

September 26, 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.

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Baptisms

Baptism class required. Next baptism class – Dec. 6, 2021, 7pm. Contact Dan & Janice Kurt to register for the class. Dan at 563-590-1605. Call the office to schedule a baptism. 563-852-3524

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

Liturgy Schedule

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

Sat Sept. 25	4:00pm (G) Shirley Hosch, Willard & Marie Noonan, People of Purgatory 5:30pm (C) Don Lindauer, Ray & Mag Kurt
Sun Sept 26	8:00am (C) Robert Luensmann, Bob & Marion Hosch, Cyril & Marilyn Wolfe and Deceased Members of the Wolfe & Nordhues Family 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Andy & Helen Laban, Cheryl Fluhr
Mon Sept 27	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Sept 28	8:30am (C) Deceased Family Members of Harold & Luella Manternach, Jim Dunigan
Wed Sept 29	7:00am (C) Duane Schlemme, Bill & Imelda Beringer 5:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Sept 30	7:00am (C) Adrian Vaske, Monica O'Brien
Fri Oct. 1	7:00am (C) Germaine Bechen, Walt & Mary Knepper
Sat Oct. 2	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Service for Kylie Schlemme & Logan Kempel 4:00pm (G) Alfred Smith, Justin & Cecelia Gavin, Gene & Madonna Redmond 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Tom McMullen
Sun Oct. 3	8:00am (C) Respect All Life from the Womb to Natural Death, Lyle & Katie Ridenour & Family 10:00am (C) Dode Merfeld, Ambrose Knepper Family, Alfred Reiter, Joseph Reiter & Susan Reiter

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 26, 2021

From Fr. Mark

You may have heard people declare: "If you are not for us, then you are against us!" Jesus declares in today's gospel "For whoever is not against us is for us.". These two statements sound similar, but they are actually very different in who they include. The first statement begins from a position of suspicion, while the statement of Jesus begins from a position of trust. Are we willing to recognize and encourage the good that comes from people who belong to other groups besides our own? We have a natural tendency to favor those who already belong to our own group. Both Moses, (in the first reading) and Jesus, (in the gospel) welcome the good actions of "outsiders". As AT HOME WITH THE WORD advises: "It is not for us to decide how God works. We are called to embrace the good, no matter its origin!"

Later in the gospel passage, Jesus offers an instruction about avoiding the destructive power of sin. Jesus speaks metaphorically, (not literally!) as he declares these imperatives: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off! ... If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out!" What does Jesus mean by teaching this way? He does not want us to physically cripple ourselves. But he does teach that sometimes we are as attached to our sin as we are to our hands. When we are so attached to sin, our entire self is at risk. For example, if I get too attached to drinking, or to gambling, or to pornography, it can severely affect my life, and the lives of those close to me. Strong action is required, and it will be a difficult adjustment to make. But our lives, and those we love, will be much healthier if we accept the power of God's grace available to us in the sacraments, and take strong action for the good.

Pastorate

Faith Formation Committee: At the September meeting, it was agreed by the committee to focus on "get back to basics" faith formation opportunities for our pastorate parishioners. To start, we are going to reflect on the Corporate and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We would like to see our parishioners in action carrying out works of mercy. You can provide a picture or a story about what you witness or something that you may be doing that we will then post to the St Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Facebook page. To have your picture or story posted, email Kerri Takes at dbq023bm@dbqarch.org or call the office at 563-852-3524 so we can work with you to spread the good news!

Below is a list of each of the Spiritual Works of Mercy and Corporal Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To visit the imprisoned
7. To bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. To instruct the ignorant
2. To counsel the doubtful
3. To admonish sinners
4. To bear wrongs patiently
5. To forgive offenses willingly
6. To comfort the afflicted
7. To pray for the living and the dead

Over the next several weeks, more information about each of these works will be posted in the bulletin. This will serve as a good reminder to each of us and also as a guide for what we can do or a measure of what we are already doing! St Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

The National Rosary Rally will take place Sunday, October 10, 2021 in Washington DC on our Capitol grounds at 3:00 pm CST. Please join us at St Matthias Parish at that time to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. We will include the following petitions during this prayer time:

1. Respect for life at all stages of development
2. The sanctity of marriage and families
3. Upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom and the return of our nation to God and Holiness.

All are welcome and we look forward to praying in this special way with you!

Bereavement Series: The Pastorate will host a 5 - part series for persons who have suffered the death of a loved one: Tuesday evenings starting October 16th, 7:00pm in the Pastorate office. Come to any or all sessions. For information, contact Dianne Reiter – 563-590-7956 or Jean Mausser – 852-7709.

Caring For Your Marriage- "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna." (Mk 9:43) If your spouse is struggling with a sin, pray for them and encourage them to seek help.

Online Giving: Did you know you can now give to your parish online via credit card through our website at stapastorate.org/give? And to make this even easier, you can now scan the QR code below with your phone and be taken right to this website page! Once there, click on the 3 line icon in the upper left corner of your phone screen to select where you would like your contribution to go. It's that easy! If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Takes at the Pastorate Office, 563-852-3524.



Have you written a will? It is a way of saying "I Love You" to your family and friends by preventing squabbles and hurt feelings after you are gone. A will ensures your wishes are carried out, as you want, not as a court would decide. If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to <parish/school/organization> contact <name> at <phone/email>. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or CFAD@OurCFAD.org.

