

October 10, 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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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
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## Pastorate Support Staff

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Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331

Principal, Laura Herbers

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Director, Angela Schrodt

Email [aschrodt@aquin.org](mailto:aschrodt@aquin.org)

## 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

## 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 Oct. 9	4:00pm (F) James & John "Jack" Kremer 5:30pm (C) The Bub & Rose Leytem Family, Mary Jane Felton, Bonnie Weber
Sun Oct. 10	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past, Mr & Mrs William Mehrl, Alma Knepper & Deceased Members of the Trumm & Knepper Families 10:00am (C) John G & Ella Kurt Family 100 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and Annette Even
Mon Oct. 11	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Oct. 12	8:30am (C) Rev. John O'Connor
Wed Oct. 13	7:00am (C) Duane Schlemme 5:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Oct. 14	7:00am (C) Bill & Imelda Beringer
Fri Oct. 15	7:00am (C) Merlin Reinke & Louie Leibold
Sat Oct. 16	1:30pm (C) Nuptial Mass for: Austin Lynch & Brianna Hostert 4:00pm (T) Randal Schoenherr, Florence Gavin
Sun Oct. 17	5:30pm (C) Bob Tauke, Jerry & Phyllis Green 8:00am (C) The Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic "Daughters of the Americas Court 1926" 10:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past, and James Dowling

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## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 10, 2021

### From Fr. Mark

"The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword" (from the Letter to the Hebrews) ...The word of God can cut both ways, both on the one who proclaims, and the one who hears.

In today's gospel passage, Jesus challenges a young man who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus instructs him to keep the commandments, then to sell what he owned, to give away the proceeds to the poor, and then follow Jesus. The young man went away sad, for he had many possessions.

We don't hear of this young man again. Did he miss his chance to be an apostle? Jesus takes the opportunity to talk about the risk wealth poses to us in our spiritual lives. Wealth can distract us, and make us even more selfish than we were before we became rich. And when we compare our situations to most people on earth, we are probably in the top 5% when it comes to our standard of living. God doesn't want us to suffer needlessly from lack of the essentials. But God does want us to be focused on our relationship with God and others. Wealth can trick us into thinking we are in control of our lives and can live independently of God and others. Wisdom, which we hear about in the first reading, can help us to put wealth in proper perspective, and to discern what is of ultimate value. Jesus wants us to choose well in life, and will help us. When the disciples ask, "Then who can be saved?", Jesus responds, "All things are possible for God."

### Pastorate

**The St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Memorial Mass is Saturday, November 6 at 5:30pm.** If you had a loved one that is a parishioner that has passed away from November 2020-November 2021 and you haven't received an invitation to the Memorial Mass by October 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the office at 563-852-3524.

### Corporal Work of Mercy

2. To give drink to the thirsty: Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource. See some examples of how to practice this below:

We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. [Donate](#) to help build wells for water for those in need. Organize a group of children involved on a sports team (e.g. soccer) or a summer camp. Invite them to collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families. If parents can be involved, ask them to accompany their children in delivering the water to the families.

Do the same for youth and young adult groups. Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

### Spiritual Work of Mercy

2. To counsel the doubtful: Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way. See some examples of how to practice this below:

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise" ([Prov 19:20](#))

The Cross of Christ "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" ([1 Cor 1:25](#))

Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions

Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass

**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.

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 12th, 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-** "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21) When you have family members to care for, you cannot sell everything, but that doesn't mean you can't live a simple life. Give what you can.

### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

**Sacred Heart Generosity:** Oct. 2-3, 2021: Budget/Total: \$400.00

**Liturgical Participation-Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 4:00pm**  
*Commentator/Lector:* Megan Knapp; *Eucharistic Minister:* Jean Mausser; *Ushers:* Mike & Bridget Rea; *Server:* Jake Wagner  
**Church & Hall Cleaning Done by Oct. 30, 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:** Oct. 2-3, 2021: Budget: \$2,238.00; Offertory: \$427.50; Thanksgiving: \$25.00; Christmas \$50.00; Total: \$2,740.50

**Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Oct. 23, 4:00pm**  
*Lect/Comm:* Denny Brackemyer; *Euch. Min:* Janet Felton; *Ushers:* Kevin Felton, Steve Gravel; *Acolytes:* Kara Felton, Chase King; *Cross:* Nicole Felton  
**Weekend Money Counters:** Oct 2021 – Wanda Loewen, Tom

