

August 2, 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 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 Aug. 3	10:00am (C) Funeral for Pat Noonan
Tue Aug. 4	7:00am (C) Leo Brickley
Wed Aug. 5	7:00am (C) Joe Gehl; Stan Callahan
Thu Aug. 6	7:00am (C) Pat Clarke and Dola & Willard Potter
Fri Aug. 7	7:00am (C) Carl & Marian Kremer
Sat Aug. 8	4:00pm (F) Betty White 5:30pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
Sun Aug. 9	8:00am (C) John & Ella Gross 10:00am (C) Bob & Margie McAllister

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

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 2, 2020

From Fr. Mark

I would like to thank all of our parishioners and guests who are willing to wear masks when attending mass. The Archbishop has insisted on this. He also suggests we view "mask wearing" as an act of charity for those around us. The evidence is strong that wearing masks, washing our hands, and keeping 6 feet apart slows the spread of the virus. I would like to thank the people who are praying each morning for the intention that we not have to close down mass again because of the spread of Covid19. We also ask God to bless our Archdiocesan leaders, as well as our local school administrators and faith formation leaders with wisdom as we prepare for the autumn semester.

When facing these big challenges during this pandemic, we can think of the story in today's gospel, when a huge crowd was hungry, and the apostles felt inadequate in their ability to feed them. Jesus tells them to trust God, and gave thanks for what food the apostles did have. Somehow, there was more than enough for the apostles to distribute to the crowd of thousands of people. We don't know exactly how this happened. For instance, we don't read in the gospel an account of massive piles of bread and fish. We just know that all ate and were satisfied, and there were 12 baskets of leftovers! Somehow, what the apostles needed was already present, as long as they looked to Jesus to guide them. May Jesus guide us in the challenges we face this week.

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

Our parishes depend upon your weekly financial generosity to continue meeting the operating expenses and its ministries in this critical time of crisis when attending Mass has become more difficult. You may mail your contributions to PO Box 699, Cascade IA 52033-0699, or can drop them off in the back of St Matthias Church, or any of your local churches or at the Pastorate Office. There is a mailbox on the outside of the office you can drop them in. We also offer Electronic Funds Transmission (EFT). Call the office for more information about this option.

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.

Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic?

Or maybe you are already Catholic & would like to learn more about your faith. Instructional classes will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning August 20th. The classes are very informal with lots of time for discussion. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the Pastorate office at 852-3524 or Deacon Joe Schockemoehl at 852-3126.

Caring For Your Marriage - In today's gospel, Jesus feeds the five-thousand. How do you (with the help of Jesus) provide for your family's hunger and thirst for spiritual nourishment?

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 25-26, 2020: Budget: 270.00; Spring Fling: \$50.00; Total: \$320.00

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

Commentator/Lector: Molly Droeszler;

Ushers: Chuck Noonan

Reminder: To date we have raised \$4,245.00 for our Spring Fling fundraising goal of \$6000.00. Please consider helping us reach our goal!

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: July 25-26, 2020 – Budget: \$810.00;

Offertory: EFT: \$625.00; Total: \$1,435.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 – 4:00pm)

Commentator/Lector: Denny Brackemyer;

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 25-26, 2020: Budget: 290.00;

Parish Picnic: \$50.00; Total: \$340.00

St. Peter Picnic total to date: Our total to date is \$62,937.50 with our donations of \$30,937.50 and our donor match of \$32,000. Thank you so much to all who have made this possible, especially our match donor!

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: July 25-26, 2020 – Budget:

\$12,945.00; Offertory: \$105.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Fun Fest: \$700.00; Total: \$13,760.00

Liturgical Participation: (weekdays: Aug. 4-7, 2020) - Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Jean Conrad

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.

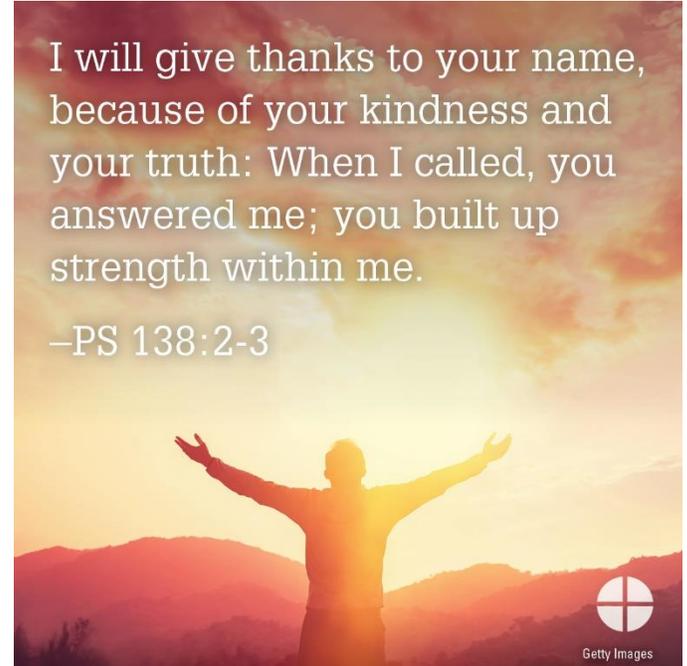
Cascade Food Pantry – Opened every third Thursday from 3:00pm-5:30pm. Call Diana at 563-852-3285.

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.

Sacraments:

Austyn Thomas Knuth, son of Eric & Cara Knuth is welcomed this weekend in the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism.



THE ENCOUNTER PRAYER

God of infinite Mercy,

you sent your Risen Son to encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Grant us today a missionary spirit and send us forth to encounter our sisters and brothers:

to walk with them in friendship,

to listen to their hopes and dreams with compassion, and to proclaim your Word with courage, so that they might come to know you once again in the breaking of the Bread.

Make us all missionary disciples, and stay with us always, as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel with people of all generations, from every race, language, culture, and nation.

We ask you this with burning hearts, filled with the Holy Spirit, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization in the Americas.

Amen