Cascade Area Right to Life will be accepting free-will donations both before and following each Mass on the weekend of October 2 & 3. All proceeds are invested into Pro-Life education and materials in our local pastorate. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Aquin Pies for Sale! If you would like to order pies, please do so by **October 1st**. Forms are still available at the Pastorate office or at the back of St. Matthias church. Thank you for supporting Aquin **If anyone has any apples for Pie Making Night that they would like to donate please call Angie Burger at 563-599-9435 or Meredith Lahey at (563) 542-3643.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Sept. 18-19, 2021: Budget/Total: \$925.00

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. 18-19, 2021: Budget/Total: \$888.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Oct. 2, 4:00pm

Lect/Comm: Margie Bradley; *Euch. Min:* Judy Coyle; *Ushers:* Kevin Felton, Steve Gravel;

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

Weekend Money Counters: Oct 2021 – Wanda Loewen, Tom Donovan; **Church & Hall Cleaning (Oct 2021):**

Mark & Monica Redmond, Mike & Deb Redmond

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.

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Sept. 18-19, 2021: Budget: \$2,910.00; Offertory: \$97.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Hall Rent: \$50.00; Votive Stand: .90; Total: \$3,067.90

Liturgical Participation October 16, 2021

Lector/Commentator: Linda Schockemoehl

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm, Kay Manternach

Usher: Bob Moriarity, Rick Turnis; *Servers:* Luke &

Nathan Schockemoehl, Ashlyn Schockemoehl

Gift Bearer: Eric Schockemoehl *Greeter:* Madeline Manternach

Church Cleaning: (before Oct. 16) Joe & Norine Strang (leader), Ron Krapfl, Chris Krapfl, Marty & Angie Rausch, Ray & Mary Finn, Ray & Jeanne Manternach, Cyndi Trumm

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed., Sept. 29 at 7:00 PM.

Parish Blood Drive - Thanks again to all who participated in last week's blood drive. 20 units were collected.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Sept. 18-19, 2021 – Budget: \$9,111.00; Offertory: \$621.05; Children's Collection: \$46.00; Holy Days: \$25.00; Fun Fest: \$1,650.00; Total: \$11,453.05

Weekday Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Sept 27-Oct 1):

Server: Elona McLees; *Lector:* Dianne Koppes; *Eucharistic Minister:* Elona McLees

Saturday –Oct 2, 5:30pm– *Lector:* Tom Gleason;

Commentator: Tom Gleason; *Ushers –* John & Diane Gerken;

East Entrance Greeter: Jim & Judy Betzner; *Eucharistic Ministers:* Brianna Koppes, Dale Manternach, Sharon Manternach; *Servers:* Isaac & Owen Williams; *Music:* Becky; *Livestream:* Lisa Vander Lugt

Sunday – Oct. 3, 8:00am – *Lector –*Mary Frake;

Commentator: Naomi Steffen; *Ushers –* Bernie & Jessi Koob;

East Entrance Greeter: Chris & Nicole Casey; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Jessi Koob, Jean Mausser, Joyce McMullen;

Servers: Levi Lynch, Caleb Casey; *Music:* O'Briens

Sunday – Oct. 3, 10:00am – *Lector –*Julie Dunne;

Commentator: Jason McDermott; *Ushers –* Charlie Knepper &

Tyson Hill; *East Entrance Greeter:* Judy Grob; *Eucharistic*

Ministers: Jason McDermott, Tom Dunne, Julie Dunne;

Servers: Maggie & Peter Noonan; *Music:* Becky/Daniel C

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

The Knights of Columbus Council #930 is once

again sponsoring "Coats for Kids" clothing drive starting September 10 and running through the end of October. If you have new or gently used winter apparel such as coats, hats, gloves, "hoodies," mittens, scarves, snow/ski pants, boots, etc. that you no longer need, please consider donating to people in our communities in need this winter. We are collecting both children's and adult sizes of all items. Due to COVID-19, we do ask that you please wash all items thoroughly before donating.

The Cascade St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus

Council #930 will be holding a **DRIVE THROUGH** chicken

fry on, **Saturday, October 16, from 5-8 pm** at the

Columbus Club Hall. We will be serving a ½ chicken dinner

with baked potato, coleslaw and dinner roll. The price will be

\$10.00. **Dinner will be served as carry-out only.** Please

drive through and pick up a delicious fried chicken dinner and help our council support our local charities!!

Sunday, September 26 is Priesthood Sunday. It is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States.

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Pray for priests to know and experience a closeness to Our Lord that in turn brings you closer to Jesus. **Celebrate and thank a priest today!**

Pray this prayer for your priest and all priests.

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them by your intercession to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen. St. Charles Borromeo

Bernard Rescue Unit Breakfast - Celebrate 40 years of the Bernard Rescue Unit – Sunday, October 3, 2021, 7:30am-11:30am, St. Patrick's Garryowen Parish Hall, 28857 46th Ave. Bernard., Menu: Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Homemade Rolls, Juice, Coffee and Milk
Adults: \$8.00, Children 5-12: \$4.00; 4 and under are Free.
Donations are welcome!