

September 5, 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  
E-mail dbq023@dbqarch.org  
Deacon Marvin Recker (retired) (563)879-3448  
Deacon Steve Strang (563)852-3435  
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181  
Deacon Joe Schockemoehl (563)852-3126  
Deacon Dan Kurt (563) 852-7056  
Deacon Mark Otting (563) 852-7009  
Director of Faith Formation -  
Nicole Casey (563)852-3331  
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### Pastorate Office

408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW; PO Box 699, Cascade, IA 52033  
Phone (563)852-3524  
FAX (563)852-3528  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Website www.stapastorate.org  
Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

### Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes  
E-mail dbq023bm@dbqarch.org  
Administrative Assistant, Shellie Schlemme  
E-mail dbq023sec@dbqarch.org  
Music Ministry, Becky Williams  
E-mail dbq023s@dbqarch.org

### Aquin System of Catholic Education

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

### 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.

### New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office at 563-852-5021

### 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 Sept. 4	4:00pm (G) Kenny Morehead 5:30pm (C) Robert Peryon
Sun Sept 5	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., and Mae & Vernon Becker 10:00am (C) Ron Kurt
Mon Sept 6	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Sept 7	8:30am (C) Clifford & Betty Woerdehoff, Elizabeth Gerken
Wed Sept 8	7:00am (C) Deceased Members of the Driscoll & Martin Families 5:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Sept 9	7:00am (C) Fr. Ken Stecher & Fr. Tom Braak
Fri Sept 10	7:00am (C) Alan Kurt, Walt & Mary Knepper
Sat Sept 11	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Service for: Grant Beeler & Elizabeth Tabor
Sun Sept 12	4:00pm (F) Charlie Sadler 5:30pm (C) 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Steve & Nancy Strang, Dave Rea, and Leo Brickley 8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Susie Kurt, Lawrence & Bernadette Kurt 10:00am (C) Delores O'Brien

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

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. He gives the command (in Aramaic): "Ephphatha!", that is "Be opened!

And the man could hear clearly and speak plainly!

We still offer a blessing called the Ephphatha blessing at baptism. The priest or deacon prays, as he touches the baptized person's ears and mouth: "May the Lord soon touch your ears to receive His Word, and open your mouth to proclaim His praise!

Jesus offered this healing in foreign territory, the region of the Ten Cities, (Decapolis), showing that God's intention is to bring healing to people of all nations.

In the second reading, the Letter of James instructs the people to not make distinctions between members of the worshipping community who are rich, and those who are poor. James tells us that all deserve our respect. This also extends to people from other nations, and for those who are suffering from disabilities, such as those who have suffered hearing loss or have brain health issues. Can we respect the human dignity of all we meet? James asks: "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

Recently Hung Le sent me a note, and he wanted me to pass on his gratitude to our parishioners.

Hung wrote:

"Thank you very much for your continued support and prayers! And thanks also for your warm welcome to me. I have been living at the Mundelein Seminary for two weeks and will start my classes next week."

If you would like to mail Hung a note, here is his address:

Hung Le  
Seminararian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque  
Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Ave.  
Mundelein, IL 60060

### Pastorate

#### Part time job opening

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate is looking for a person to work about 5 hours per week to help coordinate parish ministries, including Befrienders, Communion to the homebound, and parishioner outreach. Please contact the office for a job description in the next 3 weeks. (St. Pastorate Office at 563-852-3524.)

**Last week in the bulletin, it was stated wrong- we actually donated \$28,050 (not \$18, 050.00)  
St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate has donated a total of \$28,050.00  
to the Clarity Clinic!!!**

#### Meetings:

Past. Council Meeting, Tues, Sept. 14, 6:30pm at Garryowen

Parish Council Meeting, Tues, Sept. 14, 7:00pm at Garryowen

Liturgy Meeting, Tues, Sept. 28, 6:30pm at Past. Off.

**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-** "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts." (Mk 7:6-7) Preach the Gospel, but also live the Gospel. Your children need to see both sides in order to understand.

#### Auction to Benefit Mary's Inn Maternity Home

Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:00am  
at Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom

Silent Auction: 10:00am

Live Auction: 12:00 Noon

All sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
Councils in the Dubuque area.

Auctioneer: Doug Clemens

\*Asking for donations of homemade or new unused items.  
Cash donations also appreciated.

