

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

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Pastor, Rev. Mark Osterhaus (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
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 Joyce Gibbs – 879-3271

Liturgy Schedule

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

Sat Dec. 4	4:00pm (G) Jim Reardon, Justin & Cecelia Gavin, Daniel & Caroline Smith, Michelle Molony, Ken Moorehead, Ed & Patsy O'Connell
	5:30pm (C) Duane Schlemme, and the Schlemme & Manternach Families
Sun Dec. 5	8:00pm (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Ron Manternach
	10:00am (C) Cheryl Fluhr
Mon Dec. 6	7:00am (C) W/C
Tues Dec. 7	Immaculate Conception
	7:00am (C) Ron Kurt
	5:30pm (C) Lincoln Veach
	6:30pm (C) Behold Your Child Naming Ceremony
Wed Dec. 8	7:00am (C) Intention of the Donor
	8:30am (C) The Deceased Members of the Driscoll & Martin Families
	6:30pm (C) Ed & Lucy Green
Thur Dec. 9	7:00am (C) Tom Green, Bob & Marion Hosch
Fri Dec. 10	7:00am (C) Charles Green, and Rusty Finn & Finn & Takes Family
Sat Dec. 11	4:00pm (T) Tom Hoffmann, Wilbur (Bill) Otting
	5:30pm (C) Larry Nauman, John Umhoefer, Irvin & Carol Kleitsch, Eugene Hoffmann
Sun Dec. 12	8:00am (C) St. Thomas Aquinas Past., Lincoln Veach
	10:00am (C) Bill & Imelda Beringer, Alfred Reiter, Joseph Reiter and Susan Reiter

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021

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Our Gospel reading from Luke lists in descending order, the rulers and political appointees of the Roman Empire who had authority over the area in which Jesus would be born. The word of God, however, does not come to any of these rulers, governors, or tetrarchs. Instead, the word of God came to a desert preacher named John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. John has no administrative or political authority, and does not operate within the Temple system in Jerusalem. John will prepare the way for his cousin, Jesus of Nazareth, by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. This is one of the reasons we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently during this season of preparation. It is good to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour by recognizing our need for redemption. We will offer a communal reconciliation service after the 10 AM mass next Sunday, December 12th. We also will have reconciliation available at 5:00 PM on Wednesday Dec. 8 at St. Matthias and 5:30 PM Thursday, December 9th at Temple Hill.

By listing so many earthly rulers before John is introduced, the author of the Gospel of Luke shows he is confident that Christianity holds a significant place in world history, and is closely linked with it. Fr. Carroll Stuhmueller writes: "This literary device enables Luke to point out the world mission of Christianity." Luke writes "all humankind shall see the salvation of God." Our first and second readings today are from Baruch and St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Baruch was writing for a people who had been enslaved and returning from exile. St. Paul is said to have written to the Philippians from a prison cell. Yet both readings are full of hope and joy. We believe that Jesus, whose way was prepared by John, is the source of our joy and hope. May God continue to bless you this Advent!

Just a reminder that Wednesday, Dec. 8th is a holy day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have a vigil mass on Tuesday beginning at 5:30 PM, with a "naming" prayer service immediately after mass. This is from the "Behold Your Child" ministry, in which parents are aided in grieving their children who died before birth or in early infancy. All are welcome to attend. We also have masses on Dec. 8 at 7 AM, 8:30 AM, and 6:30 PM.

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St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate Advent Reconciliation 2021

St. Patrick, December 16th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Sacred Heart, December 17th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Poinsettias: We will continue the custom of donating in memory of loved ones to cover the cost of the poinsettias to decorate the churches. The requested donation is \$15. Place in an envelope separate from your budget envelope and on a separate check from your budget check. Make a separate check out for each church. On a separate sheet of paper or on the outside of the envelope write the parish to receive the donation, your name and the name of the persons for whom the memorial is being made. Place in the collection or bring to the pastorate office by Sun. Dec. 20th. A list of memorials will be in the January 2nd bulletin.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you or someone in your family is or will be hospitalized and a visit/call from a priest is desired, please call the pastorate office to let us know the name of the person and where the person can be found. The hospital doesn't call to provide the names of parishioners anymore. The Pastorate Office number is 563-852-3524.

All Parish Cemetery Winter Reminder: The Cemetery Board of Directors from each of the parishes remind all to please remove any memorial items from the cemeteries that will not tolerate the winds and snow. The Cemeteries are not responsible for remaining items.

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Baby Shower for Birthright, Clarity Clinic & Mary's Inn. Boxes will be in the rear of each pastorate church. They would like to have clothing up to 1 year size, hooded bath towels, diapers and wipes. Thank you for your kindness!

Caring For Your Marriage- "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." (Is 61:1) Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, reminds us of God's gift of joy ("gaudium" in Latin) no matter what trials we are experiencing in our family.

Aquin Catholic Elementary School

Childcare Center- Part-time Teacher Assistant (Float) Aquin Little Angels Early Childhood Center in Cascade, IA is seeking a loving individual to work a flexible, minimal weekly schedule. A job for which all ages, including older job seekers, are encouraged to apply. A great position for someone just entering the workforce or returning to the workforce. Please email aquinlittleangels@aquin.org to apply or for more information.

