



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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 E-mail lherbers@aquin.org
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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

Liturgy Schedule

(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T
 W/C-Word & Communion Service)

Sat Aug 21	4:00pm (T) St. Thomas Aquinas Past. 5:30pm (C) Patrick, Elizabeth & Kathleen Rogers
Sun Aug 22	8:00am (C) Ed, Millie & Kathy Hosch, Dick & Nancy Sullivan 10:00am (C) The Talbert Family, and Janet Staner
Mon Aug 23	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Aug 24	7:00am (C) Fred & Marion Manternach
Wed Aug 25	7:00am (C) Edmond Moriarity, and Jean Naber 5:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Aug 26	7:00am (C) Bill Kringle
Fri Aug 27	7:00am (C) The Richard Henry Family
Sat Aug 28	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Ceremony of: Peter Supple & Haylee Hoffman 1:30pm (G) Nuptial Mass of: Katherine Molony & Arjun Ramesh 4:00pm (G) JoAnn Cahill, Bud Noonan 5:30pm (C) Jim Dunigan, Tom McMullen and the Deceased Members of the McMullen and McCullough Families
Sun Aug 29	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., and Joe Gehl 10:00am (C) Nick Beck Jr. 30 yr anniv., Nick & Marie Beck, Tim Webber, Tom Gabel and Phil & Nikki Manternach's 25 th Wedding Anniversary

*Fr. Mark will hear confessions every Wednesday evening from 5:00pm-6:00pm at St. Matthias Parish.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2021

From Fr. Mark

Years ago, Bob Dylan released an album featuring on its cover a miner holding a pick axe which could symbolize a cross. The album contained a song entitled "Ya Gotta Serve Somebody". Accepting a higher authority is a strong theme in our readings today.

In the first reading, Joshua addresses the Hebrew people, telling them the Canaanites, who were already living in the Promised Land, had many gods. Joshua told the people they had a choice to make: to worship the Canaanite gods, or the God of Israel. Joshua declared: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." You gotta serve somebody....

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells wives they should be subordinate to their husbands. This is not easy to take for many of us today, but that is not all Paul teaches in this passage. He tells husbands "love your wives, even as Christ loves the church", and Jesus died on the cross for the people of God. I once read that a woman said: "I could be obedient to a man who loved me like that..."

In the gospel passage, many of Jesus' disciples leave him after he teaches them that they should eat his Body and drink his Blood. Jesus turned to Peter and asked him and the apostles, "Will you leave me, too?" Peter answers Jesus: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Peter also realized, "Ya gotta serve somebody," and Peter chose to serve the Lord.

Last weekend, I mentioned that the Archbishop had sent an email on August 12 with these words:

"If your parish is in a county with a substantial or high covid transmission rate, you should recommend that masks be worn at all church events held indoors".

We are trying to match this recommendation with what is currently recommended in our Aquin and Western Dubuque schools. We ask that we all do our best to respect the decisions of others.

Thanks for your patience with these recommendations.

Pastorate

Thousands were killed in the earthquake last weekend, many more thousands were injured, buildings collapsed, and public utilities were cut off.

The major earthquake that struck Haiti several days ago is only one in a long string of tragedies: Many other devastating earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, a cholera epidemic, COVID, gang violence, the assassination of its president, crushing poverty, just to name a few.

A check for the amount of the donations should be made out to the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and sent to the Pastoral Center (1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003).

Absolutely 100% of what's donated will be donated to Catholic Relief Services.

Meetings:

Past. Council Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30pm at Garryowen
Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7:00pm at Garryowen

Don't forget that there is Bible Study on Saturday mornings at 9:00am at River Bend Retirement Center. Fr. Mark leads the study.

Caring For Your Marriage- "Then many of his disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'" (Jn 6:60) Living out the Gospel is not always easy, but with God's grace it is possible. Help one another to live a Gospel life of joy, service, and grace.

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
- 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.

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
Registration covenants will also be available in the Pastorate Office.