Donovan; *Church & Hall Cleaning (Oct 2021):*  
Mark & Monica Redmond, Mike & Deb Redmond

PASTURE RENT: Sealed bids are now being accepted for the pasture rent. The pasture is approximately 45 acres. Please submit your bid by Sunday, November 7, 2021. Bids may be mailed to St Patrick Parish Attn: Pasture Bid, PO Box 699, Cascade IA 52033, dropped off at the Pastorate Office, put in the collection basket, or sent or given to one of the parish council members. Bids will be opened Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the parish council meeting and the highest bidder will be notified by Friday, November 12, 2021. Bidding is open to anyone but St Patrick Parish members will be given first consideration. The three-year lease would begin March 1, 2022 with first annual payment due by that date. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Donovan at 563-879-3513 or any parish council member.

St. Patrick is in need of Mass ushers (both men & women). If you are interested in volunteering, call the Pastorate office at 852-3524.

### **The St. Patrick Parish Auction & Raffle will be October 31<sup>st</sup>**

If you want to volunteer to help with this event, please call one of the council members.

**The St. Patrick Harvesting For Our Parish Raffle** tickets will be available 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. You can also drop your raffle tickets in the Collection basket as well.

### **St. Peter, Temple Hill**

**St. Peter Generosity:** Oct. 2-3, 2021: Budget/Total: \$155.00

*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., Oct 13 at 7 :00 PM.**

### **St. Matthias, Cascade**

**St. Matthias Generosity:** Oct. 2-3, 2021 – Budget: \$4,507.00;

Offertory: \$516.00; Children's Collection: \$33.00; Holy Days:

\$10.00; Fun Fest: \$1,725.00; Total: \$6,791.00

**Weekday Lit. Participation:** (Weekdays Oct. 11-15): *Server:*

Ron Woerdehoff; *Lector:* Carol Noonan; *Eucharistic*

*Minister:* Carol Noonan

**Saturday –Oct 16, 5:30pm–** *Lector:* Pat Noonan;

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

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

*Ministers:* Pat Noonan, Nancy Strang, Linda Aschtgen;

*Servers:* Callie & Cody Lynch; *Music:* Becky; *Livestream:*

Meg O'Brien

**Sunday – Oct. 17, 8:00am –** *Lector –*Claire Brown;

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

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

*Ministers:* Colette McDermott, Monica McDermott, Lois Merkes; *Servers:* Brianna & Bryce Carroll; *Music:* Becky  
**Sunday – Oct. 17, 10:00am –** *Lector –*Molly Recker;  
*Commentator:* Jean Lynch; *East Entrance Greeter:* Nick & Deb Holub; *Ushers –* Kathy Beck & Shellie Schlemme;  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sheila Beringer, Katie Knepper, Shannon Kremer; *Servers:* Miley Trumm & Chloe Henneberry; *Music:* Becky (Teen Choir)

St Matthias parishioners, we need your help to meet our goal for the Fun Fest Fundraiser! Currently, we are at 29% of our goal of \$45,000 and we need your help to get to 100% of our goal by November 1, 2021. Please use the Fun Fest/Auction envelope that is included with your envelope package or you can pick up an envelope in the back of church. You can also use your own envelope, just indicate the donation is for the Fun Fest. We appreciate your generosity and support!

**Fall Cleaning for the St. Matthias Church** will be Tuesday,

November 16th, from 5-7 p.m. A couple of stepladders and an extra vacuum or two would be very useful along with buckets, etc. As in the past, many helpful hands have come to make this big job easier. Please plan to come, your help is needed and appreciated.

**That Man Is You (TMIY)** has resumed 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

### **Marriage Encounter**

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at Iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

**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.

### **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. 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!!

**The annual Clarity Clinic banquet is on Thursday, October 14 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque.**

This is a FREE dinner and program.

An appeal will take place at the end of the evening as this is a fundraiser but there is no obligation to give.

To RSVP, call the clinic at 557-3123 or email Dennis Rima at: [dennis@thepregnancycenter.com](mailto:dennis@thepregnancycenter.com)

### **Community Presbyterian Church Drive-Thru Chili &**

**Soup Supper** –Monday, October 25th serving from 5-8pm at the church at 216 Polk Street, Cascade.

Pre-School – Free, 5-12 years -- \$5.00, Others: \$7.00

Homemade Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup, Cream of Potato Soup, Homemade Bread, & Dessert