

# 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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Livestream by going to our website or visiting our Facebook page at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Hours Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

#### Pastorate Support Staff

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Aquin Catholic Elementary School (563)852-3331

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E-mail lherbers@aquin.org

Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Ctr 563-852-7020

Director, Hillary Klein

Email aquinlittleangels@aquin.org

#### **Baptisms**

Baptism class required. Next baptism class – Mar. 6, 2023, 6:30pm. 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

- ➤ If there is a 2 Hour Delay or cancellation at Western
  Dubuque Schools there will be NO morning 7:00am
  Mass
- ➤ If there is a 2 Hour Delay or cancellation at Western Dubuque Schools on Tuesdays, there will be no 8:30am school Mass.
- ➤ If there is a public funeral on a weekday, there will be NO 7:00am Mass that day.
- ➤ If there is a private funeral on a weekday Mass, there WILL be a 7:00am Mass.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Eileen Steffen – 852-7168 Joyce Gibbs 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule	
(Cascade-C; Fillmore-F; Garryowen-G; Temple Hill-T	
W/C-Word & Communion Service)	
Sat Jan 7	4:00pm (G) Willie, Ed & Ronnie Neyens,
	Jim Reardon, Jerry & Verna
	O'Connell Family, Tony
	O'Connell and Bernie & Eileen
	O'Connell
	5:30pm Fr. Bob Wagner, Alfred Smith
Sun Jan 8	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past.
	10:00am (C) Delores O'Brien and Bob &
	Margie McAllister
Mon Jan 9	7:00am (C) W/C
Tue Jan 10	8:30 (C) Dick Henneberry
Wed Jan 11	7:00am (C) Personal Intentions
	5:00-6:00pm (C) Confessions
Thur Jan 12	7:00am (C) Bess Kane
Fri Jan 13	7:00am (C) Leo Herbst
Sat Jan 14	4:00pm (F) Marilyn & Cyril Wolfe
	5:30pm (C) Sharon Aldrich, St. Thomas
	Aquinas Past.
Sun Jan 15	8:00am (C) Rev. Loras Otting & The Joe
	Otting Family
	10:00am (C) Dick & Grace Roling and Jim Wolf
	11:00am- 7:00pm (C) Eucharistic
	Adoration Begins for the Mission
	7:00pm (C) First Mission Presention by
	Anthony Digmann
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#### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### From Father Mark....

The Gospel of Matthew offers us the story of the Magi making their journey to the Christ Child. We call this the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means "the Showing" or "Manifestation". Jesus is revealed or shown as the one sent to save the people of all the nations.

The author of the Gospel of Matthew features these magi or astrologers as seekers from a faraway land. They meet Herod as they seek the child. Herod is desperate to protect his throne. He has had others murdered and plans to deal with the threat of a "new king" in the same way.

The story of the Magi tells us that Mary and Joseph. and the Magi themselves, faced many difficulties and took great risks to protect the infant Jesus. Today, many people around the world continue to face suffering and danger.

In his New Year's Day address, Pope Francis wrote about the importance of working together as the Body of Christ to ease the suffering of others.

"In order to live better lives after the Covid-19 emergency, we cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another. Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion. We must revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death. We urgently need to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change. We need to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labor for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty. The scandal of entire peoples starving remains an open wound. We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard. Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace."

The funeral for Pope Emeritus Benedict was held in Rome this past Thursday. May he rest in peace, Amen.

#### **Pastorate**

The next monthly Rosary at St Matthias will be Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

JOIN US AT OUR PARISH MISSION beginning next Sunday, January 15th and continuing on the 16th & 17th at 7:00pm at St. Matthias.

If you would like to get Western Dubuque's weather **notices** either by email or a text message on your phone go to: wdbqschools.org/CancelationsDelays.aspx

It will ask you to "Click Here", then you can choose messages by email or text, then "Submit".

#### Wednesday Night Adoration at St Matthias:

The Catechism quotes St Pope John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380) This opportunity will begin Wednesday, January 4, 2023. From 6:45pm until 7:45pm everyone will have the opportunity to spend some time to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. What a great way to begin more time for prayer in 2023! Our Religious Education classes will be attending along with others from our Pastorate faith community. ALL are encouraged to stop in during this hour. Please watch the bulletin and/or social media for schedule changes.

Caring For Your Marriage - "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Mt 2:10-11). Spend some time today as a family basking in the joy of Christmas. Visit a nativity scene and pray together.

#### **Aguin Catholic Elementary School**

#### Aquin is seeking a Business Bookkeeper

Minimum qualifications include:

-Two or more years of office or bookkeeping experience

-Previous experience in accounting and QuickBooks or related programs-Financial statement preparations -Payroll skills Please contact principal Laura Herbers for inquiries or details. 563-852-3331 lherbers@aguin.org

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#### Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2022, Budget: \$2,685.00; Christmas: \$175.00; Total: \$2,860.00 Liturgical Participation-Saturday, Jan. 14, 4:00pm Commentator/Lector: David Turnis; Eucharistic Minister:

Ann Callahan; Server: Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning (Done by Jan. 14)

David Turnis, Ken & Jeanette Mausser, Jon & Jennifer King,

Josh & Kayla Klein, Chuck & Patty Delaney

The Sacred Heart Parish Auction was a huge success this year with a Net Income of \$35,656.25, which was an increase of \$4.557.23 from the previous year! Thanks to all who made this possible!!