#### 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 is collecting the following:

- Prairie Farm milk lids
- UPC labels from Best Choice products
- Box Tops

Reminder – CCD / RTR Registration: This is a reminder to families whose children attend public schools – You are 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)

## Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Aug 28-29, 2021: Budget/Total: \$341.00

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

*Commentator/Lector:* Jenny Recker; *Eucharistic Minister:* Bridget Rea; *Ushers:* David & Carolyn Turnis; *Server:* Jake Wagner

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 Kleppe

## St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Aug. 28-29, 2021: Budget: \$2,859.00; Offertory: \$85.00; Votive Candles: \$192.00; Total: \$3,136.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Sept. 25, 4:00pm

*Lect/Comm:* Wanda Loewen; *Euch. Min:* Diane Vaske; *Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Bert Meloy;

*Acolytes:* Nicole & Kara Felton; *Cross:* Chase King

Weekend Money Counters: Sept 2021 - Adam Rollinger

Church & Hall Cleaning (Sept 2021):

Wanda Loewen, Dean & Kris Pfab, Adam & Tracy Rollinger

The St. Patrick Harvesting For Our Parish Raffle tickets will be sold after each of the St. Patrick Masses during the months of September & October. It is \$25.00 per ticket and the raffle includes several cash prizes, including one each: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

If you have questions, or you are not able to purchase tickets after Mass, please contact Wanda Loewen at 563-652-3281. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, October 31st, during our annual parish auction. Winners need not be present to win.

## St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Aug. 28-29, 2021: Budget/Total: \$215.00

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., Sept. 8 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.

## St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Aug. 28-29, 2021 – Budget: \$10,550.30; Offertory: \$760.18; Children's Collection: \$22.10; Holy Days: \$65.00; Grain Bank: \$2,044.96; Fun Fest: \$2,265.00; Total: \$5,595.68

*Lit. Participation:* (Weekdays September 6-10): *Server:* Jim Betzner; *Lector:* Linda Takes Davis; *Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Takes Davis

Saturday –Sept 11, 5:30pm– *Lector:* Pat Noonan;

*Commentator:* Nancy Strang; *Ushers* – John & Diane Gerken; *East Entrance Greeter:* Jack Kuriger; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Pat Noonan, Nancy Strang, Donna Callahan; *Servers:* Callie & Cody Lynch; *Music:* Becky

*Livestream:* Chris Casey

Sunday – Sept. 12, 8:00am – *Lector* –Mary Frake;

*Commentator:* Mollie Bergfeld; *Ushers* – Mike & Monica McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:* Ronda Kurt; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Jessi Koob, Julie Green, Anne Kauder; *Servers:* Addison & Emma Frake; *Music:* Angie's

Sunday – Sept. 12, 10:00am – *Lector* –Brynn Kolpin;

*Commentator:* Davis Manternach; *Ushers* – Ken & Karen McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Julie Dunne; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Sheila Beringer, Davis Manternach, Joyce McMullen; *Servers:* Pete Ludwig & Brody Otting; *Music:* Dave

That Man Is You (TMIY) will resume once again this fall but with a twist! We are making a move to Wednesday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 pm at the Columbus Club Hall starting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. After 4 years on Saturday mornings, we are looking to shake things up by moving to a different time and day to help accommodate more participants. We plan to restart the TMIY content from Year 1 so it is a perfect time to plug in if you have not attended before as well as re-engage or review what you may have seen before. Snacks will be served and adult beverages will be available with more of a "theology on tap" atmosphere. You can call Chris Casey at 563-542-0590 for more information! Plan to attend and bring a friend or family member.

### **2022 Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation!**

We are SO excited for our 2022 Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Conference *Beauty in Christ!*

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m., as together we explore the Visitation between Mary and Elizabeth!**

This year's theme, *Holy Women of the Visitation*, features two national speakers: Liz Kelly, author of *Love like a Saint*, and Emily Jaminet, author of *The Friendship Project* and more (talks in both English and Spanish)!

You may participate in this year's virtual conference from the comfort of your own home or gather with other women to experience the virtual conference together!!! Group rates will be available!!

Plan to attend the **2022 Beauty in Christ** and invite your friends and parishioners to join you!

**Registration opens September 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**More info to come.**