

July 26, 2020

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)852-7805
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Deacon Steve Strang (563)852-3435
Deacon Ray Noonan (563)852-3181
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Pastorate Office

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Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Pastorate Support Staff

Business Manager, Kerri Takes
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Aquin System of Catholic Education

Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331
Principal, Vicki Palmer
E-mail vpalmer@aquin.org
Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020
Director, Jenny Knapp jknapp@aquin.org

New Parishioners

Welcome! Contact the pastorate office 563-852-3524

Baptisms

Baptism class required.
Contact Ray & Carol Noonan at 852-3181 to register for the class.
Contact the pastorate office to schedule a baptism.

Weddings

Contact Fr. Mark at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Pastorate Council

Chuck Shanahan - Chair
Bob Green – Vice Chair
Kevin Schockemoehl - Secretary
Karen Knepper, Mike Otting,
Chuck Noonan, Ed Stoll, Eric Vaske

Parish Council Contacts

St. Patrick – Wanda Loewen
Sacred Heart – Chuck Noonan
St. Peter – Kevin Schockemoehl
St. Matthias – Bob Green

Pastorate Committee Opportunities

Call the Pastorate Office for more info
Community Life, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Social Justice

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)

Mon July 27	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue July 28	7:00am (C) Carol Kleitsch
Wed July 29	7:00am (C) Marion Manternach
Thu July 30	7:00am (C) Joan Pasker
Fri July 31	7:00am (C) William & Mary Mehrl
Sat Aug. 1	4:00pm (G) Andy & Helen Laban 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Sun Aug. 2	8:00am (C) Al, Anne & Dave Quint 10:00am (C) Les & Ruth Sellner

If there is a funeral, there will be no
7:00am Mass.

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 26, 2020

From Fr. Mark

Thank you very much for the warm welcome you have offered me since I arrived in Cascade! I have enjoyed going out to Fillmore, Garryowen, and Temple Hill as well! I have met a lot of people and will continue to try to get to know you as you talk with me. I have been impressed by the number of people at Mass, and the beauty of the churches. Thanks for the garden produce, too! I should add I am allergic to egg whites, tree nuts and fish, but I do enjoy peanuts!

One thing I would like to encourage as strongly as possible is the wearing of masks at Mass. I have been informed that there has been an increase in Covid19 cases in Cascade, as well as Dubuque County and Jones County. Some of our parishioners are currently, or have been infected by the virus. Dr. Anthony Fauci and the Center for Disease Control officials have said that the wearing of masks in public, especially when people are inside buildings, could help stem the advance of the virus within 4-8 weeks. I realize it is not easy wearing a mask when it is so warm, but it is an act of charity toward others. I also understand that for a variety of health reasons, some people can simply not wear a mask. We want people to feel welcome at our parishes, but we also need to take strong measures against Covid19. Here is an excerpt from an email the priests received from Archbishop Jackels on Wednesday, July 22:

And "this" (our churches may be closed again because of an increase in infections) could easily happen if we don't do what we can easily do:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands.
- Don't touch your face.
- Cough into your elbow.
- Wear a mask.
- Keep a six-foot distance from others.
- Use your hand to receive the Eucharist, but not to dip in holy water, or hold a hymnbook, or exchange a Sign of Peace.

We will have some masks available at the entrance, but it is best to bring your own. We have some reusable masks that some parishioners have generously fashioned to offer you if you don't have one already. I will try to be consistent with wearing a mask myself when I am not speaking during Mass.

I also would like to encourage people to keep a 6 foot distance between you and the person ahead of you when you receive communion. Just give the person ahead of you a good head start. Also, please hold your hand flat, so the Eucharistic Minister can place the host in your hand without touching your hand. Thanks for your patience with these restrictions. As the Archbishop has said, you could also come on a weekday instead of on Saturday or Sunday to avoid larger groups of people.

Starting September 1st and 3rd. There will be 2 Aquin School Masses to accommodate all children to social distance. So, Tuesday and

Thursday Masses will be at 8:30am. Some grades will go to Mass on Tuesday and some will come to Mass on Thursday, that break down of classes will be listed in the bulletin at a later date.

Pastorate

A new intention: When reading the following intention during Mass:
“We pray for the sick, the shut-ins, and the hospitalized of Our Pastorate, that they feel God’s love through the care and concern of others.”
We will now be listing people that need prayers due to being sick or hospitalized. If you want your name or your small child listed, please call the Pastorate Office at 563-852-3524. We will not be able to list anyone that doesn't give us their own consent.

Caring For Your Marriage - “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant...finding a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it” (Mt 13:45-46). Your spouse is like that pearl – priceless. Don't let work, projects, hobbies, or even your children take first place.