#### St. Patrick, Garryowen

#### **Christmas Flowers:**

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Theresa & Mike Heister In Memory of Janice & Jack Heister, and the Heister & Kinsella

Families, & Rose Beauchamp

St. Patrick Generosity: Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2022: Budget: \$440.00; Christmas: \$400.00; Holy Days: \$10.00; Total: \$850.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Jan. 7, 4:00pm,

Lector/Comm.: Wanda Loewen; Eucharistic Minister: Janet Felton; Ushers: Matt King & Denny Brackemyer; Acolytes: Nicole Felton, Kara Felton, Chase King

Money Counters for St. Pat's: Judy Coyle & Kris Pfab

Anyone that purchased a poinsettia and would like to take it home, please feel free to do so after the January 7<sup>th</sup> Mass.

#### St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Peter Generosity: Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2022: Budget: \$461.00; Offertory: \$170.00; Christmas: \$550.00; Holy Days: \$120.00;

Parish Hall Rent: \$65.00; Total: \$1,366.00

Liturgical Participation -January 21, 2023 - 4:00 PM

Lector/Commentator: Kay Manternach; Eucharistic Minister: Sue Trumm; Usher: Eric Schockemoehl, Ron Krapfl; Servers: Bayne & Kalvin Manternach, Samantha Coyle; Gift Bearer: Ryan Schockemoehl; Greeter: Madeline Manternach Church Cleaning: (before January 21, 2023) Rick & Lucinda

Turnis (leader), Matt & Ashley Kurt, Russel Streeper, Mark & Mary Ann Trumm, Don & Rose Topping, Nathan & Kelli Topping, Mike & Sarah Bradley, Kim Wolbers The next regular Mass at St. Peter's is on Sat, Jan 21at 4:00PM Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary - Wed., Jan 11, 2023 at 7 PM St. Peter's Mid-Winter Fling is coming up on January 28, 2023

at the Legion Hall in Cascade. Social time begins at 6:30 PM with the steak supper being served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the entry of the church, from parish council members, and various parishioners. Sign-up sheets for

desserts and set up help

are in the entry of the church or by contacting Julie. Budget envelopes have been shipped but have not arrived yet. I'll let you know when they will be available. Thanks for your patience!

#### St. Matthias, Cascade

**Christmas Flowers:** 

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In Memory of John & Linda Pfab Roger & Linda Pfab & James & Leanna Stewart

St. Matthias Generosity: Dec. 31- Jan. 1, 2022 – Budget:

\$7,937.00; Offertory: \$3,157.80; Children's Collection:

\$14.00; Christmas: \$4,570.00; Holy Days: \$380.00; Total:

\$16,058.80

O'Brien's

Weekday Lit. Participation: (Weekdays – Jan. 9-13, 2022): Server: Blair Gleason; Lector: Nancy Strang; Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Strang

Saturday – Jan. 14, 5:30pm – *Lector*: Barb Otting; Commentator: Barb Otting; Ushers: Mike & Jan Donovan;

East Entrance Greeter: Jack Kuriger;

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Otting, Pat Noonan, Susie Steffen;

Servers: Isaac & Owen Williams; Music:

Becky/Katie/Megan/Susie; Livestream: Lisa Vander Lugt

**Sunday– Jan. 15, 8:00am** – *Lector:* Mary Frake;

Commentator: Naomi Steffen; Ushers: Jake & Tara Noonan; East Entrance Greeter: Ronda Kurt; Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry McAllister, Karen McAllister, Joyce McQuillen; Servers: Addison, Emma & Aliya Frake; Music: Dave Sunday – Jan. 15, 10:00am – Lector: Molly Recker; Commentator: Molly Recker; Ushers: Ken & Karen McDermott; East Entrance Greeter: Shellie Schlemme Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Beringer, Dan Kurt, Shannon Kremer; Servers: Lauren Boffeli & Brooklyn Trumm; Music:

Join Father Mark on a pilgrimage to the **Shrines of Italy**, October 23-November 3, 2023. \$5,699.00 per person from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Breakfast and dinner provided daily, all admission fees paid, a Catholic guide, daily mass & much more. We start in Rome, and will gather with people from several nations for the Wednesday Papal audience. We will also visit the Trevi Fountain, the Vatican Museum, and many other sites in Rome. Then we go on to Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua & Venice. Flyers are in the back of the church. For more information contact Fr. Mark, Mary Johnston at 319-560-5138.

Give the women in your life the unforgettable gift of gathering at the Aquin Library with other women at the 2023 Beauty in Christ Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Fiat! Saying Yes to God! Saturday, January 28, 2023! Do you desire to gather with other women of faith long after the Christmas decorations are put away? Join us to hear Jamie Rathien and Marcia Lane-McGee speak on the beauty of joy saying "yes" to God. Please call the Pastorate Office at 563-852-3524 to register. If you have already registered online, please call the Pastorate Office as well, so that we can have a count of how many people that are planning on coming.

When: Saturday, January 28th Where: Aguin Library

Time: 9:00-1:00

Cost: \$25.00 (Lunch Included)

#### Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC)

Registration is now open for the Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC). This event is targeted toward middle school youth in grades 6-8, and their parents. This daylong event will take place on Sunday, March 26 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. The day will feature national artist Dana Catherine, breakout sessions, hands-on activities, lunch, and a closing Mass. Parishes that are not able to coordinate a group can still encourage their families to attend on their own. Promotional materials, registration, and more information can be found

at www.lowaCYC.org.

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St. Matthias Parish and Community Presbyterian Church will be holding their annual Ecumenical Service on

Sunday, January 29th. The service will be held at St. Martin Church at 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there!