Cascade Public Library welcomes Linda McCann, author of non-fiction Iowa History. She will speak at the Corner Taproom on Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. Her topic is Prohibition and the role Iowa farmers played in it.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Aug 14-15, 2021: Budget: \$1,785.00; Offertory: 103.00; Holy Days: \$200.00; Mary's Candle: \$5.00; Total: \$2,093.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Jenny Recker; *Eucharistic Minister:* Bridget Rea; *Ushers:* David & Carolyn Turnis
Church & Hall Cleaning Done by Sept. 11, 2021:
Vicki Fangmann, Kevin Johnson, Marty & Melissa McLees, Jesse & Sharon Meyer, Gerald & Trish Driscoll, Nick & Theresa White, Mike & Kris White, Mitch & Brenda Klepper

Financial report as of July 31, 2021	
Sacred Heart	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$2,864
YTD Expenses	\$4,977
Excess Income/Exp	-\$2,113

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Aug. 14-15, 2021: Budget: \$220.00; Holy Days: \$33.00; Total: \$253.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Sept. 4, 4:00pm

Lect/Comm: Denny Brackemyer; *Euch. Min:* Jean Brackemyer; *Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Bert Meloy
Weekend Money Counters: Sept 2021
Cathy Rubel & Adam Rollinger
Church & Hall Cleaning (Sept 2021):
Wanda Loewen, Dean & Kris Pfab, Adam & Tracy Rollinger

Financial report as of July 31, 2021	
St Patrick	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$9,953
YTD Expenses	\$10,044
Excess Income/Exp	-\$91

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Aug. 14-15, 2021: Budget: \$600.00; Holy Days: \$60.00; Total: \$660.00

Liturgical Participation September 18, 2021

Lector/Commentator: Madeline Manternach
Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schockemoehl, Paul Peiffer *Usher:* Adam Knepper, Cade Rausch
Servers: Hallie & Ty Kelchen, Danny Trumm
Gift Bearer: Jake Takes *Greeter:* Norine Strang
Church Cleaning: (before Sept. 18) Matt & Jen Manternach (leader), Loren & Lori Manternach, Drew & Stephanie Manternach, Tom & Mary Beth Stecklein, Sarah Foulks, Jill & Ken Ehlers, Jim & Dianne Koppes Dennis & Lora Hoffman, Sara Foulks
Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed., Aug. 25 at 7 :00 PM.
The next Mass at St. Peter's is Sat., Sept. 18 at 4:00 PM.
Parish Blood Drive - Wed., Sept. 15, 2021 - 3:00-7:00 PM
Sign up online, on the sheet in the entry of the church or by calling Julie.

Financial report as of July 31, 2021	
St Peter	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$6,711
YTD Expenses	\$10,732
Excess Income/Exp	-\$4,021

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Aug. 14-15, 2021 – Budget: \$10,596.00; Offertory: \$616.90; Children’s Collection: \$16.00; Fun Fest: \$90.00; Total: \$4,198.87
Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Aug 23-27): *Server:* Ron Woerdehoff; *Lector:* Jane Strang; *Eucharistic Minister:* Jane Strang

Saturday –Aug 28, 5:30pm– *Lector:* Pat Noonan; *Commentator:* Nancy Strang; *Ushers* – Fred Rogers, Kelly Sullivan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Jan & Mike Donovan; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Dale Manternach, Sharon Manternach, Anna Conlin; *Servers:* Carter Conrad, Carley Conrad, Charlie Simon; *Music:* Liz + Cantor

Sunday – Aug. 29, 8:00am – *Lector* –Cheryl Reiter; *Commentator:* Cathy Knuth; *Ushers* – Bernie & Jessi Koob; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tim & Jane Donovan; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Tara Noonan, Jeff Otting, Cindy Trumm; *Servers:* Elijah Casey, Caleb Casey, Isaac Williams, Owen Williams; *Music:* Becky/Megan & Katie

Sunday – Aug. 29, 10:00am – *Lector* –Shannon Kremer; *Commentator:* Jean Lynch; *Ushers* – Kathy Beck, Shellie Schlemme; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Shannon Kremer, Jean Lynch, Shellie Schlemme; *Servers:* Bayne & Calvin Manternach; *Music:* Dolphins

Financial report as of July 31, 2021	
St Matthias	Actual YTD
YTD Income	\$35,004
YTD Expenses	\$49,751
Excess Income/Exp	-\$14,748

**Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of
wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.**

**At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.
Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staff, and their families.
Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.**

**Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.**

**Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.
In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen.**