach;

*Commentator:* Mollie Bergfeld; *Ushers* – Jake & Tara

Noonan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Ronda Kurt; *Eucharistic*

*Ministers:* Monica McDermott, Corinne Rea, Bridget Rea;

*Servers:* Madeline & Nate Manternach; *Music:* Liz + Cantor

**Sunday – Aug. 15, 10:00am – Lector** –Gina Hill Hemmer;

*Commentator:* Megan Oliphant; *Ushers* – Brad & Luke

Ludwig; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Julie Dunne;

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Gina Hill Hemmer, Laura Rollinger,

Grace Rhomberg; *Servers:* Pete Ludwig, Brody Otting; *Music:*

O'Briens

Letter from Rita Menant,, PBVM from the Sisters of the Presentation

Thank you for the collective gift on behalf of the parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate of Catholic Parishes, of \$11,767.00 to the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As you have requested, your gift will be directed to our Presentation ministry efforts in Bolivia.

Wonderful things are happening in Bolivia with your assistance. Education is being provided to the Guarani people, advocacy for those lacking identification papers needed to access government assistance, outreach to those in rural areas and most recently, Casa Betania in Tarija became a house for university students to study and experience community life, all because of the generosity of donors like you.

With the support of donations such as yours, our sisters are able to continue serving the people of Bolivia. We thank you for your partnership in furthering our mission of helping those that are most in need.

Sincerely, Rita Menant, PBVM

Congregational Leadership Team Member

## 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).

The registration deadline is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Beauty in Christ*, Saturday, January 29, 2022

Mark your parish calendar for this teleconference event, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation!!! Liz Kelly has been confirmed as one of our speakers. She is a noted speaker, retreat leader and award-winning author, whose works include short stories, arts and music reviews, books on prayer and worship, and meditations on faith, spiritual struggle, and Christian womanhood....More information to come.

## **Calvary Cemetery has John Deere 2017 X354 all-wheel drive with 42" deck with 560 hours.**

Submit sealed bids to the Pastorate Office by August 9, 2021. Any questions, call Bill Gehl at 319-480-9372 or Jean Simon at 563-599-9700