Sacred Heart, Fillmore

Sacred Heart Generosity: Nov. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$3,200.00; Thanksgiving: \$50.00; Christmas: \$300.00; Easter: \$150.00; Auction: \$7,960.00; Total: \$11,660.00

Liturgical Participation-Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 4:00pm

Commentator/Lector: Ruth Rea; *Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Recker; *Ushers:* Joan T. & Karen C.; *Server:* Jake Wagner

Church & Hall Cleaning Done by Dec. 11, 2021:

Chuck & Amy Noonan, Nic & Cody Noonan, Morgan & Laura Ryan, Chad & Kelley Curoe, Dennis & Amber Petesch, Martin Stoffel

St. Patrick, Garryowen

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$1,049.00; Offertory: \$125.00; Thanksgiving: \$50.00; Auction: \$500.00; Total: \$1,724.00

Liturgical Participation – Saturday, Dec 24, 3:00pm

Lect/Comm: Denny Brackemyer; *Euch. Min:* Jean Brackemyer; *Ushers:* Chuck Shanahan, Deb Redmond; *Acolytes:* Nicole & Kara Felton, Cross: Chase King

Weekend Money Counters: Dec. 2021 – Wanda Loewen, Tom Donovan;

Church & Hall Cleaning (Dec 2021):

Chuck & Mary Shanahan, Lois Lynch, Don & Joan Meloy

St. Peter, Temple Hill

St. Patrick Generosity: Nov. 27-28, 2021: Budget: \$210.00; Thanksgiving: \$140.00; Holy Days: \$15.00; Parish Rent: \$225.00; Sacramental Offerings: \$100.00; Total: \$690.00
Liturgical Participation December 18, 2021

Lector/Commentator: Chris Krapfl

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Schockemoehl,

Becky Trumm *Usher:* Joe Strang, John Trumm

Servers: Adam & Julia Knepper, Hallie Kelchen

Gift Bearer: Joe Trumm; *Greeter:* Brett Schoenherr

Church Cleaning: (before Dec. 18) Joe & Sarah

Trumm (leader), Kevin & Janet Schockemoehl,

Eric & Stacie Schockemoehl, Ryan & Shelly

Schockemoehl, Renee Coyle, Jordan & Robert Trumm

Rosary & Adoration at St. Peter's - Wed., Dec. 8th at 7 PM.

The next Mass at St. Peter's is Sat., Dec. 18 at 4:00 PM.

The Christmas Mass at St. Peter's will be Dec. 25 at 9:30 AM.

Thank you so much to those who supported our Soup Supper at St. Peter's on November 20th! \$436.00 was raised for Cascade area Right to Life projects!!

St. Peter's Annual Christmas meal - following Mass on

Dec. 18th!! Come & enjoy a delicious pork roast as well as a visit with Santa!! Desserts are welcome!

Annual Cookie Exchange - Monday, Dec. 6th at 6:30 PM at the Temple Hill Hall. Just bring 3 dozen cookies or so to exchange & share. Hot cocoa and cookies will also be available to eat! Non-bakers are also welcome!

Tickets for St. Peter's Mid-Winter Fling & Dessert Auction

are now available. This year's date is Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the American Legion Hall in Cascade. Social time is 6:30 PM with dinner served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available from parish council members or by contacting Julie Orris.

St. Matthias, Cascade

St. Matthias Generosity: Nov. 27-28, 2021 – Budget: \$2,940.00; Offertory: \$535.90; Children's Collection: \$6.62; Thanksgiving: \$3,492.00; Christmas: \$260.00; Holy Days: \$840.00; Fun Fest: \$200.00; Grain Bank: \$2,996.76; Total: \$11,271.28

Weekday Lit. Participation: (Weekdays Dec. 6-10, 2021):

Server: Blair Gleason; *Lector:* Jean Lynch; *Eucharistic*

Minister: Blair Gleason

Saturday – Dec. 11, 5:30pm – *Lector:* Kay Takes;

Commentator: Kay Takes; *Ushers* – John & Diane Gerken;

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

Ministers: CeAnn Brickley, Donna Callahan, Rachel Callahan;

Servers: Isaac & Owen Williams; *Music:* Dave; *Livestream:*

Meg O'Brien

Sunday – Dec. 12, 8:00am – *Lector* – Cheryl Reiter;

Commentator: Megan Smith; *Ushers* – Mike & Naomi Steffen

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

Ministers: Chuck Reiter, Julie Green, Anne Kauder; *Servers:*

Millie Hosch, Hallie Kelchen; *Music:* Becky/Daniel C

Sunday – Dec. 12, 10:00am – *Lector* – Julie Dunne;

Commentator: Jason McDermott; *East Entrance Greeter:*

Nick & Deb Holub; *Ushers:* Ken & Karen McDermott;

Eucharistic Ministers: Jason McDermott, Tom Dunne, Julie

Dunne; *Servers:* Josie & Ellie Green; *Music:* O'Briens

Advent Challenge:

**Each Day add an item to a box.
On Christmas Eve, deliver the items
to the St. Thomas Aquinas Pastorate
Food Pantry. (Of course, don't add the last
3 until the last day)**

- Dec. 1 Canned Fruit
- Dec. 2 Chips/Snack
- Dec. 3 Laundry Detergent
- Dec. 4 Deodorant
- Dec. 5 Razors
- Dec. 6 Fruit Snacks
- Dec. 7 Dish Soap
- Dec. 8 Favorite Cereal
- Dec. 9 Granola Bars
- Dec. 10 Paper Towels
- Dec. 11 Diapers – any size
- Dec. 12 Shampoo
- Dec. 13 Conditioner
- Dec. 14 Baby Wipes
- Dec. 15 Favorite Chips
- Dec. 16 Toilet Paper
- Dec. 17 Crackers
- Dec. 18 Hamburger
- Dec. 19 Chicken
- Dec. 20 Pork

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.