Elementary School

The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. We will be sharing information with all Aquin families in the upcoming weeks about our Return to Learn plan and what it will look like at Aquin when the students and staff return in the fall.

We are very proud of the strong program we have at Aquin. If you are interested in visiting our school or want to learn more about it, for your children, please contact the school at 563.852.3331.

The first day of school for AQUIN students will be August 20th for K-8. First day of preschool is August 26th. *****Please note this is a week later than the public school.**

Aquin's registration will be held on Wednesday, August 5th. The office will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. You can drop off any lunch and/or tuition payments at that time. Most of the necessary paperwork can be found on our school web page at www.aquin.org under Parent/Registration. Updated registration materials will be available in mid-July. **Please note the office will be open all summer M-Thursdays from 8:00-10:00am if you want to stop when it's convenient for you.*

Remember to purchase Scrip for all your shopping needs. We will have our annual Back to School Scrip promotion beginning August 1st through August 14th. For every \$300 of scrip you buy, your name will go in for a drawing to win a \$250 scrip certificate. Winner will be drawn on August 17th.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: July 18-19, 2020: Budget: 710.00;
Offertory: \$13.00; EFT: \$310.00; Total: \$1,023.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 – 4:00pm)

Commentator/Lector: Molly Droszler;
Ushers: Chuck Noonan, Mike Rea, Bridget Rea

Reminder: Sacred Heart at 70% of our goal for the Spring Fling. We only need \$1,805 to reach our goal amount of \$6,000. Please consider helping us reach our goal!

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: July 18-19, 2020 – Budget: \$350.00;
Total: \$350.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020 – 4:00pm)

Commentator/Lector: Wanda Loewen;
Ushers: Don Meloy, Bob Noonan

Weekend Money Counters: Aug. 2020– Loras Federspiel & Wanda Loewen

Church & Hall Cleaning (Aug. 2020): Judy Schmit, Kevin & Deb Pfab, Matt & Melissa King

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: July 18-19, 2020: Budget: 1,370.00;
Offertory: \$19.00; Easter: \$200.00; Ascension: \$5.00; Parish Picnic: \$2,825.00; Total: \$3,100.00
St. Peter Picnic total to date: \$30,887.50

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: July 18-19, 2020 – Budget: \$2,410.00; Offertory: \$135.00; EFT: \$4,982.00;
Holy Days: \$3.00; Fun Fest: \$310.00; Total: \$7,840.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: July 27-31, 2020) -
Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Linda Takes Davis

Fun Fest Envelope – You may have noticed a new envelope this year in the St. Matthias budget envelopes. It is the Fun Fest Envelope. Although, St. Matthias is not having our biggest fundraiser: the Fun Fest this year, we can still give with this envelope! Add up all of the money spent on: donation items, tickets, on desserts/breads/produce for the food store, on food and drinks and games at the event, and on auction items. You can donate this amount in your Fun Fest envelope and the best part is that it will be counted on your budget donations that you will see on your statement at the end of the year!!

If you or someone you know is in need of food, we can help you get connected to free food in the area:

Kids 18 & Under – Curbside breakfast & lunch from Mon-Fri 11:30-12:30 at Cascade Elementary

Seniors – The Northeast Iowa Area Agency of Aging provides home delivered meals to anyone over 60 Monday-Friday in the greater Cascade Area. There is a fee associated with these meals. For more information or to sign up call 1-800-423-2449.

Cascade Food Pantry – Opened every third Thursday from 3:00pm-5:30pm and every Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Call Diana at 563-852-3285.

Rural life is not all sunshine and green pastures. [Here's a program geared](#) specifically to stress on the farm from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach called Stress on the Farm. Learn more about signs of depression and suicide, and how you can encourage a friend or family member to seek help. When a friend or relative experiences trouble, such as a death in the family, financial losses, divorce, or serious illness, it's easier to stay away or remain silent than it is to help because you don't know the right words. Explore these tips and ideas on how to offer help in an uncomfortable situation. If you prefer a one on one counseling meeting via phone or video, consider one of our great [Catholic Charities licensed therapists](#). Call us at 800-772-2758 to be connected with a licensed counselor.



St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Prayer

Loving God, Your grace and love prompted St. Thomas Aquinas to grow in holiness and learning, and to celebrate his faith through the Holy Eucharist and the practice of Christian virtue. Grant us the same grace to grow in wisdom and holiness. Send your blessings upon the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate and its member parishes. Inspire us with your grace to be a people of faith, sharing our gifts with one another, working for justice and peace in our communities and the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

