

September 12, 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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Pastorate Office

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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 563-852-3524

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. 11	4:00pm (F) Charlie Sadler 5:30pm (C) 50 th Wedding Anniversary for Steve & Nancy Strang, Dave Rea, and Leo Brickley
Sun Sept 12	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Susie Kurt, Lawrence & Bernadette Kurt 10:00am (C) Delores O'Brien
Mon Sept 13	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Sept 14	8:30am (C) Fr. Carl Manternach & Melvin Manternach
Wed Sept 15	7:00am (C) The Deceased Members of the Streng & Neiers Families 5:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Sept 16	7:00am (C) Robert & Faith Kelly, Jim & Grace Otting
Fri Sept 17	7:00am (C) Thomas McGovern, & Sr. Joan Brun
Sat Sept 18	4:00pm (T) Members of the Gerken, Roe & Hughes Family, Florence Gavin 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., and Larry Volk
Sun Sept 19	8:00am(C) Presentation of Confirmation Candidates Lawrence, Bernadette & Susie Kurt, and Pat & Lucille Noonan 10:00am(C) Fred Kremer, and Dave Gassman *Fr. Mark will hear confessions every Wednesday evening from 5:00pm- 6:00pm at St. Matthias Parish.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12, 2021

From Fr. Mark

This weekend we mark the 20th anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 attacks. Many of us remember where we were when we began hearing the news about the planes flying into the towers in New York, and the attack on the Pentagon. We also heard of the bravery of the passengers on Flight 93, as they prevented the hijackers from flying the plane into the city of Washington, D.C.

Not only did 2,996 people die that day, but many of the firefighters, police officers and EMTs who survived the collapse of the buildings have suffered from cancer, breathing issues and acid reflux illnesses. Many of these men and women, including people serving on the clean-up crews in the weeks afterwards, have died earlier in life or continue to suffer from these health issues which have severely affected them and their families.

So much suffering has resulted from these attacks and the efforts to combat terrorists in the past 20 years. In Afghanistan alone, more than 176,000 Afghan citizens, 2,445 of our service men and women, and hundreds of military servicemen and women from other countries have died since the attacks of September 11, 2001. This does not include all those who have died in Iraq and other nations.

In the face of such suffering, how do we respond? In today's passage from the Gospel of Mark, Peter does his best to talk Jesus out of walking the path to Jerusalem. Jesus had warned the twelve apostles that he would go there to suffer and die, and then be raised up. Peter rebukes Jesus, no doubt wanting to spare his master a horrible death. Jesus turns to Peter, but looking at all the disciples, he sharply rebukes Peter, saying: "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

When it comes to suffering, most of us would like to dodge the pain whenever possible. Jesus teaches that if we are to be faithful to God and others, there is some suffering we just can't avoid. It is often better to "lean into" suffering, and getting through it, rather than to dodge it at all costs.

Jesus rejects responding to violence with more violence. Jesus rather sets the example for transforming violence through the power of his self-sacrificing love. Jesus invites Peter and the disciples to follow him in living in this radical manner. Jesus calls this denying ourselves, and picking up our cross, and following HIM. Jesus instructs Peter and the disciples in today's gospel passage, and now we can apply it to the suffering in our world, and in our own lives.

Pastorate

Catholic Daughters Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6pm at Columbus Club Hall

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.)

October is Respect Life Month. At Birthright of Dubuque, we believe it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. If you have this same passion for life, would you consider joining us in our work? We provide free, non-judgmental, confidential services to pregnant women in our community. To find out more about volunteering in our office or serving on the board, please contact Angie at 563-590-9064.

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- "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mk 8:33) We are not always capable of understanding the way in which God works. But we must always trust and remain faithful to Him, despite our lack of understanding. He will not lead us astray.

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

The Aquin System Board of Education would like to thank everyone for your support of the Aquin System Benefit Raffle. Next drawing is October 26, 2021.

Congratulations to the following winners:

\$500.00	Patrick Sauser
\$100.00	Pat & Ruth Rea, Mike Molony, Pat Loes, Marion Connolly, Joyce Lynch
\$ 50.00	Bert Meloy, Larita Kurt, Patti Menster, Von & Jean Denlinger, Pat Lyons, Tucker Meier, Ronda Kurt, Tim Bruck, Lisa Lindauer, Emma Wink

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

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Sept. 4-5, 2021: Budget/Total: \$360.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, Oct 9, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Claire Brown; *Eucharistic Minister:*

Ruth Rea; *Ushers:* Kathy Staner & Ann Callahan;

Server: Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by Oct. 9, 2021:

Mike & Bridget Rea, Kevin & Deb Rea, Dixie Schuster,

Tom & Cheri Ryan, Linda Melloy, Jerry & Sara Melloy,

Patrick & Samantha Ryan

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Sept. 4-5, 2021: Budget: \$1,473.00;

Offertory: \$73.60; Total: \$1,546.00

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: Sept. 4-5, 2021: Budget/Total: \$185.00

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. 15 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: Sept. 4-5, 2021 – Budget:

\$4,332.00; Offertory: \$484.00; Children's Collection: \$15.00;

Holy Days: \$120.00; Fun Fest: \$1,160.00; Total: \$6,111.00

Weekday Lit. Participation: (Weekdays September 13-17):

Server: Chuck Casey; *Lector:* CeAnn Brickley; *Eucharistic Minister:* Chuck Casey

Saturday –Sept 18, 5:30pm – *Lector:* Barb Otting;

Commentator: Barb Otting; *Ushers* – Fred Rogers & Kelly

Sullivan; *East Entrance Greeter:* Tom & Anita Gleason;

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Callahan, Amy Decker, Jeanne

Driscoll; *Servers:* Adam Knepper, Charlie Simon; *Music:*

Dolphins; *Livestream:* Lisa Vander Lugt

Sunday – Sept. 19, 8:00am – *Lector* –Julie Hosch;

Commentator: Cathy Knuth; *Ushers* – Jake & Tara Noonan;

East Entrance Greeter: Dave & Jenice McLees; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Matt Knepper, Nathan Knepper, Julie Hosch;

Servers: Brianna & Bryce Carroll; *Music:* Dave

Sunday – Sept. 19, 10:00am – *Lector* –Shannon Kremer;

Commentator: Jason McDermott; *Ushers* – Kathy Beck &

Shellie Schlemme; *East Entrance Greeter:* Nick & Deb

Holub; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Shellie Schlemme, Shannon

Kremer, Jason McDermott; *Servers:* Bayne & Calvin

Manternach; *Music:* Becky/Katie+Megan

Knights of Columbus

We will be making calls to ask for help with the Tootsie Roll Drive. Proceeds go to the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Please be generous and help us support this great organization.

- Sacred Heart, Fillmore – Saturday, September 11
- St. Peter's, Temple Hill - Saturday, September 18
- St. Matthias, Cascade - Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26.

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 8th. 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.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING: Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Cascade Public Library. Decisions will be made concerning the location and design. Your input and support is essential to move forward.

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 15th!

More info to come.